



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 8 Percent from Last Year

September 2018 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

September 2019 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during September 2019 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.20 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the amount certified in September 2018. The August 2019 revised certified total at 4.40 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from August 2018. The August revision represented an increase of 7.73 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during September 2019 was 5.55 billion pounds, up 8 percent from 5.15 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.89 billion pounds, up 8 percent from September 2018. Mature chickens, at 68.0 million pounds, were up 7 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 578 million pounds, up 8 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.6 million pounds, up 11 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during September 2019 averaged 6.37 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from September 2018. The average live weight of mature chickens was 7.00 pounds per bird, up 6 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during September 2019 averaged 31.9 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from September 2018.

Ante-mortem condemnations during September 2019 totaled 13.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.25 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 30.0 million pounds, were 0.71 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.82 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2018	August 2019	September 2019	September 2019 as % of		January to September		2019 as percent of 2018
				September 2018	August 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	719,006	804,355	766,993	107	95	6,795,709	6,902,287	102
Mature	9,618	10,044	9,714	101	97	95,703	86,089	90
Light	3,306	2,800	2,641	80	94	35,219	26,201	74
Heavy	6,312	7,244	7,073	112	98	60,484	59,888	99
Total	728,624	814,399	776,707	107	95	6,891,412	6,988,376	101
Turkeys								
Young	17,387	20,124	17,999	104	89	173,741	167,806	97
Old	156	192	131	84	68	1,223	1,249	102
Total	17,543	20,316	18,130	103	89	174,964	169,055	97
Ducks	2,047	2,304	2,220	108	96	20,437	20,494	100
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,532,355	5,101,461	4,887,127	108	96	42,486,362	43,437,405	102
Mature	63,517	69,835	68,032	107	97	616,223	584,430	95
Light	11,433	9,844	9,374	82	95	121,083	90,720	75
Heavy	52,084	59,991	58,658	113	98	495,140	493,710	100
Total	4,595,872	5,171,296	4,955,159	108	96	43,102,585	44,021,835	102
Turkeys								
Young	531,593	622,416	573,499	108	92	5,418,728	5,413,187	100
Old	4,722	5,404	4,017	85	74	36,175	36,982	102
Total	536,315	627,820	577,516	108	92	5,454,903	5,450,169	100
Ducks	14,082	15,854	15,562	111	98	142,059	143,568	101
Other ¹	697	254	633	91	249	2,256	2,413	107
Total	5,146,966	5,815,224	5,548,870	108	95	48,701,803	49,617,985	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.30	6.34	6.37	101	100	6.25	6.29	101
Mature	6.60	6.95	7.00	106	101	6.44	6.79	105
Light	3.46	3.52	3.55	103	101	3.44	3.46	101
Heavy	8.25	8.28	8.29	100	100	8.19	8.24	101
Total	6.31	6.35	6.38	101	100	6.25	6.30	101
Turkeys								
Young	30.57	30.93	31.86	104	103	31.19	32.26	103
Old	30.27	28.15	30.66	101	109	29.58	29.61	100
Total	30.57	30.90	31.85	104	103	31.18	32.24	103
Ducks	6.88	6.88	7.01	102	102	6.95	7.01	101

