



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 2 Percent from Last Year

March 2018 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

March 2019 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during March 2019 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.94 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the amount certified in March 2018. The February 2019 revised certified total at 3.77 billion pounds, was up slightly from February 2018. The February revision represented an increase of 2,000 pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during March 2019 was 5.20 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 5.32 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.53 billion pounds, down 2 percent from March 2018. Mature chickens, at 62.4 million pounds, were down 4 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 598 million pounds, down 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.7 million pounds, down 5 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during March 2019 averaged 6.20 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from March 2018. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.68 pounds per bird, up 7 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during March 2019 averaged 33.2 pounds per bird, up 5 percent from March 2018.

Ante-mortem condemnations during March 2019 totaled 12.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.25 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.4 million pounds, were 0.87 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.93 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2018	February 2019	March 2019	March 2019 as % of		January to March		2019 as percent of 2018
				March 2018	February 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	742,817	697,844	730,391	98	105	2,208,872	2,216,333	100
Mature	10,431	8,708	9,343	90	107	30,033	28,411	95
Light	4,221	2,576	3,067	73	119	11,453	9,035	79
Heavy	6,210	6,132	6,276	101	102	18,580	19,376	104
Total	753,248	706,552	739,734	98	105	2,238,905	2,244,744	100
Turkeys								
Young	18,907	17,346	17,977	95	104	56,613	54,724	97
Old	142	130	50	35	38	398	296	74
Total	19,049	17,476	18,027	95	103	57,011	55,020	97
Ducks	2,353	2,304	2,197	93	95	7,027	6,946	99
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,633,484	4,331,433	4,525,267	98	104	13,788,724	13,785,747	100
Mature	65,043	58,810	62,443	96	106	190,143	190,276	100
Light	14,534	8,616	10,541	73	122	39,626	31,039	78
Heavy	50,509	50,194	51,902	103	103	150,517	159,237	106
Total	4,698,527	4,390,243	4,587,710	98	104	13,978,867	13,976,023	100
Turkeys								
Young	598,038	570,119	596,439	100	105	1,803,288	1,803,798	100
Old	4,199	3,771	1,455	35	39	11,639	8,781	75
Total	602,237	573,890	597,894	99	104	1,814,927	1,812,579	100
Ducks	16,496	16,337	15,657	95	96	49,440	49,370	100
Other ¹	192	147	170	89	116	554	518	94
Total	5,317,452	4,980,617	5,201,431	98	104	15,843,788	15,838,490	100
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.24	6.21	6.20	99	100	6.24	6.22	100
Mature	6.24	6.75	6.68	107	99	6.33	6.70	106
Light	3.44	3.34	3.44	100	103	3.46	3.44	99
Heavy	8.13	8.19	8.27	102	101	8.10	8.22	101
Total	6.24	6.21	6.20	99	100	6.24	6.23	100
Turkeys								
Young	31.63	32.87	33.18	105	101	31.85	32.96	103
Old	29.57	29.01	29.10	98	100	29.24	29.67	101
Total	31.62	32.84	33.17	105	101	31.83	32.94	103
Ducks	7.01	7.09	7.13	102	101	7.04	7.11	101

¹ Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, and squab.

