



Poultry Slaughter

ISSN: 1949-1581

Released March 15, 2019, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

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

January 2018 contained 23 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

January 2019 contained 23 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during January 2019 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.28 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in January 2018. The December 2018 revised certified total at 3.73 billion pounds, was down 3 percent from December 2017. The December revision represented an increase of 9.7 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during January 2019 was 5.65 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 5.55 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.93 billion pounds, up 2 percent from January 2018. Mature chickens, at 69.0 million pounds, were up 5 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 641 million pounds, up 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 17.4 million pounds, down 2 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during January 2019 averaged 6.25 pounds per bird, down slightly from January 2018. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.66 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during January 2019 averaged 32.8 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from January 2018.

Ante-mortem condemnations during January 2019 totaled 14.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.26 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.27 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 37.0 million pounds, were 0.86 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.95 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2018	December 2018	January 2019	January 2019 as % of		January to January		2019 as percent of 2018
				January 2018	December 2018	2018	2019	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	772,266	689,771	787,846	102	114	772,266	787,846	102
Mature	10,188	8,831	10,360	102	117	10,188	10,360	102
Light	3,601	3,432	3,392	94	99	3,601	3,392	94
Heavy	6,587	5,399	6,968	106	129	6,587	6,968	106
Total	782,454	698,602	798,206	102	114	782,454	798,206	102
Turkeys								
Young	19,741	17,169	19,401	98	113	19,741	19,401	98
Old	112	119	116	104	97	112	116	104
Total	19,853	17,288	19,517	98	113	19,853	19,517	98
Ducks	2,510	2,361	2,445	97	104	2,510	2,445	97
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,832,536	4,287,589	4,927,449	102	115	4,832,536	4,927,449	102
Mature	65,783	55,731	69,023	105	124	65,783	69,023	105
Light	12,532	11,395	11,882	95	104	12,532	11,882	95
Heavy	53,251	44,336	57,141	107	129	53,251	57,141	107
Total	4,898,319	4,343,320	4,996,472	102	115	4,898,319	4,996,472	102
Turkeys								
Young	633,654	558,969	637,240	101	114	633,654	637,240	101
Old	3,270	3,659	3,555	109	97	3,270	3,555	109
Total	636,924	562,628	640,795	101	114	636,924	640,795	101
Ducks	17,730	16,889	17,376	98	103	17,730	17,376	98
Other ¹	212	222	201	95	91	212	201	95
Total	5,553,185	4,923,059	5,654,844	102	115	5,553,185	5,654,844	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.26	6.22	6.25	100	100	6.26	6.25	100
Mature	6.46	6.31	6.66	103	106	6.46	6.66	103
Light	3.48	3.32	3.50	101	105	3.48	3.50	101
Heavy	8.08	8.21	8.20	101	100	8.08	8.20	101
Total	6.26	6.22	6.26	100	101	6.26	6.26	100
Turkeys								
Young	32.10	32.56	32.85	102	101	32.10	32.85	102
Old	29.20	30.75	30.65	105	100	29.20	30.65	105
Total	32.08	32.54	32.83	102	101	32.08	32.83	102
Ducks	7.06	7.15	7.11	101	99	7.06	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	January 2018	December 2018	January 2019	January 2019 as % of		January to January		2019 as percent of 2018
				January 2018	December 2018	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,356,759	2,996,442	3,448,671	103	115	3,356,759	3,448,671	103
Mature	42,917	36,788	45,672	106	124	42,917	45,672	106
Light	6,384	5,829	5,955	93	102	6,384	5,955	93
Heavy	36,533	30,959	39,717	109	128	36,533	39,717	109