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	September 2018	August 2019	September 2019	September 2019 as % of		January to September		2019 as percent of 2018
				September 2018	August 2019	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,162,044	3,560,517	3,416,077	108	96	29,654,786	30,361,512	102
Mature	42,103	48,182	46,692	111	97	407,217	392,322	96
Light	5,864	5,126	4,778	81	93	62,145	46,264	74
Heavy	36,239	43,056	41,914	116	97	345,072	346,058	100
Total	3,204,147	3,608,699	3,462,769	108	96	30,062,003	30,753,834	102
Turkeys								
Young	271,130	307,600	291,252	107	95	2,658,888	2,711,855	102
Old	3,440	3,651	2,701	79	74	26,520	26,621	100
Total	274,570	311,251	293,953	107	94	2,685,408	2,738,476	102
Ducks	3,993	4,167	4,444	111	107	39,321	39,200	100
Other ¹	131	159	147	112	92	1,125	1,255	112
Total	3,482,841	3,924,276	3,761,313	108	96	32,787,857	33,532,765	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	255,882	281,105	263,432	103	94	2,357,470	2,352,043	100
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	10	77	770
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	10	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	77	(X)
Total	255,882	281,105	263,432	103	94	2,357,480	2,352,120	100
Turkeys								
Young	153,495	189,374	166,515	108	88	1,673,535	1,610,010	96
Old	172	397	349	203	88	689	1,171	170
Total	153,667	189,771	166,864	109	88	1,674,224	1,611,181	96
Ducks	6,215	7,324	6,910	111	94	64,230	65,502	102
Other ¹	308	12	248	81	2,067	401	332	83
Total	416,072	478,212	437,454	105	91	4,096,335	4,029,135	98
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,417,926	3,841,622	3,679,509	108	96	32,012,256	32,713,555	102
Mature	42,103	48,182	46,692	111	97	407,227	392,399	96
Light	5,864	5,126	4,778	81	93	62,155	46,264	74
Heavy	36,239	43,056	41,914	116	97	345,072	346,135	100
Total	3,460,029	3,889,804	3,726,201	108	96	32,419,483	33,105,954	102
Turkeys								
Young	424,625	496,974	457,767	108	92	4,332,423	4,321,865	100
Old	3,612	4,048	3,050	84	75	27,209	27,792	102
Total	428,237	501,022	460,817	108	92	4,359,632	4,349,657	100
Ducks	10,208	11,491	11,354	111	99	103,551	104,702	101
Other ¹	439	171	395	90	231	1,526	1,587	104
Total	3,898,913	4,402,488	4,198,767	108	95	36,884,192	37,561,900	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2018	August 2019	September 2019	September 2019 as % of		January to September		2019 as percent of 2018
				September 2018	August 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	10,408	11,629	11,342	109	98	97,677	97,515	100
Mature	527	539	570	108	106	6,409	5,342	83
Light	171	112	117	68	104	2,003	1,096	55
Heavy	356	427	453	127	106	4,406	4,246	96
Total	10,935	12,168	11,912	109	98	104,086	102,857	99
Turkeys								
Young	1,415	1,695	1,588	112	94	14,379	15,343	107
Old	41	40	47	115	118	375	364	97
Total	1,456	1,735	1,635	112	94	14,754	15,707	106
Ducks	82	93	91	111	98	580	695	120
Total ¹	12,476	13,996	13,641	109	97	119,423	119,267	100
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.23	0.23	0.23	100	100	0.23	0.22	96
Mature	0.83	0.77	0.84	101	109	1.04	0.91	88
Light	1.50	1.14	1.25	83	110	1.65	1.21	73
Heavy	0.68	0.71	0.77	113	108	0.89	0.86	97
Total	0.24	0.24	0.24	100	100	0.24	0.23	96
Turkeys								
Young	0.27	0.27	0.28	104	104	0.27	0.28	104
Old	0.87	0.74	1.17	134	158	1.04	0.98	94
Total	0.27	0.28	0.28	104	100	0.27	0.29	107
Ducks	0.58	0.59	0.58	100	98	0.41	0.48	117
Total ¹	0.24	0.24	0.25	104	104	0.25	0.24	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	September 2018	August 2019	September 2019	September 2019 as % of		January to September		2019 as percent of 2018
				September 2018	August 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	23,828	22,575	21,517	90	95	246,990	218,374	88
Mature	1,555	1,784	1,624	104	91	15,866	14,842	94
Light	355	375	382	108	102	3,882	3,415	88
Heavy	1,200	1,409	1,242	104	88	11,984	11,427	95
Total	25,383	24,359	23,141	91	95	262,856	233,216	89
Turkeys								
Young	6,350	7,083	6,386	101	90	61,958	63,024	102
Old	172	163	152	88	93	1,528	1,278	84
Total	6,522	7,246	6,538	100	90	63,486	64,302	101
Ducks	322	327	315	98	96	2,778	2,666	96
Other ¹	6	3	5	83	167	23	24	104
Total	32,233	31,935	29,999	93	94	329,143	300,208	91
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.69	0.58	0.58	84	100	0.77	0.66	86
Mature	3.56	3.57	3.36	94	94	3.75	3.64	97
Light	5.71	6.82	7.40	130	109	5.88	6.87	117
Heavy	3.21	3.17	2.88	90	91	3.36	3.20	95
Total	0.73	0.62	0.62	85	100	0.80	0.70	88
Turkeys								
Young	1.47	1.41	1.38	94	98	1.41	1.44	102
Old	4.55	3.87	4.75	104	123	5.32	4.40	83
Total	1.50	1.43	1.40	93	98	1.44	1.46	101
Ducks	3.06	2.77	2.70	88	97	2.61	2.48	95
Other ¹	1.35	1.72	1.25	93	73	1.48	1.49	101
Total	0.82	0.72	0.71	87	99	0.88	0.79	90

