



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent from Last Year

**May 2018** contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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**Poultry certified wholesome** during May 2019 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.37 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in May 2018. The April 2019 revised certified total at 4.13 billion pounds, was up 3 percent from April 2018. The April revision represented an increase of 2.05 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during May 2019 was 5.78 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 5.69 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.07 billion pounds, up 2 percent from May 2018. Mature chickens, at 68.9 million pounds, were down 3 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 617 million pounds, down 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.6 million pounds, down 4 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during May 2019 averaged 6.32 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from May 2018. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.81 pounds per bird, up 7 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2019 averaged 32.3 pounds per bird, up 5 percent from May 2018.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during May 2019 totaled 12.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.5 million pounds, were 0.78 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.86 percent a year earlier.

## Poultry Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2018	April 2019	May 2019	May 2019 as % of		January to May		2019 as percent of 2018
				May 2018	April 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	794,062	758,037	802,486	101	106	3,734,008	3,777,393	101
Mature .....	11,150	9,649	10,114	91	105	51,706	48,234	93
Light .....	4,288	3,159	3,068	72	97	20,031	15,263	76
Heavy .....	6,862	6,490	7,046	103	109	31,675	32,971	104
Total .....	805,212	767,686	812,600	101	106	3,785,714	3,825,627	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	20,498	18,311	18,903	92	103	96,081	91,939	96
Old .....	155	125	201	130	161	714	622	87
Total .....	20,653	18,436	19,104	92	104	96,795	92,561	96
Ducks .....	2,353	2,316	2,235	95	97	11,609	11,504	99
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Total live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	4,964,043	4,766,200	5,073,821	102	106	23,339,576	23,629,735	101
Mature .....	71,122	63,857	68,864	97	108	326,775	323,457	99
Light .....	14,811	10,851	10,499	71	97	68,974	52,391	76
Heavy .....	56,311	53,006	58,365	104	110	257,801	271,066	105
Total .....	5,035,165	4,830,057	5,142,685	102	106	23,666,351	23,953,192	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	633,247	601,863	611,273	97	102	3,034,028	3,016,978	99
Old .....	4,649	3,821	5,903	127	154	21,008	18,505	88
Total .....	637,896	605,684	617,176	97	102	3,055,036	3,035,483	99
Ducks .....	16,323	16,345	15,637	96	96	81,483	81,403	100
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	167	193	226	135	117	874	937	107
Total .....	5,689,551	5,452,279	5,775,724	102	106	26,803,744	27,071,015	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.25	6.29	6.32	101	100	6.25	6.26	100
Mature .....	6.38	6.62	6.81	107	103	6.32	6.71	106
Light .....	3.45	3.43	3.42	99	100	3.44	3.43	100
Heavy .....	8.21	8.17	8.28	101	101	8.14	8.22	101
Total .....	6.25	6.29	6.33	101	101	6.25	6.26	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	30.89	32.87	32.34	105	98	31.58	32.81	104
Old .....	29.99	30.57	29.37	98	96	29.42	29.75	101
Total .....	30.89	32.85	32.31	105	98	31.56	32.79	104
Ducks .....	6.94	7.06	7.00	101	99	7.02	7.08	101

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, and squab.

## Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	May 2018	April 2019	May 2019	May 2019 as % of		January to May		2019 as percent of 2018
				May 2018	April 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,478,171	3,337,273	3,549,019	102	106	16,276,328	16,533,197	102
Mature .....	46,777	42,602	46,073	98	108	214,170	215,258	101
Light .....	7,479	5,553	5,451	73	98	35,321	26,662	75
Heavy .....	39,298	37,049	40,622	103	110	178,849	188,596	105
Total .....	3,524,948	3,379,875	3,595,092	102	106	16,490,498	16,748,455	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	308,551	299,594	299,338	97	100	1,479,511	1,499,455	101
Old .....	3,419	2,845	4,323	126	152	15,484	13,678	88
Total .....	311,970	302,439	303,661	97	100	1,494,995	1,513,133	101
Ducks .....	4,558	4,416	4,091	90	93	23,351	22,564	97
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	107	122	143	134	117	558	595	107
Total .....	3,841,583	3,686,852	3,902,987	102	106	18,009,402	18,284,747	102
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	259,814	250,093	274,094	105	110	1,303,333	1,261,435	97
Mature .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	10	77	770
Light .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	10	-	(X)
Heavy .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	77	(X)
Total .....	259,814	250,093	274,094	105	110	1,303,343	1,261,512	97
Turkeys								
Young .....	198,002	181,103	188,688	95	104	947,942	908,811	96
Old .....	78	88	80	103	91	333	306	92
Total .....	198,080	181,191	188,768	95	104	948,275	909,117	96
Ducks .....	7,364	7,517	7,285	99	97	36,249	36,913	102
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	11	11	12	109	109	54	45	83
Total .....	465,269	438,812	470,159	101	107	2,287,921	2,207,587	96
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,737,985	3,587,366	3,823,113	102	107	17,579,661	17,794,632	101
Mature .....	46,777	42,602	46,073	98	108	214,180	215,335	101
Light .....	7,479	5,553	5,451	73	98	35,331	26,662	75
Heavy .....	39,298	37,049	40,622	103	110	178,849	188,673	105
Total .....	3,784,762	3,629,968	3,869,186	102	107	17,793,841	18,009,967	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	506,553	480,697	488,026	96	102	2,427,453	2,408,266	99
Old .....	3,497	2,933	4,403	126	150	15,817	13,984	88
Total .....	510,050	483,630	492,429	97	102	2,443,270	2,422,250	99
Ducks .....	11,922	11,933	11,376	95	95	59,600	59,477	100
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	118	133	155	131	117	612	640	105
Total .....	4,306,852	4,125,664	4,373,146	102	106	20,297,323	20,492,334	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2018	April 2019	May 2019	May 2019 as % of		January to May		2019 as percent of 2018
				May 2018	April 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	10,691	10,148	10,537	99	104	54,073	52,875	98
Mature .....	735	570	522	71	92	3,662	3,078	84
Light .....	257	92	82	32	89	1,078	578	54
Heavy .....	478	478	440	92	92	2,584	2,500	97
Total .....	11,426	10,718	11,059	97	103	57,735	55,953	97
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,570	1,629	1,587	101	97	7,971	8,548	107
Old .....	51	23	39	76	170	228	184	81
Total .....	1,621	1,652	1,626	100	98	8,199	8,732	107
Ducks .....	55	64	59	107	92	285	353	124
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	13,102	12,434	12,745	97	103	66,219	65,041	98
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.22	0.21	0.21	95	100	0.23	0.22	96
Mature .....	1.03	0.89	0.76	74	85	1.12	0.95	85
Light .....	1.74	0.85	0.78	45	92	1.56	1.10	71
Heavy .....	0.85	0.90	0.75	88	83	1.00	0.92	92
Total .....	0.23	0.22	0.22	96	100	0.24	0.23	96
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.25	0.27	0.26	104	96	0.26	0.28	108
Old .....	1.10	0.60	0.66	60	110	1.09	0.99	91
Total .....	0.25	0.27	0.26	104	96	0.27	0.29	107
Ducks .....	0.34	0.39	0.38	112	97	0.35	0.43	123
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.23	0.23	0.22	96	96	0.25	0.24	96

