



# Poultry Slaughter

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

**August 2018** contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**August 2019** contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**Poultry certified wholesome** during August 2019 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.39 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the amount certified in August 2018. The July 2019 revised certified total at 4.42 billion pounds, was up 6 percent from July 2018. The July revision represented an increase of 23.7 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during August 2019 was 5.80 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 5.91 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.10 billion pounds, down 1 percent from August 2018. Mature chickens, at 61.2 million pounds, were down 24 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 628 million pounds, down 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.9 million pounds, up 1 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during August 2019 averaged 6.34 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from August 2018. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.79 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2019 averaged 30.9 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from August 2018.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during August 2019 totaled 14.0 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 31.9 million pounds, were 0.72 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.83 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2018	July 2019	August 2019	August 2019 as % of		January to August		2019 as percent of 2018
				August 2018	July 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 .....	822,867	814,385	804,154	98	99	6,076,703	6,135,093	101
Mature .....	11,997	9,015	9,003	75	100	86,085	75,334	88
Light .....	3,898	2,889	2,800	72	97	31,913	23,560	74
Heavy .....	8,099	6,126	6,203	77	101	54,172	51,774	96
Total .....	834,864	823,400	813,157	97	99	6,162,788	6,210,427	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	21,028	19,296	20,124	96	104	156,354	149,807	96
Old .....	101	188	192	190	102	1,067	1,118	105
Total .....	21,129	19,484	20,316	96	104	157,421	150,925	96
Ducks .....	2,300	2,283	2,304	100	101	18,390	18,274	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 .....	5,168,459	5,146,816	5,099,780	99	99	37,954,007	38,548,597	102
Mature .....	80,221	60,740	61,151	76	101	552,706	507,714	92
Light .....	13,321	9,868	9,844	74	100	109,650	81,346	74
Heavy .....	66,900	50,872	51,307	77	101	443,056	426,368	96
Total .....	5,248,680	5,207,556	5,160,931	98	99	38,506,713	39,056,311	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	644,881	610,283	622,416	97	102	4,887,135	4,839,688	99
Old .....	3,063	5,668	5,404	176	95	31,453	32,965	105
Total .....	647,944	615,951	627,820	97	102	4,918,588	4,872,653	99
Ducks .....	15,739	15,561	15,854	101	102	127,977	128,006	100
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	240	310	249	104	80	1,559	1,775	114
Total .....	5,912,603	5,839,378	5,804,854	98	99	43,554,837	44,058,745	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.28	6.32	6.34	101	100	6.25	6.28	100
Mature .....	6.69	6.74	6.79	101	101	6.42	6.74	105
Light .....	3.42	3.42	3.52	103	103	3.44	3.45	100
Heavy .....	8.26	8.30	8.27	100	100	8.18	8.24	101
Total .....	6.29	6.32	6.35	101	100	6.25	6.29	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	30.67	31.63	30.93	101	98	31.26	32.31	103
Old .....	30.33	30.15	28.15	93	93	29.48	29.49	100
Total .....	30.67	31.61	30.90	101	98	31.24	32.29	103
Ducks .....	6.84	6.82	6.88	101	101	6.96	7.00	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	August 2018	July 2019	August 2019	August 2019 as % of		January to August		2019 as percent of 2018
				August 2018	July 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 .....	3,605,255	3,583,935	3,560,436	99	99	26,492,742	26,945,354	102
Mature .....	53,607	40,446	41,084	77	102	365,114	338,532	93
Light .....	6,834	4,984	5,126	75	103	56,281	41,486	74
Heavy .....	46,773	35,462	35,958	77	101	308,833	297,046	96
Total .....	3,658,862	3,624,381	3,601,520	98	99	26,857,856	27,283,886	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	317,979	314,081	307,600	97	98	2,387,758	2,420,603	101
Old .....	2,145	4,067	3,651	170	90	23,080	23,920	104
Total .....	320,124	318,148	311,251	97	98	2,410,838	2,444,523	101
Ducks .....	4,259	4,064	4,167	98	103	35,328	34,756	98
