



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up Slightly from Last Year

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Poultry certified wholesome during February 2019 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.77 billion pounds, up slightly from the amount certified in February 2018. The January 2019 revised certified total at 4.28 billion pounds, was up 2 percent from January 2018. The January revision represented an increase of 1.2 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during February 2019 was 4.98 billion pounds, up slightly from 4.97 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.33 billion pounds, up slightly from February 2018. Mature chickens, at 58.8 million pounds, were down 1 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 574 million pounds, down slightly from a year ago. Ducks totaled 16.3 million pounds, up 7 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during February 2019 averaged 6.21 pounds per bird, down slightly from February 2018. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.75 pounds per bird, up 7 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2019 averaged 32.8 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from February 2018.

Ante-mortem condemnations during February 2019 totaled 12.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.25 percent of the live weight inspected, unchanged from February 2018. Post-mortem condemnations, at 33.0 million pounds, were 0.87 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.96 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2018	January 2019	February 2019	February 2019 as % of		January to February		2019 as percent of 2018
				February 2018	January 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	693,788	788,098	697,833	101	89	1,466,055	1,485,931	101
Mature	9,414	10,360	8,707	92	84	19,602	19,067	97
Light	3,631	3,392	2,575	71	76	7,232	5,967	83
Heavy	5,783	6,968	6,132	106	88	12,370	13,100	106
Total	703,202	798,458	706,540	100	88	1,485,657	1,504,998	101
Turkeys								
Young	17,965	19,401	17,346	97	89	37,706	36,747	97
Old	144	116	130	90	112	256	246	96
Total	18,109	19,517	17,476	97	90	37,962	36,993	97
Ducks	2,164	2,445	2,304	106	94	4,674	4,749	102
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,322,698	4,929,047	4,331,433	100	88	9,155,240	9,260,480	101
Mature	59,317	69,023	58,808	99	85	125,100	127,831	102
Light	12,560	11,882	8,614	69	72	25,092	20,496	82
Heavy	46,757	57,141	50,194	107	88	100,008	107,335	107
Total	4,382,015	4,998,070	4,390,241	100	88	9,280,340	9,388,311	101
Turkeys								
Young	571,596	637,240	570,119	100	89	1,205,250	1,207,359	100
Old	4,170	3,555	3,771	90	106	7,440	7,326	98
Total	575,766	640,795	573,890	100	90	1,212,690	1,214,685	100
Ducks	15,214	17,376	16,337	107	94	32,944	33,713	102
Other ¹	150	201	147	98	73	362	348	96
Total	4,973,145	5,656,442	4,980,615	100	88	10,526,336	10,637,057	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.23	6.25	6.21	100	99	6.24	6.23	100
Mature	6.30	6.66	6.75	107	101	6.38	6.70	105
Light	3.46	3.50	3.35	97	96	3.47	3.43	99
Heavy	8.09	8.20	8.19	101	100	8.08	8.19	101
Total	6.23	6.26	6.21	100	99	6.25	6.24	100
Turkeys								
Young	31.82	32.85	32.87	103	100	31.96	32.86	103
Old	28.96	30.65	29.01	100	95	29.06	29.78	102
Total	31.79	32.83	32.84	103	100	31.94	32.84	103
Ducks	7.03	7.11	7.09	101	100	7.05	7.10	101