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2018	April 2019	May 2019	May 2019 as % of		January to May		2019 as percent of 2018
				May 2018	April 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Carcass and parts</b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	28,096	26,521	25,169	90	95	143,323	129,182	90
Mature .....	1,726	1,491	1,586	92	106	8,805	7,734	88
Light .....	507	390	403	79	103	2,258	1,951	86
Heavy .....	1,219	1,101	1,183	97	107	6,547	5,783	88
Total .....	29,822	28,012	26,755	90	96	152,128	136,916	90
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	7,205	7,495	7,252	101	97	34,482	35,870	104
Old .....	205	149	201	98	135	880	652	74
Total .....	7,410	7,644	7,453	101	98	35,362	36,522	103
Ducks .....	338	308	271	80	88	1,556	1,455	94
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	3	150	150	10	10	100
Total .....	37,572	35,966	34,482	92	96	189,056	174,903	93
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.75	0.73	0.65	87	89	0.81	0.72	89
Mature .....	3.56	3.38	3.33	94	99	3.95	3.47	88
Light .....	6.35	6.56	6.88	108	105	6.01	6.82	113
Heavy .....	3.01	2.89	2.83	94	98	3.53	2.97	84
Total .....	0.78	0.77	0.69	88	90	0.85	0.75	88
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.40	1.54	1.46	104	95	1.40	1.47	105
Old .....	5.54	4.83	4.37	79	90	5.27	4.45	84
Total .....	1.43	1.56	1.49	104	96	1.43	1.49	104
Ducks .....	2.76	2.52	2.33	84	92	2.54	2.39	94
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1.67	1.48	1.90	114	128	1.61	1.54	96
Total .....	0.86	0.86	0.78	91	91	0.92	0.85	92

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

## Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: April and May 2019

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	1,666	2,419	698,179	644,829
Mature .....	-	-	129	116	84,107	82,428
Light .....	-	-	100	86	54,190	50,877
Heavy .....	-	-	29	30	29,917	31,551
Total .....	-	-	1,795	2,535	782,286	727,257
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	52	73	16,046	15,905
Old .....	-	-	1	4	1,268	1,626
Total .....	-	-	53	77	17,314	17,531
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	538,702	400,748	2,240	1,703	18,822	18,312
Mature .....	7,580	6,789	270	382	29,087	30,435
Light .....	1,736	1,970	170	97	14,576	13,687
Heavy .....	5,844	4,819	100	285	14,511	16,748
Total .....	546,282	407,537	2,510	2,085	47,909	48,747
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	1,960	1,954	50	107	43	107
Old .....	304	641	1	1	71	145
Total .....	2,264	2,595	51	108	114	252
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	11,295	9,672	42,757	42,540	105,582	105,872
Mature .....	2,354	1,680	917	834	20,365	21,632
Light .....	2,145	1,370	367	162	16,121	16,958
Heavy .....	209	310	550	672	4,244	4,674
Total .....	13,649	11,352	43,674	43,374	125,947	127,504
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	77	69	399	311	792	777
Old .....	16	8	7	10	68	186
Total .....	93	77	406	321	860	963
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	37,012	31,882	771,312	756,290	2,227,567	2,014,267
Mature .....	437	592	60,868	61,992	206,114	206,880
Light .....	250	320	36,728	37,864	126,383	123,391
Heavy .....	187	272	24,140	24,128	79,731	83,489
Total .....	37,449	32,474	832,180	818,282	2,433,681	2,221,147
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	174	252	20,734	10,405	40,327	29,960
Old .....	26	25	331	564	2,093	3,210
Total .....	200	277	21,065	10,969	42,420	33,170

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> Includes any portion of the carcass affected by an inflammatory process, plant-rejected carcasses, missing viscera, or ascites fluid preventing proper inspection of the carcass.

## Young Chickens Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: April and May 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	91,254	97,514	506,279	537,372	5.55	5.51
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	84,520	85,725	566,893	572,625	6.71	6.68
California .....	21,227	23,479	130,437	148,655	6.14	6.33
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	32,080	34,980	228,853	250,821	7.13	7.17
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	107,132	112,310	651,413	686,045	6.08	6.11
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	6,066	6,792	26,807	31,147	4.42	4.59
Iowa .....	2,088	2,147	10,866	11,072	5.20	5.16
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	24,082	24,999	152,230	161,594	6.32	6.46
Louisiana .....	15,462	18,012	96,128	115,245	6.22	6.40
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	11,210	12,119	70,406	76,847	6.28	6.34
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	59,589	62,488	374,993	393,430	6.29	6.30
Missouri .....	36,635	38,940	182,493	194,646	4.98	5.00
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	149	153	700	720	4.69	4.72
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,271	2,435	11,364	11,717	5.00	4.81
North Carolina .....	72,081	77,113	582,723	623,885	8.08	8.09
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	11,727	11,529	78,584	92,495	6.70	8.02
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	10,019	9,910	56,554	55,221	5.64	5.57
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	24,555	25,275	183,228	187,062	7.46	7.40
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	26,013	28,007	137,656	150,532	5.29	5.37
Texas .....	56,163	60,489	362,422	395,635	6.45	6.54
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	26,980	28,870	165,018	177,672	6.12	6.15
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	758,037	802,486	4,766,200	5,073,821	6.29	6.32