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	154	185	156	101	84	994	1,105	111
Total .....	3,983,399	3,946,778	3,917,094	98	99	29,305,016	29,764,270	102
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	287,082	290,931	280,556	98	96	2,101,588	2,088,062	99
Mature .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	10	77	770
Light .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	10	-	(X)
Heavy .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	77	(X)
Total .....	287,082	290,931	280,556	98	96	2,101,598	2,088,139	99
Turkeys								
Young .....	196,811	173,345	189,374	96	109	1,520,040	1,443,495	95
Old .....	79	73	397	503	544	517	822	159
Total .....	196,890	173,418	189,771	96	109	1,520,557	1,444,317	95
Ducks .....	7,171	7,273	7,324	102	101	58,015	58,592	101
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	12	15	12	100	80	93	84	90
Total .....	491,155	471,637	477,663	97	101	3,680,263	3,591,132	98
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,892,337	3,874,866	3,840,992	99	99	28,594,330	29,033,416	102
Mature .....	53,607	40,446	41,084	77	102	365,124	338,609	93
Light .....	6,834	4,984	5,126	75	103	56,291	41,486	74
Heavy .....	46,773	35,462	35,958	77	101	308,833	297,123	96
Total .....	3,945,944	3,915,312	3,882,076	98	99	28,959,454	29,372,025	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	514,790	487,426	496,974	97	102	3,907,798	3,864,098	99
Old .....	2,224	4,140	4,048	182	98	23,597	24,742	105
Total .....	517,014	491,566	501,022	97	102	3,931,395	3,888,840	99
Ducks .....	11,430	11,337	11,491	101	101	93,343	93,348	100
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	166	200	168	101	84	1,087	1,189	109
Total .....	4,474,554	4,418,415	4,394,757	98	99	32,985,279	33,355,402	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	August 2018	July 2019	August 2019	August 2019 as % of		January to August		2019 as percent of 2018
				August 2018	July 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 .....	11,813	11,783	11,625	98	99	87,269	86,169	99
Mature .....	694	574	506	73	88	5,882	4,739	81
Light .....	234	140	112	48	80	1,832	979	53
Heavy .....	460	434	394	86	91	4,050	3,760	93
Total .....	12,507	12,357	12,131	97	98	93,151	90,908	98
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,787	1,897	1,695	95	89	12,964	13,755	106
Old .....	34	66	40	118	61	334	317	95
Total .....	1,821	1,963	1,735	95	88	13,298	14,072	106
Ducks .....	73	86	93	127	108	498	604	121
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	14,401	14,407	13,959	97	97	106,947	105,589	99
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.23	0.23	0.23	100	100	0.23	0.22	96
Mature .....	0.87	0.95	0.83	95	87	1.06	0.93	88
Light .....	1.76	1.42	1.14	65	80	1.67	1.20	72
Heavy .....	0.69	0.85	0.77	112	91	0.91	0.88	97
Total .....	0.24	0.24	0.24	100	100	0.24	0.23	96
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.28	0.31	0.27	96	87	0.27	0.28	104
Old .....	1.11	1.16	0.74	67	64	1.06	0.96	91
Total .....	0.28	0.32	0.28	100	88	0.27	0.29	107
Ducks .....	0.46	0.55	0.59	128	107	0.39	0.47	121
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.24	0.25	0.24	100	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	August 2018	July 2019	August 2019	August 2019 as % of		January to August		2019 as percent of 2018
				August 2018	July 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 .....	27,503	23,320	22,570	82	97	223,162	196,852	88
Mature .....	2,014	1,788	1,728	86	97	14,311	13,162	92
Light .....	434	344	375	86	109	3,527	3,033	86
Heavy .....	1,580	1,444	1,353	86	94	10,784	10,129	94
Total .....	29,517	25,108	24,298	82	97	237,473	210,014	88
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	7,419	6,876	7,083	95	103	55,608	56,638	102
Old .....	131	184	163	124	89	1,356	1,126	83
Total .....	7,550	7,060	7,246	96	103	56,964	57,764	101
Ducks .....	299	245	327	109	133	2,456	2,351	96
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	3	3	3	100	100	17	19	112
Total .....	37,369	32,416	31,874	85	98	296,910	270,148	91
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.70	0.60	0.58	83	97	0.77	0.67	87
Mature .....	3.62	4.23	4.04	112	96	3.77	3.74	99
Light .....	5.97	6.46	6.82	114	106	5.90	6.81	115
Heavy .....	3.27	3.91	3.63	111	93	3.37	3.30	98
Total .....	0.74	0.64	0.62	84	97	0.81	0.71	88
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.42	1.39	1.41	99	101	1.40	1.44	103
Old .....	5.56	4.26	3.87	70	91	5.43	4.35	80
Total .....	1.44	1.42	1.43	99	101	1.43	1.46	102
Ducks .....	2.55	2.12	2.77	109	131	2.56	2.46	96
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1.78	1.48	1.75	98	118	1.54	1.57	102
Total .....	0.83	0.73	0.72	87	99	0.89	0.80	90

