



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 1 Percent from Last Year

**Poultry certified wholesome** during January 2012 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.62 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the amount certified in January 2011. The December 2011 revised certified total at 3.37 billion pounds, was down 9 percent from December 2010. The December revision represented an increase of 1.69 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during January 2012 was 4.80 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 4.84 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.12 billion pounds, down 1 percent from January 2011. Mature chickens, at 67.9 million pounds, were up 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 600 million pounds, up 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.3 million pounds, down 1 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during January 2012 averaged 5.84 pounds per bird, down slightly from January 2011. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.29 pounds per bird, down 4 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during January 2012 averaged 30.9 pounds per bird, up slightly from January 2011.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during January 2012 totaled 10.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.27 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.7 million pounds, were 0.95 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.04 percent a year earlier.

**January 2011** contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

**January 2012** contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2011	December 2011	January 2012	January 2012 as % of		January to date		2012 as percent of 2011
				January 2011	December 2011	2011	2012	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Number slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	713,525	658,722	706,114	99	107	713,525	706,114	99
Mature .....	11,596	11,560	12,845	111	111	11,596	12,845	111
Light .....	5,895	5,596	6,975	118	125	5,895	6,975	118
Heavy .....	5,701	5,964	5,870	103	98	5,701	5,870	103
Total .....	725,121	670,282	718,959	99	107	725,121	718,959	99
Turkeys								
Young .....	18,750	18,897	19,291	103	102	18,750	19,291	103
Old .....	96	102	110	115	108	96	110	115
Total .....	18,846	18,999	19,401	103	102	18,846	19,401	103
Ducks .....	2,097	2,233	2,104	100	94	2,097	2,104	100
	(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 .....	4,176,056	3,809,326	4,122,182	99	108	4,176,056	4,122,182	99
Mature .....	63,864	64,566	67,936	106	105	63,864	67,936	106
Light .....	18,697	18,038	22,570	121	125	18,697	22,570	121
Heavy .....	45,167	46,528	45,366	100	98	45,167	45,366	100
Total .....	4,239,920	3,873,892	4,190,118	99	108	4,239,920	4,190,118	99
Turkeys								
Young .....	578,561	572,335	597,390	103	104	578,561	597,390	103
Old .....	2,631	2,587	2,810	107	109	2,631	2,810	107
Total .....	581,192	574,922	600,200	103	104	581,192	600,200	103
Ducks .....	14,430	15,201	14,322	99	94	14,430	14,322	99
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	164	201	177	108	88	164	177	108
Total .....	4,835,706	4,464,216	4,804,817	99	108	4,835,706	4,804,817	99
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	5.85	5.78	5.84	100	101	5.85	5.84	100
Mature .....	5.51	5.59	5.29	96	95	5.51	5.29	96
Light .....	3.17	3.22	3.24	102	101	3.17	3.24	102
Heavy .....	7.92	7.80	7.73	98	99	7.92	7.73	98
Total .....	5.85	5.78	5.83	100	101	5.85	5.83	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	30.86	30.29	30.97	100	102	30.86	30.97	100
Old .....	27.41	25.36	25.55	93	101	27.41	25.55	93
Total .....	30.84	30.26	30.94	100	102	30.84	30.94	100
Ducks .....	6.88	6.81	6.81	99	100	6.88	6.81	99