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

# Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: April and May 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	386,200	411,768	2,506	2,325	0.64	0.56
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	423,974	430,032	1,986	2,029	0.47	0.47
California .....	97,052	110,646	1,899	1,389	1.92	1.24
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	176,072	192,882	1,708	1,506	0.96	0.77
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	493,116	517,179	4,625	4,077	0.93	0.78
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	19,589	22,670	126	104	0.64	0.46
Iowa .....	7,865	8,067	445	375	5.36	4.44
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	115,468	122,139	1,180	1,250	1.01	1.01
Louisiana .....	71,993	87,051	301	352	0.42	0.40
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	52,014	57,204	504	384	0.96	0.67
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	285,451	300,320	1,702	1,802	0.59	0.60
Missouri .....	134,049	143,002	562	594	0.42	0.41
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	508	518	8	7	1.50	1.28
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	6,825	7,130	291	214	4.09	2.91
North Carolina .....	447,242	479,892	2,208	2,281	0.49	0.47
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	59,002	69,404	238	292	0.40	0.42
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	38,637	37,460	958	894	2.42	2.33
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	138,093	140,858	1,125	959	0.81	0.68
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	100,770	110,662	612	608	0.60	0.55
Texas .....	274,001	298,842	1,680	1,803	0.61	0.60
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	118,391	127,658	607	528	0.51	0.41
Washington .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
West Virginia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,587,366	3,823,113	26,521	25,169	0.73	0.65

- Represents zero.

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(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.



## Young Chickens Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: April and May 2019

[Published States do not add to United States total to avoid disclosure]

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	-	-	333	216	44,716	41,697
Arkansas .....	-	-	45	45	61,469	50,918
Delaware .....	-	-	284	503	49,105	46,761
Georgia .....	-	-	29	14	63,058	62,166
Mississippi .....	-	-	75	92	16,121	16,110
North Carolina .....	-	-	70	69	55,192	53,166
Texas .....	-	-	100	102	58,014	59,863
Virginia .....	-	-	22	49	20,012	20,250
United States .....	-	-	1,666	2,419	698,179	644,829
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	39,041	34,681	187	91	1,855	1,700
Arkansas .....	19,284	19,704	101	104	1,141	1,087
Delaware .....	81,012	56,835	39	46	532	562
Georgia .....	166,746	113,919	343	181	2,205	2,300
Mississippi .....	10,557	11,386	152	94	847	908
North Carolina .....	17,682	14,461	45	71	1,204	1,246
Texas .....	18,912	16,612	131	164	1,008	923
Virginia .....	21,207	15,240	6	4	498	526
United States .....	538,702	400,748	2,240	1,703	18,822	18,312
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	570	609	3,842	3,960	15,717	16,278
Arkansas .....	212	226	4,237	3,718	4,331	4,988
Delaware .....	635	776	1,661	1,709	3,980	4,264
Georgia .....	608	667	11,456	12,035	27,868	23,803
Mississippi .....	847	860	2,881	2,735	1,900	2,260
North Carolina .....	398	422	3,872	4,191	2,964	2,832
Texas .....	373	500	280	278	3,931	4,099
Virginia .....	597	616	637	722	1,982	2,055
United States .....	11,295	9,672	42,757	42,540	105,582	105,872
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	1,676	1,330	45,878	43,812	153,815	144,374
Arkansas .....	1,874	1,855	99,752	116,491	192,446	199,136
Delaware .....	1,948	2,820	9,753	8,640	148,949	122,916
Georgia .....	4,706	4,970	90,223	131,364	367,242	351,419
Mississippi .....	375	504	13,367	12,114	47,122	47,063
North Carolina .....	2,889	2,535	43,778	36,978	128,094	115,971
Texas .....	1,242	743	15,117	15,108	99,108	98,392
Virginia .....	406	791	15,071	9,982	60,438	50,235
United States .....	37,012	31,882	771,312	756,290	2,227,567	2,014,267