<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: July and August 2019

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	2,212	1,560	618,235	611,072
Mature .....	-	-	134	140	88,335	81,875
Light .....	-	-	68	96	43,087	51,783
Heavy .....	-	-	66	44	45,248	30,092
Total .....	-	-	2,346	1,700	706,570	692,947
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	32	99	13,335	17,833
Old .....	-	-	11	5	1,001	985
Total .....	-	-	43	104	14,336	18,818
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	260,516	252,860	1,704	1,864	16,832	16,511
Mature .....	11,710	8,940	385	447	28,695	33,149
Light .....	3,790	4,076	233	198	12,487	13,758
Heavy .....	7,920	4,864	152	249	16,208	19,391
Total .....	272,226	261,800	2,089	2,311	45,527	49,660
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	2,831	2,845	95	208	99	104
Old .....	304	576	1	-	215	192
Total .....	3,135	3,421	96	208	314	296
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	8,791	8,010	46,578	44,464	106,598	100,706
Mature .....	2,119	2,236	429	319	18,281	17,747
Light .....	1,900	2,017	154	156	14,599	14,683
Heavy .....	219	219	275	163	3,682	3,064
Total .....	10,910	10,246	47,007	44,783	124,879	118,453
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	111	129	510	738	733	735
Old .....	4	8	10	16	34	107
Total .....	115	137	520	754	767	842
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	36,416	38,290	638,455	591,061	1,736,337	1,666,398
Mature .....	325	1,002	68,233	80,717	218,646	226,572
Light .....	135	30	31,997	29,379	108,450	116,176
Heavy .....	190	972	36,236	51,338	110,196	110,396
Total .....	36,741	39,292	706,688	671,778	1,954,983	1,892,970
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	294	386	11,883	9,161	29,923	32,238
Old .....	19	33	1,311	1,207	2,910	3,129
Total .....	313	419	13,194	10,368	32,833	35,367

- 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: July and August 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	100,159	97,704	552,100	542,018	5.51	5.55
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	90,032	88,921	605,301	596,266	6.72	6.71
California .....	23,134	23,976	146,716	146,575	6.34	6.11
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	33,452	34,501	239,844	250,059	7.17	7.25
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	112,041	110,585	687,822	680,143	6.14	6.15
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	6,650	6,763	30,551	31,189	4.59	4.61
Iowa .....	1,981	907	11,505	4,924	5.81	5.43
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	25,512	24,498	163,853	159,033	6.42	6.49
Louisiana .....	17,160	16,620	109,033	106,728	6.35	6.42
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	12,235	11,491	76,439	72,365	6.25	6.30
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	65,785	63,313	411,059	402,231	6.25	6.35
Missouri .....	39,098	38,793	195,211	195,540	4.99	5.04
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	132	119	650	576	4.92	4.86
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,489	2,339	12,594	11,859	5.06	5.07
North Carolina .....	77,897	78,296	623,560	632,495	8.00	8.08
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	12,863	12,724	92,738	91,360	7.21	7.18
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	10,849	10,704	61,965	60,276	5.71	5.63
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	25,803	25,140	191,001	186,563	7.40	7.42
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	27,834	27,851	151,370	151,992	5.44	5.46
Texas .....	61,223	60,375	403,488	391,982	6.59	6.49
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	28,659	28,777	177,072	179,642	6.18	6.24
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 .....	814,385	804,154	5,146,816	5,099,780	6.32	6.34

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: July and August 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>	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	422,508	414,912	2,262	2,167	0.53	0.52
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	454,546	447,150	2,113	2,014	0.46	0.45
California .....	109,842	109,348	1,027	1,166	0.93	1.05
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	185,002	192,717	1,213	1,185	0.65	0.61
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia .....	517,016	512,686	3,248	3,100	0.62	0.60
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	22,245	22,824	112	84	0.50	0.37
Iowa .....	8,358	3,471	526	261	5.92	7.00
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	124,006	120,388	844	834	0.68	0.69
Louisiana .....	82,536	80,613	334	343	0.40	0.42
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	56,916	53,866	303	274	0.53	0.51
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	311,787	306,287	1,854	1,779	0.59	0.58
Missouri .....	143,059	143,862	771	599	0.54	0.41
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	474	415	6	6	1.22	1.37
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	7,713	7,321	237	209	2.99	2.77
North Carolina .....	479,499	485,027	2,297	2,310	0.48	0.47
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma .....	69,627	68,575	242	282	0.35	0.41
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	41,790	40,933	1,078	1,106	2.51	2.63
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	144,052	140,590	926	865	0.64	0.61
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	111,458	111,927	671	706	0.60	0.63
Texas .....	304,483	296,451	1,756	1,858	0.57	0.62
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	127,328	128,835	397	400	0.31	0.31
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 .....	3,874,866	3,840,992	23,320	22,570	0.60	0.58

- Represents zero.