<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	January 2011	December 2011	January 2012	January 2012 as % of		January to date		2012 as percent of 2011
				January 2011	December 2011	2011	2012	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	2,857,406	2,599,817	2,811,706	98	108	2,857,406	2,811,706	98
Mature .....	39,801	41,398	43,249	109	104	39,801	43,249	109
Light .....	9,927	9,425	11,899	120	126	9,927	11,899	120
Heavy .....	29,874	31,973	31,350	105	98	29,874	31,350	105
Total .....	2,897,207	2,641,215	2,854,955	99	108	2,897,207	2,854,955	99
Turkeys								
Young .....	299,238	295,880	296,140	99	100	299,238	296,140	99
Old .....	1,952	1,940	2,097	107	108	1,952	2,097	107
Total .....	301,190	297,820	298,237	99	100	301,190	298,237	99
Ducks .....	3,896	4,227	3,979	102	94	3,896	3,979	102
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	84	134	119	142	89	84	119	142
Total .....	3,202,377	2,943,396	3,157,290	99	107	3,202,377	3,157,290	99
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	270,081	255,942	277,400	103	108	270,081	277,400	103
Mature .....	9	-	-	(X)	(X)	9	-	(X)
Light .....	9	-	-	(X)	(X)	9	-	(X)
Heavy .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total .....	270,090	255,942	277,400	103	108	270,090	277,400	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	161,672	161,036	178,390	110	111	161,672	178,390	110
Old .....	94	53	52	55	98	94	52	55
Total .....	161,766	161,089	178,442	110	111	161,766	178,442	110
Ducks .....	6,456	6,765	6,436	100	95	6,456	6,436	100
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	25	7	7	28	100	25	7	28
Total .....	438,337	423,803	462,285	105	109	438,337	462,285	105
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,127,487	2,855,759	3,089,106	99	108	3,127,487	3,089,106	99
Mature .....	39,810	41,398	43,249	109	104	39,810	43,249	109
Light .....	9,936	9,425	11,899	120	126	9,936	11,899	120
Heavy .....	29,874	31,973	31,350	105	98	29,874	31,350	105
Total .....	3,167,297	2,897,157	3,132,355	99	108	3,167,297	3,132,355	99
Turkeys								
Young .....	460,910	456,916	474,530	103	104	460,910	474,530	103
Old .....	2,046	1,993	2,149	105	108	2,046	2,149	105
Total .....	462,956	458,909	476,679	103	104	462,956	476,679	103
Ducks .....	10,352	10,992	10,415	101	95	10,352	10,415	101
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	109	141	126	116	89	109	126	116
Total .....	3,640,714	3,367,199	3,619,575	99	107	3,640,714	3,619,575	99

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2011	December 2011	January 2012	January 2012 as % of		January to date		2012 as percent of 2011
				January 2011	December 2011	2011	2012	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	10,362	7,557	8,160	79	108	10,362	8,160	79
Mature .....	1,000	632	1,044	104	165	1,000	1,044	104
Light .....	244	289	487	200	169	244	487	200
Heavy .....	756	343	557	74	162	756	557	74
Total .....	11,362	8,189	9,204	81	112	11,362	9,204	81
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,607	1,250	1,413	88	113	1,607	1,413	88
Old .....	21	21	36	171	171	21	36	171
Total .....	1,628	1,271	1,449	89	114	1,628	1,449	89
Ducks .....	50	31	34	68	110	50	34	68
Total .....	13,040	9,491	10,687	82	113	13,040	10,687	82
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.25	0.20	0.20	80	100	0.25	0.20	80
Mature .....	1.57	0.98	1.54	98	157	1.57	1.54	98
Light .....	1.31	1.60	2.16	165	135	1.31	2.16	165
Heavy .....	1.67	0.74	1.23	74	166	1.67	1.23	74
Total .....	0.27	0.21	0.22	81	105	0.27	0.22	81
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.28	0.22	0.24	86	109	0.28	0.24	86
Old .....	0.80	0.81	1.28	160	158	0.80	1.28	160
Total .....	0.28	0.22	0.24	86	109	0.28	0.24	86
Ducks .....	0.35	0.20	0.24	69	120	0.35	0.24	69
Total .....	0.27	0.21	0.22	81	105	0.27	0.22	81