Total	3,399,676	3,033,230	3,494,343	103	115	3,399,676	3,494,343	103
Turkeys								
Young	308,129	282,846	315,919	103	112	308,129	315,919	103
Old	2,356	2,732	2,585	110	95	2,356	2,585	110
Total	310,485	285,578	318,504	103	112	310,485	318,504	103
Ducks	5,150	5,215	5,400	105	104	5,150	5,400	105
Other ¹	139	141	126	91	89	139	126	91
Total	3,715,450	3,324,164	3,818,373	103	115	3,715,450	3,818,373	103
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	282,212	232,296	261,391	93	113	282,212	261,391	93
Mature	-	-	77	(X)	(X)	-	77	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	77	(X)	(X)	-	77	(X)
Total	282,212	232,296	261,468	93	113	282,212	261,468	93
Turkeys								
Young	198,954	162,456	191,949	96	118	198,954	191,949	96
Old	54	59	68	126	115	54	68	126
Total	199,008	162,515	192,017	96	118	199,008	192,017	96
Ducks	7,848	7,210	7,408	94	103	7,848	7,408	94
Other ¹	11	11	10	91	91	11	10	91
Total	489,079	402,032	460,903	94	115	489,079	460,903	94
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,638,971	3,228,738	3,710,062	102	115	3,638,971	3,710,062	102
Mature	42,917	36,788	45,749	107	124	42,917	45,749	107
Light	6,384	5,829	5,955	93	102	6,384	5,955	93
Heavy	36,533	30,959	39,794	109	129	36,533	39,794	109
Total	3,681,888	3,265,526	3,755,811	102	115	3,681,888	3,755,811	102
Turkeys								
Young	507,083	445,302	507,868	100	114	507,083	507,868	100
Old	2,410	2,791	2,653	110	95	2,410	2,653	110
Total	509,493	448,093	510,521	100	114	509,493	510,521	100
Ducks	12,998	12,425	12,808	99	103	12,998	12,808	99
Other ¹	150	152	136	91	89	150	136	91
Total	4,204,529	3,726,196	4,279,276	102	115	4,204,529	4,279,276	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2018	December 2018	January 2019	January 2019 as % of		January to January		2019 as percent of 2018
				January 2018	December 2018	2018	2019	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	12,375	9,971	11,856	96	119	12,375	11,856	96
Mature	826	537	678	82	126	826	678	82
Light	202	171	179	89	105	202	179	89
Heavy	624	366	499	80	136	624	499	80
Total	13,201	10,508	12,534	95	119	13,201	12,534	95
Turkeys								
Young	1,785	1,548	1,943	109	126	1,785	1,943	109
Old	37	35	47	127	134	37	47	127
Total	1,822	1,583	1,990	109	126	1,822	1,990	109
Ducks	70	71	86	123	121	70	86	123
Total ¹	15,093	12,162	14,611	97	120	15,093	14,611	97
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.26	0.23	0.24	92	104	0.26	0.24	92
Mature	1.26	0.96	0.98	78	102	1.26	0.98	78
Light	1.61	1.50	1.51	94	101	1.61	1.51	94
Heavy	1.17	0.83	0.87	74	105	1.17	0.87	74
Total	0.27	0.24	0.25	93	104	0.27	0.25	93
Turkeys								
Young	0.28	0.28	0.30	107	107	0.28	0.30	107
Old	1.13	0.96	1.32	117	138	1.13	1.32	117
Total	0.29	0.28	0.31	107	111	0.29	0.31	107
Ducks	0.39	0.42	0.49	126	117	0.39	0.49	126
Total ¹	0.27	0.25	0.26	96	104	0.27	0.26	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	January 2018	December 2018	January 2019	January 2019 as % of		January to January		2019 as percent of 2018
				January 2018	December 2018	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	30,937	23,030	27,495	89	119	30,937	27,495	89
Mature	1,814	1,345	1,610	89	120	1,814	1,610	89
Light	434	396	445	103	112	434	445	103
Heavy	1,380	949	1,165	84	123	1,380	1,165	84
Total	32,751	24,375	29,105	89	119	32,751	29,105	89
Turkeys								
Young	7,183	6,329	7,413	103	117	7,183	7,413	103
Old	146	141	131	90	93	146	131	90
Total	7,329	6,470	7,544	103	117	7,329	7,544	103
Ducks	313	279	302	96	108	313	302	96
Other ¹	2	1	2	100	200	2	2	100
Total	40,395	31,125	36,953	91	119	40,395	36,953	91
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.84	0.71	0.74	88	104	0.84	0.74	88
Mature	4.06	3.53	3.40	84	96	4.06	3.40	84
Light	6.37	6.36	6.95	109	109	6.37	6.95	109
Heavy	3.64	2.97	2.84	78	96	3.64	2.84	78
Total	0.88	0.74	0.77	88	104	0.88	0.77	88
Turkeys								
Young	1.40	1.40	1.44	103	103	1.40	1.44	103
Old	5.71	4.81	4.71	82	98	5.71	4.71	82
Total	1.42	1.42	1.46	103	103	1.42	1.46	103
Ducks	2.35	2.20	2.30	98	105	2.35	2.30	98
Other ¹	1.32	0.65	1.45	110	223	1.32	1.45	110
Total	0.95	0.83	0.86	91	104	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: December 2018 and January 2019