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	February 2018	January 2019	February 2019	February 2019 as % of		January to February		2019 as percent of 2018
				February 2018	January 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,007,080	3,449,866	3,031,971	101	88	6,363,843	6,481,837	102
Mature	38,791	45,672	39,208	101	86	81,708	84,880	104
Light	6,455	5,955	4,437	69	75	12,839	10,392	81
Heavy	32,336	39,717	34,771	108	88	68,869	74,488	108
Total	3,045,871	3,495,538	3,071,179	101	88	6,445,551	6,566,717	102
Turkeys								
Young	279,367	315,919	284,956	102	90	587,496	600,875	102
Old	3,128	2,585	2,849	91	110	5,484	5,434	99
Total	282,495	318,504	287,805	102	90	592,980	606,309	102
Ducks	4,513	5,400	4,460	99	83	9,663	9,860	102
Other ¹	96	126	93	97	74	235	219	93
Total	3,332,975	3,819,568	3,363,537	101	88	7,048,429	7,183,105	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	249,599	261,391	231,105	93	88	531,811	492,496	93
Mature	-	77	-	(X)	(X)	-	77	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	77	-	(X)	(X)	-	77	(X)
Total	249,599	261,468	231,105	93	88	531,811	492,573	93
Turkeys								
Young	177,756	191,949	170,320	96	89	376,710	362,269	96
Old	49	68	45	92	66	103	113	110
Total	177,805	192,017	170,365	96	89	376,813	362,382	96
Ducks	6,641	7,408	7,431	112	100	14,489	14,839	102
Other ¹	9	10	7	78	70	20	17	85
Total	434,054	460,903	408,908	94	89	923,133	869,811	94
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,256,679	3,711,257	3,263,076	100	88	6,895,654	6,974,333	101
Mature	38,791	45,749	39,208	101	86	81,708	84,957	104
Light	6,455	5,955	4,437	69	75	12,839	10,392	81
Heavy	32,336	39,794	34,771	108	87	68,869	74,565	108
Total	3,295,470	3,757,006	3,302,284	100	88	6,977,362	7,059,290	101
Turkeys								
Young	457,123	507,868	455,276	100	90	964,206	963,144	100
Old	3,177	2,653	2,894	91	109	5,587	5,547	99
Total	460,300	510,521	458,170	100	90	969,793	968,691	100
Ducks	11,154	12,808	11,891	107	93	24,152	24,699	102
Other ¹	105	136	100	95	74	255	236	93
Total	3,767,029	4,280,471	3,772,445	100	88	7,971,562	8,052,916	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2018	January 2019	February 2019	February 2019 as % of		January to February		2019 as percent of 2018
				February 2018	January 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	10,223	11,864	10,157	99	86	22,598	22,021	97
Mature	723	678	635	88	94	1,549	1,313	85
Light	223	179	100	45	56	425	279	66
Heavy	500	499	535	107	107	1,124	1,034	92
Total	10,946	12,542	10,792	99	86	24,147	23,334	97
Turkeys								
Young	1,637	1,943	1,701	104	88	3,422	3,644	106
Old	42	47	56	133	119	79	103	130
Total	1,679	1,990	1,757	105	88	3,501	3,747	107
Ducks	56	86	77	138	90	126	163	129
Total ¹	12,681	14,619	12,626	100	86	27,774	27,245	98
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.24	0.24	0.23	96	96	0.25	0.24	96
Mature	1.22	0.98	1.08	89	110	1.24	1.03	83
Light	1.78	1.51	1.16	65	77	1.69	1.36	80
Heavy	1.07	0.87	1.07	100	123	1.12	0.96	86
Total	0.25	0.25	0.25	100	100	0.26	0.25	96
Turkeys								
Young	0.29	0.30	0.30	103	100	0.28	0.30	107
Old	1.01	1.32	1.49	148	113	1.06	1.41	133
Total	0.29	0.31	0.31	107	100	0.29	0.31	107
Ducks	0.37	0.49	0.47	127	96	0.38	0.48	126
Total ¹	0.25	0.26	0.25	100	96	0.26	0.26	100

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	February 2018	January 2019	February 2019	February 2019 as % of		January to February		2019 as percent of 2018
				February 2018	January 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	27,722	27,527	24,421	88	89	58,659	51,948	89
Mature	1,640	1,610	1,529	93	95	3,454	3,139	91
Light	407	445	304	75	68	841	749	89
Heavy	1,233	1,165	1,225	99	105	2,613	2,390	91
Total	29,362	29,137	25,950	88	89	62,113	55,087	89
Turkeys								
Young	6,588	7,413	6,635	101	90	13,771	14,048	102
Old	152	131	106	70	81	298	237	80
Total	6,740	7,544	6,741	100	89	14,069	14,285	102
Ducks	284	302	295	104	98	597	597	100
Other ¹	2	2	1	50	50	4	3	75
Total	36,388	36,985	32,987	91	89	76,783	69,972	91
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.84	0.74	0.74	88	100	0.84	0.74	88
Mature	4.06	3.40	3.75	92	110	4.06	3.56	88
Light	5.93	6.95	6.41	108	92	6.15	6.72	109
Heavy	3.67	2.84	3.40	93	120	3.66	3.11	85
Total	0.88	0.77	0.78	89	101	0.88	0.77	88
Turkeys								
Young	1.42	1.44	1.44	101	100	1.41	1.44	102
Old	4.57	4.71	3.53	77	75	5.06	4.10	81
Total	1.44	1.46	1.45	101	99	1.43	1.45	101
Ducks	2.48	2.30	2.42	98	105	2.41	2.36	98
Other ¹	1.87	1.45	0.99	53	68	1.54	1.26	82
Total	0.96	0.86	0.87	91	101	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: January and February 2019