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	March 2018	February 2019	March 2019	March 2019 as % of		January to March		2019 as percent of 2018
				March 2018	February 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,231,577	3,031,971	3,161,979	98	104	9,595,420	9,643,816	101
Mature	42,814	39,210	41,374	97	106	124,522	126,256	101
Light	7,601	4,439	5,262	69	119	20,440	15,656	77
Heavy	35,213	34,771	36,112	103	104	104,082	110,600	106
Total	3,274,391	3,071,181	3,203,353	98	104	9,719,942	9,770,072	101
Turkeys								
Young	292,821	284,956	299,611	102	105	880,317	900,486	102
Old	3,101	2,849	1,076	35	38	8,585	6,510	76
Total	295,922	287,805	300,687	102	104	888,902	906,996	102
Ducks	4,621	4,460	4,154	90	93	14,284	14,014	98
Other ¹	122	93	111	91	119	357	330	92
Total	3,575,056	3,363,539	3,508,305	98	104	10,623,485	10,691,412	101
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	258,104	231,105	244,752	95	106	789,915	737,248	93
Mature	10	-	-	(X)	(X)	10	77	770
Light	10	-	-	(X)	(X)	10	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	77	(X)
Total	258,114	231,105	244,752	95	106	789,925	737,325	93
Turkeys								
Young	185,735	170,320	176,751	95	104	562,445	539,020	96
Old	77	45	25	32	56	180	138	77
Total	185,812	170,365	176,776	95	104	562,625	539,158	96
Ducks	7,434	7,431	7,272	98	98	21,923	22,111	101
Other ¹	11	7	5	45	71	31	22	71
Total	451,371	408,908	428,805	95	105	1,374,504	1,298,616	94
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,489,681	3,263,076	3,406,731	98	104	10,385,335	10,381,064	100
Mature	42,824	39,210	41,374	97	106	124,532	126,333	101
Light	7,611	4,439	5,262	69	119	20,450	15,656	77
Heavy	35,213	34,771	36,112	103	104	104,082	110,677	106
Total	3,532,505	3,302,286	3,448,105	98	104	10,509,867	10,507,397	100
Turkeys								
Young	478,556	455,276	476,362	100	105	1,442,762	1,439,506	100
Old	3,178	2,894	1,101	35	38	8,765	6,648	76
Total	481,734	458,170	477,463	99	104	1,451,527	1,446,154	100
Ducks	12,055	11,891	11,426	95	96	36,207	36,125	100
Other ¹	133	100	116	87	116	388	352	91
Total	4,026,427	3,772,447	3,937,110	98	104	11,997,989	11,990,028	100

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2018	February 2019	March 2019	March 2019 as % of		January to March		2019 as percent of 2018
				March 2018	February 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	10,806	10,157	10,152	94	100	33,404	32,173	96
Mature	727	635	670	92	106	2,276	1,983	87
Light	203	100	125	62	125	628	404	64
Heavy	524	535	545	104	102	1,648	1,579	96
Total	11,533	10,792	10,822	94	100	35,680	34,156	96
Turkeys								
Young	1,530	1,701	1,688	110	99	4,952	5,332	108
Old	51	56	19	37	34	130	122	94
Total	1,581	1,757	1,707	108	97	5,082	5,454	107
Ducks	53	77	67	126	87	179	230	128
Total ¹	13,167	12,626	12,597	96	100	40,941	39,842	97
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.23	0.23	0.22	96	96	0.24	0.23	96
Mature	1.12	1.08	1.07	96	99	1.20	1.04	87
Light	1.40	1.16	1.19	85	103	1.58	1.30	82
Heavy	1.04	1.07	1.05	101	98	1.09	0.99	91
Total	0.25	0.25	0.24	96	96	0.26	0.24	92
Turkeys								
Young	0.26	0.30	0.28	108	93	0.27	0.30	111
Old	1.21	1.49	1.31	108	88	1.12	1.39	124
Total	0.26	0.31	0.29	112	94	0.28	0.30	107
Ducks	0.32	0.47	0.43	134	91	0.36	0.47	131
Total ¹	0.25	0.25	0.24	96	96	0.26	0.25	96

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2018	February 2019	March 2019	March 2019 as % of		January to March		2019 as percent of 2018
				March 2018	February 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	28,969	24,421	25,514	88	104	87,628	77,462	88
Mature	1,802	1,529	1,514	84	99	5,256	4,653	89
Light	455	304	409	90	135	1,296	1,158	89
Heavy	1,347	1,225	1,105	82	90	3,960	3,495	88
Total	30,771	25,950	27,028	88	104	92,884	82,115	88
Turkeys								
Young	6,606	6,635	7,075	107	107	20,377	21,123	104
Old	188	106	65	35	61	486	302	62
Total	6,794	6,741	7,140	105	106	20,863	21,425	103
Ducks	324	295	279	86	95	921	876	95
Other ¹	2	1	2	100	200	6	5	83
Total	37,891	32,987	34,449	91	104	114,674	104,421	91
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.82	0.74	0.74	90	100	0.84	0.74	88
Mature	4.04	3.75	3.53	87	94	4.05	3.55	88
Light	5.64	6.41	7.21	128	112	5.96	6.89	116
Heavy	3.68	3.40	2.97	81	87	3.67	3.06	83
Total	0.86	0.78	0.78	91	100	0.88	0.78	89
Turkeys								
Young	1.36	1.44	1.46	107	101	1.39	1.45	104
Old	5.59	3.53	5.57	100	158	5.25	4.35	83
Total	1.39	1.45	1.47	106	101	1.42	1.46	103
Ducks	2.62	2.42	2.38	91	98	2.48	2.37	96
Other ¹	1.48	0.99	1.69	114	171	1.52	1.40	92
Total	0.93	0.87	0.87	94	100	0.95	0.86	91