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: August and September 2019

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	1,560	1,489	611,098	596,792
Mature	-	-	140	129	81,875	62,245
Light	-	-	96	71	51,783	38,174
Heavy	-	-	44	58	30,092	24,071
Total	-	-	1,700	1,618	692,973	659,037
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	99	16	17,833	12,658
Old	-	-	5	9	985	899
Total	-	-	104	25	18,818	13,557
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	252,862	271,347	1,864	1,559	16,515	15,382
Mature	8,940	10,200	447	121	33,149	31,826
Light	4,076	5,345	198	58	13,758	16,964
Heavy	4,864	4,855	249	63	19,391	14,862
Total	261,802	281,547	2,311	1,680	49,664	47,208
Turkeys						
Young	2,845	2,762	208	165	104	83
Old	576	612	-	2	192	152
Total	3,421	3,374	208	167	296	235
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	8,010	7,975	44,464	42,702	100,706	92,947
Mature	2,236	1,152	319	296	17,747	16,064
Light	2,017	961	156	163	14,683	13,823
Heavy	219	191	163	133	3,064	2,241
Total	10,246	9,127	44,783	42,998	118,453	109,011
Turkeys						
Young	129	97	738	445	735	688
Old	8	10	16	13	107	79
Total	137	107	754	458	842	767
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	38,293	31,622	591,061	588,262	1,666,433	1,650,077
Mature	1,002	1,207	80,717	69,584	226,572	192,824
Light	30	11	29,379	32,968	116,176	108,538
Heavy	972	1,196	51,338	36,616	110,396	84,286
Total	39,295	32,829	671,778	657,846	1,893,005	1,842,901
Turkeys						
Young	386	211	9,161	10,257	32,238	27,382
Old	33	4	1,207	1,000	3,129	2,780
Total	419	215	10,368	11,257	35,367	30,162

- 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: August and September 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	97,704	96,579	542,018	534,650	5.55	5.54
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	88,921	84,284	596,266	569,767	6.71	6.76
California	23,987	20,440	146,634	127,779	6.11	6.25
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	34,501	31,392	250,059	231,107	7.25	7.36
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	110,585	107,074	680,143	661,715	6.15	6.18
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,763	6,167	31,189	28,188	4.61	4.57
Iowa	907	965	4,924	5,459	5.43	5.65
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	24,498	23,857	159,033	157,547	6.49	6.60
Louisiana	16,620	15,541	106,728	100,235	6.42	6.45
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	11,491	11,302	72,365	70,974	6.30	6.28
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	63,313	60,293	402,231	382,380	6.35	6.34
Missouri	38,793	37,246	195,540	187,865	5.04	5.04
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	119	121	576	571	4.86	4.73
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,339	2,370	11,859	11,615	5.07	4.90
North Carolina	78,484	73,925	634,113	601,493	8.08	8.14
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	12,724	12,011	91,360	87,470	7.18	7.28
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,704	10,171	60,276	57,793	5.63	5.68
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	25,140	24,785	186,563	185,247	7.42	7.47
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	27,851	25,302	151,992	138,066	5.46	5.46
Texas	60,376	58,316	391,982	385,090	6.49	6.60
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	28,777	26,042	179,642	162,658	6.24	6.25
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	804,355	766,993	5,101,461	4,887,127	6.34	6.37

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 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	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	414,912	407,841	2,167	2,036	0.52	0.50
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	447,150	429,264	2,014	1,830	0.45	0.42
California	109,394	95,833	1,166	869	1.05	0.90
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	192,717	178,530	1,185	1,150	0.61	0.64
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	512,686	496,394	3,100	3,041	0.60	0.61
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	22,824	20,570	84	64	0.37	0.31
Iowa	3,471	3,800	261	312	7.00	7.59
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	120,388	119,502	834	783	0.69	0.65
Louisiana	80,613	75,604	343	305	0.42	0.40
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	53,866	52,953	274	305	0.51	0.57
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	305,711	289,388	1,779	1,734	0.58	0.60
Missouri	143,862	137,935	599	628	0.41	0.45
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	415	406	6	6	1.37	1.47
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	7,321	7,086	209	186	2.77	2.55
North Carolina	486,184	462,402	2,315	2,229	0.47	0.48
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	68,575	65,667	282	258	0.41	0.39
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	40,933	39,260	1,106	1,054	2.63	2.61
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	140,590	139,614	865	901	0.61	0.64
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	111,927	101,792	706	689	0.63	0.67
Texas	296,451	290,489	1,858	1,843	0.62	0.63
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	128,835	117,317	400	427	0.31	0.36
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	3,841,622	3,679,509	22,575	21,517	0.58	0.58