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	1,768	2,047	653,304	724,777
Mature	-	-	121	110	92,861	105,619
Light	-	-	73	49	53,429	57,131
Heavy	-	-	48	61	39,432	48,488
Total	-	-	1,889	2,157	746,165	830,396
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	108	83	19,683	24,164
Old	-	-	-	2	1,193	736
Total	-	-	108	85	20,876	24,900
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	399,624	542,167	2,040	1,917	20,192	22,231
Mature	9,269	9,990	354	353	22,714	28,032
Light	2,024	2,324	71	122	12,449	13,926
Heavy	7,245	7,666	283	231	10,265	14,106
Total	408,893	552,157	2,394	2,270	42,906	50,263
Turkeys						
Young	2,726	2,990	274	190	91	22
Old	330	298	-	-	118	61
Total	3,056	3,288	274	190	209	83
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	10,415	11,369	43,142	47,992	107,499	120,827
Mature	2,835	2,063	1,129	1,379	26,298	22,020
Light	2,554	1,753	467	587	20,938	15,915
Heavy	281	310	662	792	5,360	6,105
Total	13,250	13,432	44,271	49,371	133,797	142,847
Turkeys						
Young	119	88	733	644	1,076	750
Old	11	13	33	33	90	129
Total	130	101	766	677	1,166	879
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	29,877	35,093	639,005	755,558	1,906,866	2,263,978
Mature	1,194	1,040	87,765	79,228	244,540	249,834
Light	84	56	59,606	53,435	151,695	145,298
Heavy	1,110	984	28,159	25,793	92,845	104,536
Total	31,071	36,133	726,770	834,786	2,151,406	2,513,812
Turkeys						
Young	326	325	16,528	22,855	41,664	52,111
Old	1	4	509	293	2,285	1,569
Total	327	329	17,037	23,148	43,949	53,680

- 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: December 2018 and January 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	86,052	93,602	473,392	516,117	5.50	5.51
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	74,412	88,572	488,633	585,208	6.57	6.61
California	19,891	22,629	114,700	131,468	5.77	5.81
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	30,015	34,855	220,714	254,941	7.35	7.31
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	97,706	110,739	583,126	665,047	5.97	6.01
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,985	6,015	22,762	27,319	4.57	4.54
Iowa	1,773	1,847	9,650	10,405	5.44	5.63
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	21,676	25,053	133,800	154,045	6.17	6.15
Louisiana	14,289	17,441	83,703	105,278	5.86	6.04
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	10,059	11,467	60,412	71,036	6.01	6.19
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	56,336	62,769	349,923	394,887	6.21	6.29
Missouri	32,935	38,327	162,019	193,006	4.92	5.04
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	125	119	628	583	5.03	4.91
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,293	2,458	11,039	11,991	4.81	4.88
North Carolina	57,879	74,292	465,882	596,035	8.05	8.02
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	12,161	12,766	79,975	84,996	6.58	6.66
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,193	11,076	51,100	62,020	5.56	5.60
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	23,061	26,048	180,613	197,531	7.83	7.58
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	23,241	25,183	122,450	132,711	5.27	5.27
Texas	51,967	56,653	344,366	370,752	6.63	6.54
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	24,777	27,644	150,276	168,533	6.07	6.10
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	689,771	787,846	4,287,589	4,927,449	6.22	6.25