<sup>1</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2011	December 2011	January 2012	January 2012 as % of		January to date		2012 as percent of 2011
				January 2011	December 2011	2011	2012	
	(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 .....	28,556	23,407	25,836	90	110	28,556	25,836	90
Mature .....	2,358	2,218	2,163	92	98	2,358	2,163	92
Light .....	687	1,076	1,087	158	101	687	1,087	158
Heavy .....	1,671	1,142	1,076	64	94	1,671	1,076	64
Total .....	30,914	25,625	27,999	91	109	30,914	27,999	91
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	6,897	6,114	6,333	92	104	6,897	6,333	92
Old .....	85	83	99	116	119	85	99	116
Total .....	6,982	6,197	6,432	92	104	6,982	6,432	92
Ducks .....	292	323	236	81	73	292	236	81
Other .....	1	1	2	200	200	1	2	200
Total .....	38,189	32,146	34,669	91	108	38,189	34,669	91
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.90	0.81	0.83	92	102	0.90	0.83	92
Mature .....	5.59	5.09	4.76	85	94	5.59	4.76	85
Light .....	6.47	10.25	8.37	129	82	6.47	8.37	129
Heavy .....	5.30	3.45	3.32	63	96	5.30	3.32	63
Total .....	0.97	0.88	0.89	92	101	0.97	0.89	92
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.47	1.32	1.32	90	100	1.47	1.32	90
Old .....	3.99	4.00	4.40	110	110	3.99	4.40	110
Total .....	1.49	1.33	1.33	89	100	1.49	1.33	89
Ducks .....	2.74	2.85	2.22	81	78	2.74	2.22	81
Other .....	0.91	0.70	1.56	171	223	0.91	1.56	171
Total .....	1.04	0.95	0.95	91	100	1.04	0.95	91

<sup>1</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

**Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States: December 2011 and January 2012**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	3,815	4,969	659,000	709,439
Mature .....	-	-	1,068	1,822	136,199	191,633
Light .....	-	-	847	1,749	103,663	156,527
Heavy .....	-	-	221	73	32,536	35,106
Total .....	-	-	4,883	6,791	795,199	901,072
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	52	35	33,749	33,529
Old .....	-	-	-	-	936	1,228
Total .....	-	-	52	35	34,685	34,757
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	416,678	465,642	2,731	2,801	29,772	32,997
Mature .....	8,240	10,248	422	448	41,073	48,484
Light .....	3,980	6,143	184	134	35,157	42,634
Heavy .....	4,260	4,105	238	314	5,916	5,850
Total .....	424,918	475,890	3,153	3,249	70,845	81,481
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	3,535	4,381	1,298	1,520	169	125
Old .....	103	215	1	1	51	161
Total .....	3,638	4,596	1,299	1,521	220	286
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	9,266	10,854	62,158	67,548	100,493	91,284
Mature .....	17,334	18,618	4,104	3,410	38,137	88,496
Light .....	16,872	18,065	3,054	2,417	28,605	81,687
Heavy .....	462	553	1,050	993	9,532	6,809
Total .....	26,600	29,472	66,262	70,958	138,630	179,780
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	189	117	1,309	1,479	1,309	1,441
Old .....	2	1	3	7	10	16
Total .....	191	118	1,312	1,486	1,319	1,457
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	17,814	15,337	668,576	732,756	1,970,303	2,133,627
Mature .....	598	260	109,631	109,935	356,806	473,354
Light .....	164	141	67,482	59,634	260,008	369,131
Heavy .....	434	119	42,149	50,301	96,798	104,223
Total .....	18,412	15,597	778,207	842,691	2,327,109	2,606,981
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	445	509	14,845	17,390	56,900	60,526
Old .....	15	2	27	351	1,148	1,982
Total .....	460	511	14,872	17,741	58,048	62,508