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	2,047	1,332	724,864	667,854
Mature	-	-	110	142	105,619	95,603
Light	-	-	49	85	57,131	50,733
Heavy	-	-	61	57	48,488	44,870
Total	-	-	2,157	1,474	830,483	763,457
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	83	81	24,164	19,561
Old	-	-	2	1	736	1,163
Total	-	-	85	82	24,900	20,724
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	542,203	534,037	1,917	1,639	22,244	18,867
Mature	9,990	9,758	353	213	28,032	26,441
Light	2,324	1,445	122	85	13,926	12,479
Heavy	7,666	8,313	231	128	14,106	13,962
Total	552,193	543,795	2,270	1,852	50,276	45,308
Turkeys						
Young	2,990	2,512	190	116	22	52
Old	298	276	-	-	61	48
Total	3,288	2,788	190	116	83	100
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	11,369	10,869	47,992	42,412	120,827	99,814
Mature	2,063	2,071	1,379	935	22,020	18,748
Light	1,753	1,742	587	284	15,915	13,887
Heavy	310	329	792	651	6,105	4,861
Total	13,432	12,940	49,371	43,347	142,847	118,562
Turkeys						
Young	88	96	644	899	750	689
Old	13	11	33	19	129	86
Total	101	107	677	918	879	775
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	35,093	31,664	755,558	743,606	2,264,114	2,152,094
Mature	1,040	427	79,228	59,803	249,834	214,141
Light	56	170	53,435	25,556	145,298	106,466
Heavy	984	257	25,793	34,247	104,536	107,675
Total	36,133	32,091	834,786	803,409	2,513,948	2,366,235
Turkeys						
Young	325	176	22,855	19,698	52,111	43,880
Old	4	3	293	549	1,569	2,156
Total	329	179	23,148	20,247	53,680	46,036

- 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: January and February 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	93,727	84,752	516,656	469,698	5.51	5.54
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	88,572	77,155	585,208	507,907	6.61	6.58
California	22,645	18,717	131,535	111,997	5.81	5.98
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	34,905	29,578	255,381	213,094	7.32	7.20
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	110,739	99,721	665,047	585,426	6.01	5.87
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,015	5,592	27,319	25,580	4.54	4.57
Iowa	1,847	2,034	10,405	11,069	5.63	5.44
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,053	22,175	154,045	137,338	6.15	6.19
Louisiana	17,441	14,983	105,278	89,135	6.04	5.95
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	11,467	10,031	71,036	61,618	6.19	6.14
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	62,769	57,048	394,887	358,498	6.29	6.28
Missouri	38,327	33,184	193,006	164,401	5.04	4.95
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	119	96	583	447	4.91	4.68
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,458	2,182	11,991	10,710	4.88	4.91
North Carolina	74,353	64,802	596,602	515,638	8.02	7.96
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	12,766	10,431	84,996	68,426	6.66	6.56
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11,076	9,692	62,020	55,009	5.60	5.68
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	26,048	22,516	197,531	167,707	7.58	7.45
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	25,183	22,812	132,711	120,134	5.27	5.27
Texas	56,653	50,975	370,752	331,880	6.54	6.51
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	27,644	24,352	168,533	148,036	6.10	6.08
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	788,098	697,833	4,929,047	4,331,433	6.25	6.21

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: January and February 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	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	394,804	357,603	2,429	2,191	0.61	0.61
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	437,312	381,598	2,446	1,812	0.56	0.47
California	98,080	83,331	1,614	1,408	1.62	1.66
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	196,927	164,398	1,609	1,416	0.81	0.85
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	500,875	442,892	3,913	3,648	0.78	0.82
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	19,971	18,651	114	115	0.57	0.61
Iowa	7,431	7,892	483	523	6.10	6.22
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	116,650	104,174	1,313	1,356	1.11	1.29
Louisiana	78,968	66,879	321	280	0.40	0.42
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	52,860	45,839	541	437	1.01	0.94
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	303,473	275,172	2,043	1,821	0.67	0.66
Missouri	141,794	120,678	754	539	0.53	0.44
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	424	321	6	5	1.30	1.63
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	7,306	6,459	238	244	3.16	3.64
North Carolina	456,798	394,480	2,359	2,137	0.51	0.54
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	63,899	51,450	205	158	0.32	0.31
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	42,808	37,353	960	916	2.19	2.39
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	148,786	126,359	1,384	1,151	0.92	0.90
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	97,230	88,299	787	651	0.80	0.73
Texas	282,080	252,323	1,939	1,645	0.68	0.65
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	119,686	105,383	679	640	0.56	0.60
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	3,711,257	3,263,076	27,527	24,421	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: January and February 2019