- 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: August and September 2019

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	122	225	40,043	40,415
Arkansas	-	-	45	45	49,268	48,594
Delaware	-	-	244	415	41,919	41,247
Georgia	-	-	54	27	57,471	57,855
Mississippi	-	-	60	76	13,998	13,372
North Carolina	-	-	83	96	46,010	48,028
Texas	-	-	175	99	56,872	55,340
Virginia	-	-	19	22	16,780	15,913
United States	-	-	1,560	1,489	611,098	596,792
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	28,624	30,097	143	106	1,363	1,326
Arkansas	19,363	19,062	100	103	1,090	1,083
Delaware	21,158	20,122	54	73	577	570
Georgia	67,582	82,327	75	80	2,069	2,112
Mississippi	6,912	7,104	172	138	730	803
North Carolina	12,597	12,752	41	59	1,220	1,201
Texas	14,490	16,223	176	180	1,062	1,010
Virginia	11,907	9,979	6	10	357	340
United States	252,862	271,347	1,864	1,559	16,515	15,382
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	571	563	3,033	3,332	13,149	13,423
Arkansas	217	212	3,271	3,216	5,148	5,176
Delaware	676	715	2,537	2,129	4,153	5,095
Georgia	532	550	11,898	11,218	29,667	25,325
Mississippi	765	779	3,221	3,361	2,157	2,014
North Carolina	431	452	4,616	4,786	2,955	2,798
Texas	624	493	311	291	3,850	3,858
Virginia	622	470	753	623	1,960	1,920
United States	8,010	7,975	44,464	42,702	100,706	92,947
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	744	635	27,785	26,287	115,577	116,409
Arkansas	1,879	1,907	104,840	99,952	185,221	179,350
Delaware	3,324	3,741	9,006	12,222	83,648	86,329
Georgia	5,676	3,221	74,003	75,468	249,027	258,183
Mississippi	945	779	10,263	9,676	39,223	38,102
North Carolina	3,317	2,683	33,214	32,346	104,484	105,201
Texas	817	661	15,519	16,147	93,896	94,302
Virginia	831	701	9,615	9,172	42,850	39,150
United States	38,293	31,622	591,061	588,262	1,666,433	1,650,077

- 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: August and September 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,889	2,195	54,413	42,553	18.84	19.39
California	790	682	23,335	20,996	29.52	30.79
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(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	2,019	1,891	78,016	74,109	38.63	39.19
Iowa	1,065	1,077	43,225	45,494	40.57	42.25
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	3,757	3,415	97,233	91,692	25.88	26.85
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	969	915	33,087	30,948	34.15	33.84
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	2,045	1,808	75,620	68,672	36.98	37.98
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	554	525	24,912	23,631	44.95	45.02
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	423	332	5,834	4,631	13.80	13.95
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	6	14	30.94	31.88
Virginia	2,258	2,105	61,277	56,884	27.14	27.02
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	572	505	24,271	21,217	42.46	41.99
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	20,124	17,999	622,416	573,499	30.93	31.86

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 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	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(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	45,275	35,418	414	322	0.91	0.90
California	18,725	16,774	199	210	1.05	1.24
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(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	63,196	60,013	975	933	1.52	1.53
Iowa	34,110	35,838	588	541	1.70	1.49
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	77,907	73,568	1,028	986	1.30	1.32
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	26,587	25,019	152	184	0.57	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	59,148	53,901	472	427	0.79	0.79
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	19,905	18,897	302	271	1.49	1.41
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	4,900	3,890	49	35	0.98	0.90
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	5	11	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	48,634	45,098	899	860	1.81	1.87
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	19,192	16,806	294	241	1.51	1.42
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	496,974	457,767	7,083	6,386	1.41	1.38

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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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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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