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: February and March 2019

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	1,332	1,674	667,854	674,240
Mature	-	-	142	146	95,612	128,668
Light	-	-	85	100	50,742	83,813
Heavy	-	-	57	46	44,870	44,855
Total	-	-	1,474	1,820	763,466	802,908
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	81	29	19,561	18,292
Old	-	-	1	2	1,163	599
Total	-	-	82	31	20,724	18,891
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	534,037	606,404	1,639	2,154	18,867	19,545
Mature	9,758	9,596	213	220	26,441	30,472
Light	1,445	1,623	85	60	12,479	15,610
Heavy	8,313	7,973	128	160	13,962	14,862
Total	543,795	616,000	1,852	2,374	45,308	50,017
Turkeys						
Young	2,512	2,540	116	102	52	71
Old	276	174	-	1	48	29
Total	2,788	2,714	116	103	100	100
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	10,869	11,232	42,412	40,479	99,814	105,362
Mature	2,071	1,902	935	1,127	18,748	19,762
Light	1,742	1,637	284	326	13,887	13,799
Heavy	329	265	651	801	4,861	5,963
Total	12,940	13,134	43,347	41,606	118,562	125,124
Turkeys						
Young	96	73	899	446	689	811
Old	11	5	19	11	86	55
Total	107	78	918	457	775	866
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	31,664	28,858	743,606	780,431	2,152,094	2,270,379
Mature	427	252	59,803	59,417	214,150	251,562
Light	170	161	25,556	34,009	106,475	151,138
Heavy	257	91	34,247	25,408	107,675	100,424
Total	32,091	29,110	803,409	839,848	2,366,244	2,521,941
Turkeys						
Young	176	243	19,698	15,723	43,880	38,330
Old	3	5	549	325	2,156	1,206
Total	179	248	20,247	16,048	46,036	39,536

- Represents zero.

¹ 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: February and March 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	84,752	89,011	469,698	488,587	5.54	5.49
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	77,166	79,554	507,907	528,822	6.58	6.65
California	18,717	20,679	111,997	125,383	5.98	6.06
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	29,578	31,249	213,094	223,610	7.20	7.16
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	99,721	104,619	585,426	613,252	5.87	5.86
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,592	6,101	25,580	26,547	4.57	4.35
Iowa	2,034	2,143	11,069	11,270	5.44	5.26
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	22,175	23,048	137,338	143,889	6.19	6.24
Louisiana	14,983	15,497	89,135	92,919	5.95	6.00
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	10,031	10,215	61,618	61,838	6.14	6.05
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	57,048	59,762	358,498	371,674	6.28	6.22
Missouri	33,184	36,144	164,401	179,117	4.95	4.96
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	96	117	447	539	4.68	4.62
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,182	2,250	10,710	11,072	4.91	4.92
North Carolina	64,802	69,115	515,638	551,991	7.96	7.99
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	10,431	12,061	68,426	82,600	6.56	6.85
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,692	9,348	55,009	51,702	5.68	5.53
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	22,516	22,944	167,707	172,384	7.45	7.51
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	22,812	23,652	120,134	123,269	5.27	5.21
Texas	50,975	50,853	331,880	322,441	6.51	6.34
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	24,352	25,685	148,036	155,371	6.08	6.05
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	697,844	730,391	4,331,433	4,525,267	6.21	6.20

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: February and March 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	357,603	372,543	2,191	2,322	0.61	0.62
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	381,598	397,033	1,812	1,844	0.47	0.46
California	83,331	93,153	1,408	1,780	1.66	1.88
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	164,398	172,424	1,416	1,534	0.85	0.88
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	442,892	463,362	3,648	3,982	0.82	0.85
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	18,651	19,388	115	89	0.61	0.46
Iowa	7,892	8,156	523	430	6.22	5.01
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	104,174	109,328	1,356	1,208	1.29	1.09
Louisiana	66,879	70,195	280	279	0.42	0.40
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	45,839	45,969	437	596	0.94	1.28
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	275,172	283,407	1,821	1,761	0.66	0.62
Missouri	120,678	131,247	539	557	0.44	0.42
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	321	389	5	7	1.63	1.84
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,459	6,643	244	282	3.64	4.07
North Carolina	394,480	422,454	2,137	2,286	0.54	0.54
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	51,450	61,947	158	225	0.31	0.36
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	37,353	35,412	916	872	2.39	2.40
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	126,359	129,991	1,151	1,142	0.90	0.87
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	88,299	90,428	651	652	0.73	0.72
Texas	252,323	243,370	1,645	1,607	0.65	0.66
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	105,383	111,474	640	565	0.60	0.50
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	3,263,076	3,406,731	24,421	25,514	0.74	0.74