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	255	190	54,945	48,920
Arkansas	-	-	45	45	50,965	50,548
Delaware	-	-	460	297	62,397	48,800
Georgia	-	-	11	12	67,941	68,603
Mississippi	-	-	84	66	18,944	16,677
Missouri	-	-	1	1	26,195	26,195
North Carolina	-	-	183	50	58,809	54,781
Texas	-	-	119	101	57,475	53,227
Virginia	-	-	36	45	22,203	20,839
United States	-	-	2,047	1,332	724,864	667,854
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	32,031	30,110	146	91	2,020	1,854
Arkansas	19,209	19,010	100	103	1,140	1,116
Delaware	63,336	72,020	42	35	879	701
Georgia	139,263	157,621	88	108	2,378	2,143
Mississippi	8,960	7,807	106	79	973	820
Missouri	2,884	2,884	16	16	373	373
North Carolina	29,103	25,645	84	79	1,433	1,325
Texas	16,978	15,654	105	102	1,007	966
Virginia	25,565	24,958	8	4	648	548
United States	542,203	534,037	1,917	1,639	22,244	18,867
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	658	604	4,896	4,120	21,906	19,100
Arkansas	208	203	3,623	3,816	5,018	5,677
Delaware	784	660	2,177	1,651	3,500	3,475
Georgia	633	584	13,822	12,140	36,244	22,726
Mississippi	620	710	2,293	3,165	1,413	1,271
Missouri	49	49	216	216	1,437	1,437
North Carolina	420	406	3,927	3,863	2,968	2,740
Texas	371	362	329	320	3,798	3,700
Virginia	679	551	839	770	2,096	2,081
United States	11,369	10,869	47,992	42,412	120,827	99,814
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	2,260	1,521	38,946	34,268	158,063	140,778
Arkansas	1,848	1,857	111,385	106,057	193,541	188,432
Delaware	3,553	1,624	8,702	7,943	145,830	137,206
Georgia	7,952	5,651	89,838	79,637	358,170	349,225
Mississippi	295	379	11,895	10,688	45,583	41,662
Missouri	50	50	19,481	19,481	50,702	50,702
North Carolina	2,467	2,730	36,357	41,357	135,751	132,976
Texas	912	880	15,494	15,213	96,588	90,525
Virginia	544	696	18,979	16,781	71,597	67,273
United States	35,093	31,664	755,558	743,606	2,264,114	2,152,094

- 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: January and February 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	3,085	2,701	59,381	50,917	19.25	18.85
California	705	469	22,706	15,382	32.18	32.77
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,994	1,809	81,392	73,624	40.82	40.70
Iowa	1,294	1,052	57,046	46,793	44.09	44.46
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	2,950	3,097	86,630	89,854	29.37	29.02
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	904	760	32,305	27,170	35.72	35.75
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,958	1,673	76,350	62,911	38.99	37.60
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	479	508	22,985	24,273	47.95	47.81
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	509	423	7,859	6,037	15.44	14.26
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	1	-	37	-	33.14	-
Virginia	2,418	1,934	67,858	55,342	28.06	28.62
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	523	539	23,257	23,797	44.50	44.11
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,401	17,346	637,240	570,119	32.85	32.87

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: January and February 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	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	49,466	42,482	415	325	0.83	0.76
California	18,101	12,312	162	107	0.88	0.86
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	65,996	59,655	927	1,052	1.38	1.73
Iowa	44,666	36,844	869	578	1.91	1.54
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	69,076	71,687	1,068	991	1.52	1.36
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	26,132	21,977	146	122	0.55	0.55
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	59,430	49,311	400	366	0.67	0.74
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	18,340	19,400	282	310	1.51	1.57
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	6,402	5,106	52	41	0.80	0.80
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	29	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	54,126	44,103	925	749	1.68	1.67
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	18,395	18,859	271	227	1.45	1.19
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	507,868	455,276	7,413	6,635	1.44	1.44

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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.

Revision Policy: Data for the previous month and year-to-date totals are subject to revision the following month after the initial monthly estimates are published. Final data are published in the annual summary released in February and include any revisions made to current and previous year's published data. Revisions are generally the result of late reports or corrections received by FSIS from plants and are usually less than one-half of one percent. No revisions will be made to the previous year's data after publication of the annual summary in February.

Procedures and Reliability: Plant inspectors submit data electronically for each shift a plant operates. An edit provides checks for the detection of errors such as invalid plant information, duplication, and erroneous data. Data are accumulated to monthly totals for this release.

Data for major slaughter plants with missing reports are adjusted prior to publication to assure that all plants slaughtering a significant portion of a specific class are included. Estimates for missing shifts are made only after verifying that the plant was in operation. Adjustments are based on a shift determined to be similar to the one missing. Late reports replace imputed data as they become available. While there is a varying degree of incompleteness from month to month, it has only a minimal impact on the published totals.

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USDA NASS Data Users' Meeting
Tuesday, April 23, 2019

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For registration details or additional information about the Data Users' Meeting, see the meeting page on the NASS website (https://www.nass.usda.gov/Education_and_Outreach/Meeting/index.php). Contact Vernita Murray (NASS) at 202-690-8141 or vernita.murray@nass.usda.gov or Patricia Snipe (NASS) at 202-720-2248 or patricia.snipe@nass.usda.gov for information.

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