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> Includes any portion of the carcass affected by an inflammatory process, plant-rejected carcasses, missing viscera, or ascites fluid preventing proper inspection of the carcass.

## Young Turkeys Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: April and May 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	2,772	2,791	54,591	55,905	19.69	20.03
California .....	490	570	16,862	18,325	34.40	32.15
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	1,937	2,008	79,304	83,074	40.94	41.36
Iowa .....	1,151	1,193	49,883	50,791	43.34	42.57
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,229	3,687	88,401	100,276	27.37	27.19
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	854	761	30,252	27,491	35.42	36.14
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	1,849	1,848	73,284	73,194	39.63	39.61
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	520	533	24,884	25,313	47.89	47.45
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	372	449	5,183	6,702	13.93	14.94
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia .....	2,176	2,300	59,993	65,198	27.58	28.35
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	542	567	24,122	25,217	44.50	44.49
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	18,311	18,903	601,863	611,273	32.87	32.34

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# Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: April and May 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	45,471	46,418	359	387	0.78	0.83
California .....	13,495	14,654	152	137	1.11	0.92
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	64,257	67,333	1,175	1,084	1.80	1.58
Iowa .....	39,251	40,009	615	636	1.54	1.56
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	70,460	80,265	972	1,152	1.36	1.42
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	24,464	22,220	180	163	0.73	0.73
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	57,626	57,230	377	376	0.65	0.65
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	19,882	20,021	348	347	1.72	1.70
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	4,392	5,666	33	53	0.75	0.93
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia .....	47,829	51,940	824	889	1.69	1.68
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	19,087	19,955	260	279	1.35	1.38
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	480,697	488,026	7,495	7,252	1.54	1.46

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(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

## Terms and Definitions Used for Poultry Slaughter Estimates

**Ante-Mortem Condemnations:** Birds condemned prior to their entry into the slaughter plant.

**Average Live Weight:** The weight of the whole bird, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

**Certified Ready-to-Cook:** The weight of poultry certified wholesome by inspection after post-mortem condemnation pounds are removed. Ready-to-cook represents poultry meat ready for the marketing channel.

**Dressing Percent:** Usually expressed as a percentage yield of frozen and chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live bird.

**Ducks:** Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

**Federally Inspected (FI) Plants:** Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards.

**Mature Chickens:** Fowl from breeder and market egg flocks and stags and cocks.

**Number of Head:** Includes post-mortem condemnations.

**Old Turkeys:** Fully matured birds held for egg production, usually over 15 months of age.

**Plant, Slaughter:** An establishment where birds are killed and butchered.

**Post-Mortem Condemnations:** Carcasses or parts condemned by the inspector because of disease or mishandling and removed from the slaughter line and destroyed.

**Slaughter:** Killing and butchering of birds primarily for food.

**Total Live Weight:** The total weight of live birds, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

**Young Chickens:** Commercially grown broilers-fryers and other young immature birds such as roasters and capons.

**Young Turkeys:** Young birds grown to a matured market age, and other turkeys such as fryers/roasters and young breeders.

## Statistical Methodology

**Data Sources:** Data for poultry slaughter estimates are collected by inspectors of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA for all Federally Inspected plants. Over 99 percent of the total United States slaughter for any species is under Federal Inspection. The number of head slaughtered daily, by species and class, as well as condemnations and total live and dressed weights are obtained by shift for each plant. Approximately 320 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2017. Young chickens were slaughtered in 40 States, young turkeys in 33 States.

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