- 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, Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: December 2011 and January 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number 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 .....	76,531	81,717	428,128	463,869	5.59	5.68
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	68,558	75,003	393,500	438,180	5.74	5.84
California .....	20,977	22,823	120,325	129,778	5.74	5.69
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware .....	25,540	26,585	178,500	188,777	6.99	7.10
Florida .....	4,766	5,158	29,450	31,689	6.18	6.14
Georgia .....	99,332	102,858	544,120	566,556	5.48	5.51
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	4,626	4,896	20,671	21,510	4.47	4.39
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	23,427	26,304	127,001	148,707	5.42	5.65
Louisiana .....	13,550	14,984	84,213	95,038	6.22	6.34
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	9,754	9,393	51,242	51,454	5.25	5.48
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,526	3,628	19,395	20,229	5.50	5.58
Mississippi .....	56,123	60,284	334,691	361,716	5.96	6.00
Missouri .....	33,758	35,120	162,650	170,160	4.82	4.85
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	143	149	693	697	4.83	4.68
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	1,575	1,779	8,013	9,133	5.09	5.13
North Carolina .....	55,892	62,017	390,065	434,273	6.98	7.00
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	4,303	4,184	28,153	27,046	6.54	6.46
Oklahoma .....	9,104	9,022	67,467	63,027	7.41	6.99
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	10,037	11,441	55,477	63,196	5.53	5.52
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	22,792	23,794	155,989	162,940	6.84	6.85
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	21,969	25,475	112,672	133,027	5.13	5.22
Texas .....	49,097	52,509	278,239	304,241	5.67	5.79
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	24,590	26,318	130,929	140,685	5.32	5.35
Washington .....	4,297	4,781	25,352	27,832	5.90	5.82
West Virginia .....	8,676	9,571	34,775	38,122	4.01	3.98
Wisconsin .....	3,900	4,432	16,730	19,416	4.29	4.38
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	658,722	706,114	3,809,326	4,122,182	5.78	5.84

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2011 and January 2012

[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>	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	323,466	352,037	2,755	3,020	0.84	0.85
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	295,913	328,985	2,394	2,911	0.80	0.88
California .....	89,340	96,569	775	843	0.86	0.87
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware .....	128,434	134,861	1,346	1,584	1.04	1.16
Florida .....	21,840	23,767	97	131	0.44	0.55
Georgia .....	410,079	427,706	3,071	3,247	0.74	0.75
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	15,033	15,692	69	81	0.45	0.51
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	92,848	108,050	589	785	0.63	0.72
Louisiana .....	62,300	70,002	358	410	0.57	0.58
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	36,694	37,187	596	702	1.60	1.85
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	16,064	16,653	164	169	1.01	1.01
Mississippi .....	262,034	281,145	1,684	1,935	0.64	0.68
Missouri .....	120,466	125,423	1,197	1,113	0.98	0.88
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	496	500	11	9	2.19	1.76
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	4,866	5,551	164	216	3.27	3.74
North Carolina .....	303,094	338,711	2,993	3,166	0.98	0.93
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	20,948	20,138	297	298	1.40	1.46
Oklahoma .....	50,540	47,377	310	254	0.61	0.53
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	38,228	43,849	610	698	1.57	1.57
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	117,363	120,371	530	708	0.45	0.58
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	81,769	97,121	761	771	0.92	0.79
Texas .....	206,130	226,531	1,559	1,493	0.75	0.65
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	94,057	100,809	521	725	0.55	0.71
Washington .....	18,902	20,792	110	120	0.58	0.57
West Virginia .....	24,985	27,391	81	83	0.32	0.30
Wisconsin .....	12,241	14,220	97	113	0.79	0.79
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	2,855,759	3,089,106	23,407	25,836	0.81	0.83

- 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, Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: December 2011 and January 2012

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	135	196	66,459	68,972
Arkansas .....	-	-	274	223	65,996	70,877
Delaware .....	-	-	549	623	34,154	39,456
Georgia .....	-	-	361	374	50,216	58,629
Mississippi .....	-	-	218	398	27,565	31,447
Missouri .....	-	-	116	84	65,150	58,324
North Carolina .....	-	-	680	818	65,779	77,956
Texas .....	-	-	98	113	47,635	48,289
Virginia .....	-	-	36	47	15,529	20,422
United States .....	-	-	3,815	4,969	659,000	709,439