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Young Chickens Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: February and March 2019

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	190	314	48,920	43,935
Arkansas	-	-	45	45	50,548	51,085
Delaware	-	-	297	262	48,800	45,625
Georgia	-	-	12	28	68,603	62,912
Mississippi	-	-	66	97	16,677	15,079
Missouri	-	-	1	1	26,195	26,195
North Carolina	-	-	50	94	54,781	53,014
Texas	-	-	101	99	53,227	53,384
Virginia	-	-	45	30	20,839	17,001
United States	-	-	1,332	1,674	667,854	674,240

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	30,110	30,651	91	121	1,854	1,715
Arkansas	19,010	18,894	103	101	1,116	1,114
Delaware	72,020	79,665	35	29	701	604
Georgia	157,621	178,754	108	309	2,143	2,205
Mississippi	7,807	9,311	79	156	820	846
Missouri	2,884	2,884	16	16	373	373
North Carolina	25,645	25,971	79	47	1,325	1,098
Texas	15,654	16,222	102	115	966	980
Virginia	24,958	23,672	4	5	548	542
United States	534,037	606,404	1,639	2,154	18,867	19,545

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	604	649	4,120	3,968	19,100	16,990
Arkansas	203	214	3,816	4,181	5,677	4,510
Delaware	660	653	1,651	1,614	3,475	3,588
Georgia	584	554	12,140	11,968	22,726	23,886
Mississippi	710	743	3,165	2,622	1,271	1,738
Missouri	49	49	216	216	1,437	1,437
North Carolina	406	388	3,863	3,669	2,740	2,906
Texas	362	299	320	287	3,700	3,585
Virginia	551	493	770	652	2,081	1,858
United States	10,869	11,232	42,412	40,479	99,814	105,362

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	1,521	753	34,268	35,224	140,778	134,320
Arkansas	1,857	1,855	106,057	101,637	188,432	183,636
Delaware	1,624	2,286	7,943	10,328	137,206	144,654
Georgia	5,651	6,663	79,637	90,270	349,225	377,549
Mississippi	379	298	10,688	10,872	41,662	41,762
Missouri	50	50	19,481	19,481	50,702	50,702
North Carolina	2,730	2,843	41,357	41,342	132,976	131,372
Texas	880	881	15,213	14,803	90,525	90,655
Virginia	696	1,346	16,781	16,999	67,273	62,598
United States	31,664	28,858	743,606	780,431	2,152,094	2,270,379

- Represents zero.

¹ 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: February and March 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	February (1,000 head)	March (1,000 head)	February (1,000 pounds)	March (1,000 pounds)	February (pounds)	March (pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,701	2,678	50,917	51,549	18.85	19.25
California	469	474	15,382	15,386	32.77	32.49
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,809	1,868	73,624	76,143	40.70	40.75
Iowa	1,052	1,237	46,793	54,250	44.46	43.85
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	3,097	3,170	89,854	93,076	29.02	29.36
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	760	769	27,170	27,979	35.75	36.38
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,673	1,817	62,911	69,373	37.60	38.18
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	508	533	24,273	25,652	47.81	48.11
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	423	390	6,037	5,165	14.26	13.24
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	1,934	2,116	55,342	60,376	28.62	28.53
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	539	551	23,797	24,520	44.11	44.50
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	17,346	17,977	570,119	596,439	32.87	33.18

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: February and March 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	42,482	42,933	325	356	0.76	0.82
California	12,312	12,309	107	143	0.86	1.15
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)	-	(D)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	59,655	61,696	1,052	1,008	1.73	1.61
Iowa	36,844	42,760	578	600	1.54	1.38
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	71,687	74,350	991	1,023	1.36	1.36
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	21,977	22,626	122	123	0.55	0.54
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	49,311	54,595	366	367	0.74	0.67
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	19,400	20,486	310	351	1.57	1.69
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	5,106	4,423	41	38	0.80	0.86
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	44,103	48,096	749	812	1.67	1.66
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	18,859	19,455	227	216	1.19	1.10
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	455,276	476,362	6,635	7,075	1.44	1.46

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(X) Not applicable.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² 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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