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2018 and January 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	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	361,585	394,400	2,105	2,428	0.58	0.61
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	366,230	437,312	2,134	2,446	0.58	0.56
California	85,584	98,025	1,314	1,613	1.51	1.62
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	170,306	196,584	1,228	1,583	0.72	0.80
Florida	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Georgia	441,394	500,875	3,229	3,913	0.73	0.78
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	16,546	19,971	93	114	0.56	0.57
Iowa	6,968	7,431	344	483	4.71	6.10
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	101,480	116,650	1,011	1,313	0.99	1.11
Louisiana	62,798	78,968	239	321	0.38	0.40
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	44,663	52,860	389	541	0.86	1.01
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	268,517	303,473	1,835	2,043	0.68	0.67
Missouri	119,003	141,794	687	754	0.57	0.53
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	453	424	6	6	1.28	1.30
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,740	7,306	216	238	3.10	3.16
North Carolina	356,152	456,396	1,946	2,355	0.54	0.51
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	60,011	63,899	164	205	0.27	0.32
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	35,150	42,808	752	960	2.10	2.19
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	135,767	148,786	1,246	1,384	0.91	0.92
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	89,875	97,230	659	787	0.73	0.80
Texas	260,370	282,080	1,735	1,939	0.66	0.68
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	106,950	119,686	548	679	0.51	0.56
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	3,228,738	3,710,062	23,030	27,495	0.71	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: December 2018 and January 2019

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	144	255	47,959	54,945
Arkansas	-	-	45	45	50,663	50,965
Delaware	-	-	487	460	49,792	62,397
Georgia	-	-	3	11	57,055	67,941
Mississippi	-	-	50	84	19,303	18,944
Missouri	-	-	1	1	29,302	26,195
North Carolina	-	-	55	183	53,777	58,809
Texas	-	-	101	119	55,711	57,475
Virginia	-	-	57	36	18,061	22,203
United States	-	-	1,768	2,047	653,304	724,777

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	31,966	32,031	305	146	2,031	2,020
Arkansas	19,593	19,209	108	100	1,135	1,140
Delaware	36,779	63,336	69	42	706	879
Georgia	97,131	139,263	168	88	2,402	2,378
Mississippi	9,397	8,960	72	106	1,028	973
Missouri	3,610	2,884	17	16	486	373
North Carolina	20,832	29,103	75	84	1,284	1,433
Texas	16,885	16,978	101	105	978	1,007
Virginia	17,305	25,565	18	8	605	648
United States	399,624	542,167	2,040	1,917	20,192	22,231

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	734	658	4,164	4,896	18,959	21,906
Arkansas	231	208	3,361	3,623	5,023	5,018
Delaware	656	784	2,329	2,177	2,793	3,500
Georgia	475	633	13,236	13,822	31,137	36,244
Mississippi	688	620	2,445	2,293	1,558	1,413
Missouri	56	49	245	216	1,512	1,437
North Carolina	449	420	3,718	3,927	2,861	2,968
Texas	365	371	326	329	3,816	3,798
Virginia	657	679	734	839	1,848	2,096
United States	10,415	11,369	43,142	47,992	107,499	120,827

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	830	2,260	34,924	38,946	142,016	158,063
Arkansas	1,862	1,848	103,187	111,385	185,208	193,541
Delaware	2,029	3,553	7,978	8,702	103,618	145,830
Georgia	8,715	7,952	74,178	89,838	284,500	358,170
Mississippi	237	295	11,538	11,895	46,316	45,583
Missouri	61	50	20,350	19,481	55,640	50,702
North Carolina	3,444	2,467	29,327	36,357	115,822	135,751
Texas	851	912	15,354	15,494	94,488	96,588
Virginia	721	544	12,798	18,979	52,804	71,597
United States	29,877	35,093	639,005	755,558	1,906,866	2,263,978

- 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: December 2018 and January 2019

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,598	3,085	49,882	59,381	19.20	19.25
California	781	705	25,438	22,706	32.57	32.18
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	1,651	1,994	66,803	81,392	40.46	40.82
Iowa	1,075	1,294	47,126	57,046	43.84	44.09
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,056	2,950	85,069	86,630	27.84	29.37
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	715	904	27,086	32,305	37.89	35.72
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	1,661	1,958	64,787	76,350	39.01	38.99
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	432	479	20,333	22,985	47.12	47.95
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(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	358	509	5,182	7,859	14.48	15.44
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	7	1	230	37	34.38	33.14
Virginia	2,123	2,418	59,584	67,858	28.07	28.06
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	511	523	22,725	23,257	44.50	44.50
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	17,169	19,401	558,969	637,240	32.56	32.85

- Represents zero.