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	51,459	56,115	292	290	1,452	1,748
Arkansas .....	28,622	33,392	822	834	1,529	1,771
Delaware .....	33,664	53,454	39	29	3,179	3,257
Georgia .....	46,418	44,210	115	91	3,216	4,158
Mississippi .....	10,807	11,857	78	105	655	612
Missouri .....	20,351	22,659	83	97	1,624	1,400
North Carolina .....	46,971	58,536	161	160	6,428	7,289
Texas .....	24,490	22,989	212	121	1,121	1,240
Virginia .....	18,580	31,518	21	28	1,387	1,437
United States .....	416,678	465,642	2,731	2,801	29,772	32,997

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	979	1,170	5,528	5,247	10,321	12,998
Arkansas .....	743	777	5,971	6,914	5,414	5,667
Delaware .....	838	983	2,508	2,903	3,594	3,872
Georgia .....	696	638	12,713	14,116	8,415	8,241
Mississippi .....	691	921	1,895	2,017	2,526	2,809
Missouri .....	295	275	2,759	2,106	6,620	7,078
North Carolina .....	1,005	1,161	11,003	12,420	15,563	6,640
Texas .....	387	406	2,099	2,580	3,719	4,136
Virginia .....	411	434	948	930	1,438	1,955
United States .....	9,266	10,854	62,158	67,548	100,493	91,284

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,440	977	89,823	98,362	227,888	246,075
Arkansas .....	783	290	77,223	68,868	187,377	189,613
Delaware .....	3,353	1,864	30,293	31,819	112,171	138,260
Georgia .....	1,415	2,019	79,597	79,174	203,162	211,650
Mississippi .....	748	533	32,398	35,726	77,581	86,425
Missouri .....	271	133	24,019	39,040	121,288	131,196
North Carolina .....	2,789	2,892	68,292	70,529	218,671	238,401
Texas .....	502	883	36,282	36,730	116,545	117,487
Virginia .....	743	872	18,121	34,165	57,214	91,808
United States .....	17,814	15,337	668,576	732,756	1,970,303	2,133,627

- 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, Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: December 2011 and January 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number 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 .....	2,744	2,600	53,354	53,721	19.44	20.66
California .....	1,149	792	31,976	21,809	27.82	27.54
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	1,406	1,465	53,004	55,603	37.69	37.95
Iowa .....	1,040	1,223	42,084	51,582	40.47	42.18
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	2,983	3,458	82,521	90,663	27.67	26.22
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	1,151	1,127	39,462	39,971	34.29	35.48
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	2,235	2,389	78,391	80,591	35.08	33.73
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	448	439	19,510	19,342	43.55	44.05
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Pennsylvania .....	523	477	11,517	11,799	22.02	24.72
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	641	590	10,029	8,698	15.66	14.73
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	2,130	2,218	55,811	57,864	26.21	26.09
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	18,897	19,291	572,335	597,390	30.29	30.97

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## Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2011 and January 2012

[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>	
	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 .....	44,435	43,256	371	346	0.83	0.79
California .....	25,699	17,354	350	230	1.34	1.31
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	42,819	44,655	682	735	1.57	1.62
Iowa .....	33,127	40,727	606	720	1.80	1.74
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	65,879	72,069	1,112	1,303	1.66	1.78
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	31,972	32,574	348	315	1.08	0.96
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
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 .....	61,657	63,006	420	382	0.68	0.60
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	15,489	15,318	302	264	1.91	1.69
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	9,173	9,198	197	237	2.10	2.51
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	8,114	7,084	53	57	0.65	0.79
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	43,375	45,554	482	446	1.10	0.97
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	456,916	474,530	6,114	6,333	1.32	1.32

- 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 310 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2011. Young chickens were slaughtered in 36 States, young turkeys in 29 States.

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