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

(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: July and August 2019

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	-	-	183	122	36,832	40,043
Arkansas .....	-	-	45	45	50,916	49,268
Delaware .....	-	-	591	244	43,747	41,919
Georgia .....	-	-	37	54	59,333	57,471
Mississippi .....	-	-	75	60	15,042	13,998
North Carolina .....	-	-	81	83	49,212	46,010
Texas .....	-	-	100	175	58,605	56,872
Virginia .....	-	-	20	19	17,407	16,780
United States .....	-	-	2,212	1,560	618,235	611,072
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	26,953	28,624	102	143	1,527	1,363
Arkansas .....	20,102	19,363	104	100	1,080	1,090
Delaware .....	26,483	21,158	50	54	552	577
Georgia .....	68,686	67,582	80	75	2,184	2,069
Mississippi .....	8,933	6,912	70	172	843	730
North Carolina .....	13,324	12,597	56	41	1,246	1,220
Texas .....	14,501	14,490	195	176	1,111	1,062
Virginia .....	10,773	11,907	6	6	298	357
United States .....	260,516	252,860	1,704	1,864	16,832	16,511
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	564	571	3,541	3,033	14,384	13,149
Arkansas .....	222	217	4,848	3,271	5,455	5,148
Delaware .....	737	676	2,861	2,537	4,305	4,153
Georgia .....	707	532	11,637	11,898	28,813	29,667
Mississippi .....	867	765	2,808	3,221	2,205	2,157
North Carolina .....	434	431	4,444	4,616	3,228	2,955
Texas .....	621	624	329	311	4,173	3,850
Virginia .....	590	622	676	753	1,869	1,960
United States .....	8,791	8,010	46,578	44,464	106,598	100,706
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	591	744	36,128	27,785	120,805	115,577
Arkansas .....	1,945	1,879	129,563	104,840	214,280	185,221
Delaware .....	2,511	3,324	7,065	9,006	88,902	83,648
Georgia .....	6,232	5,676	88,567	74,003	266,276	249,027
Mississippi .....	356	945	10,725	10,263	41,924	39,223
North Carolina .....	3,081	3,317	31,067	33,214	106,173	104,484
Texas .....	972	817	15,507	15,519	96,114	93,896
Virginia .....	460	831	8,513	9,615	40,612	42,850
United States .....	36,416	38,290	638,455	591,061	1,736,337	1,666,398

- 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: July and August 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	2,919	2,889	58,684	54,413	20.10	18.84
California .....	709	790	21,615	23,335	30.49	29.52
Colorado .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	2,006	2,019	79,279	78,016	39.51	38.63
Iowa .....	1,130	1,065	46,285	43,225	40.96	40.57
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,709	3,757	100,814	97,233	27.18	25.88
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	933	969	34,535	33,087	37.00	34.15
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 .....	1,551	2,045	54,976	75,620	35.44	36.98
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	550	554	25,482	24,912	46.37	44.95
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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 .....	441	423	6,930	5,834	15.72	13.80
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	-	-	-	6	-	30.94
Virginia .....	2,240	2,258	62,952	61,277	28.10	27.14
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	568	572	24,700	24,271	43.49	42.46
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	19,296	20,124	610,283	622,416	31.63	30.93

- Represents zero.

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## Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: July and August 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>	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	48,893	45,275	423	414	0.86	0.91
California .....	17,325	18,725	213	199	1.21	1.05
Colorado .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	64,188	63,196	1,021	975	1.57	1.52
Iowa .....	36,460	34,110	546	588	1.48	1.70
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	80,458	77,907	1,041	1,028	1.28	1.30
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	27,903	26,587	167	152	0.60	0.57
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 .....	42,996	59,148	321	472	0.74	0.79
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	20,368	19,905	340	302	1.64	1.49
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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 .....	5,654	4,900	49	49	0.85	0.98
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	-	5	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia .....	50,005	48,634	871	899	1.71	1.81
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	19,538	19,192	283	294	1.43	1.51
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	487,426	496,974	6,876	7,083	1.39	1.41

- 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.

## **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.

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Poultry slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants and, therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors are minimized through strict quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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# USDA Data Users' Meeting



## **USDA NASS Data Users' Meeting** **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**

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