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

Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2018 and January 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	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	41,383	49,466	336	415	0.81	0.83
California	20,118	18,101	228	162	1.12	0.88
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
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)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	54,051	65,996	810	927	1.48	1.38
Iowa	36,977	44,666	618	869	1.64	1.91
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	67,756	69,076	1,011	1,068	1.47	1.52
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	21,828	26,132	106	146	0.48	0.55
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	50,358	59,430	370	400	0.73	0.67
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	16,136	18,340	240	282	1.46	1.51
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Pennsylvania	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	4,426	6,402	35	52	0.78	0.80
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	170	29	1	-	0.41	(X)
Virginia	47,622	54,126	820	925	1.69	1.68
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	17,980	18,395	240	271	1.32	1.45
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	445,302	507,868	6,329	7,413	1.40	1.44

- 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.

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.

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.

Information Contacts

Listed below are the commodity specialists in the Livestock Branch of the National Agricultural Statistics Service to contact for additional information. E-mail inquiries may be sent to nass@nass.usda.gov

Travis Averill, Chief, Livestock Branch	(202) 720-3570
Tony Dorn, Head, Poultry and Specialty Commodities Section	(202) 690-3223
Holly Brenize – Poultry Slaughter.....	(202) 720-0585
Alissa Cowell-Mytar – Cold Storage, Capacity of Refrigerated Warehouses	(202) 720-4751
Liana Cuffman – Catfish and Trout, Egg Products, Mink, Census of Aquaculture	(202) 720-8784
Fatema Haque – Broiler Hatchery, Chicken Hatchery	(202) 720-3244
Kim Linonis – Layers, Eggs	(202) 690-3676
Adam Peters – Turkey Hatchery, Turkeys Raised	(202) 690-3237
Erica Sadler – Cost of Pollination, Honey, Honey Bee Colonies	(202) 720-6147

Access to NASS Reports

For your convenience, you may access NASS reports and products the following ways:

- All reports are available electronically, at no cost, on the NASS web site: www.nass.usda.gov
- Both national and state specific reports are available via a free e-mail subscription. To set-up this free subscription, visit www.nass.usda.gov and click on “National” or “State” in upper right corner above “search” box to create an account and select the reports you would like to receive.
- Cornell’s Mann Library has launched a new website housing NASS’s and other agency’s archived reports. The new website, <https://usda.library.cornell.edu>. All email subscriptions containing reports will be sent from the new website, <https://usda.library.cornell.edu>. To continue receiving the reports via e-mail, you will have to go to the new website, create a new account and re-subscribe to the reports. If you need instructions to set up an account or subscribe, they are located at: <https://usda.library.cornell.edu/help>. You should whitelist notifications@usda-esmis.library.cornell.edu in your email client to avoid the emails going into spam/junk folders.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Agricultural Statistics Hotline at (800) 727-9540, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET, or e-mail: nass@nass.usda.gov.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#) (PDF), found online at www.ascr.usda.gov/filing-program-discrimination-complaint-usda-customer, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.



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

University of Chicago – Gleacher Center
450 North Cityfront Plaza Drive
Chicago, IL 60611
312-464-8787

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service will hold an open forum for users of U.S. domestic and international agriculture data. NASS is organizing the 2019 Data Users' Meeting in cooperation with five other USDA agencies – Agricultural Marketing Service, Economic Research Service, Farm Service Agency, Foreign Agricultural Service, and World Agricultural Outlook Board – and the Census Bureau's Foreign Trade Division. Agency representatives will provide updates on recent and pending changes in statistical and information programs important to agriculture, answer questions, and welcome comments and input from data users.

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.

The Data Users' Meeting precedes the Industry Outlook Conference at the same location on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. The outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss developments and trends. For registration details or additional information about the Industry Outlook Conference, see the conference page on the LMIC website (<http://lmic.info/page/meetings>). Or contact Laura Lahr at 303-716-9935 or laura.lahr@lmic.info.