



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 1 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during April 2012 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.52 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the amount certified in April 2011. The March 2012 revised certified total at 3.60 billion pounds, was down 7 percent from March 2011. The March revision represented an increase of 430 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during April 2012 was 4.66 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 4.60 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.99 billion pounds, up 1 percent from April 2011. Mature chickens, at 65.7 million pounds, were down 1 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 597 million pounds, up 4 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.6 million pounds, up 1 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during April 2012 averaged 5.84 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from April 2011. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.06 pounds per bird, down 10 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during April 2012 averaged 30.2 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from April 2011.

Ante-mortem condemnations during April 2012 totaled 9.30 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.20 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 33.3 million pounds, were 0.93 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.98 percent a year earlier.

April 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

April 2012 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2011	March 2012	April 2012	April 2012 as % of		January to April		2012 as percent of 2011
				April 2011	March 2012	2011	2012	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Number slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	686,762	699,205	683,160	99	98	2,823,916	2,763,862	98
Mature	11,776	12,264	12,978	110	106	47,353	49,143	104
Light	5,991	7,148	7,952	133	111	24,031	27,643	115
Heavy	5,785	5,116	5,026	87	98	23,322	21,500	92
Total	698,538	711,469	696,138	100	98	2,871,269	2,813,005	98
Turkeys								
Young	18,970	20,457	19,630	103	96	76,594	78,309	102
Old	91	108	146	160	135	457	463	101
Total	19,061	20,565	19,776	104	96	77,051	78,772	102
Ducks	1,949	2,037	1,986	102	97	8,028	8,104	101
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	3,953,271	4,060,530	3,986,517	101	98	16,326,195	16,110,245	99
Mature	66,345	63,477	65,650	99	103	264,258	258,109	98
Light	19,175	22,630	25,439	133	112	76,666	88,740	116
Heavy	47,170	40,847	40,211	85	98	187,592	169,369	90
Total	4,019,616	4,124,007	4,052,167	101	98	16,590,453	16,368,354	99
Turkeys								
Young	569,129	626,292	593,195	104	95	2,319,876	2,400,113	103
Old	2,354	2,899	3,695	157	127	12,205	12,040	99
Total	571,483	629,191	596,890	104	95	2,332,081	2,412,153	103
Ducks	13,385	13,784	13,584	101	99	55,073	55,179	100
Other ¹	173	170	173	100	102	603	669	111
Total	4,604,657	4,767,152	4,662,814	101	98	18,978,210	18,836,355	99
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.76	5.81	5.84	101	101	5.78	5.83	101
Mature	5.63	5.18	5.06	90	98	5.58	5.25	94
Light	3.20	3.17	3.20	100	101	3.19	3.21	101
Heavy	8.15	7.98	8.00	98	100	8.04	7.88	98
Total	5.75	5.80	5.82	101	100	5.78	5.82	101
Turkeys								
Young	30.00	30.62	30.22	101	99	30.29	30.65	101
Old	25.87	26.84	25.31	98	94	26.71	26.00	97
Total	29.98	30.60	30.18	101	99	30.27	30.62	101
Ducks	6.87	6.77	6.84	100	101	6.86	6.81	99

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	April 2011	March 2012	April 2012	April 2012 as % of		January to April		2012 as percent of 2011
				April 2011	March 2012	2011	2012	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,704,614	2,750,898	2,722,408	101	99	11,184,839	10,950,800	98
Mature	40,250	40,052	41,482	103	104	161,123	163,588	102
Light	10,110	12,110	13,677	135	113	41,034	47,252	115
Heavy	30,140	27,942	27,805	92	100	120,089	116,336	97
Total	2,744,864	2,790,950	2,763,890	101	99	11,345,962	11,114,388	98
Turkeys								
Young	293,035	305,501	291,160	99	95	1,188,582	1,185,685	100
Old	1,794	2,147	2,766	154	129	9,129	8,940	98
Total	294,829	307,648	293,926	100	96	1,197,711	1,194,625	100
Ducks	3,298	3,668	3,602	109	98	14,110	14,940	106
Other ¹	97	114	114	118	100	341	446	131
Total	3,043,088	3,102,380	3,061,532	101	99	12,558,124	12,324,399	98
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	268,907	292,782	271,994	101	93	1,078,920	1,133,105	105
Mature	-	-	105	(X)	(X)	385	105	27
Light	-	-	105	(X)	(X)	288	105	36
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	97	-	(X)
Total	268,907	292,782	272,099	101	93	1,079,305	1,133,210	105
Turkeys								
Young	160,771	194,363	184,024	114	95	659,322	728,732	111
Old	27	84	85	315	101	296	252	85
Total	160,798	194,447	184,109	114	95	659,618	728,984	111
Ducks	6,342	6,330	6,214	98	98	25,512	25,118	98
Other ¹	24	6	7	29	117	70	26	37
Total	436,071	493,565	462,429	106	94	1,764,505	1,887,338	107
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	2,973,521	3,043,680	2,994,402	101	98	12,263,759	12,083,905	99
Mature	40,250	40,052	41,587	103	104	161,508	163,693	101
Light	10,110	12,110	13,782	136	114	41,322	47,357	115
Heavy	30,140	27,942	27,805	92	100	120,186	116,336	97
Total	3,013,771	3,083,732	3,035,989	101	98	12,425,267	12,247,598	99
Turkeys								
Young	453,806	499,864	475,184	105	95	1,847,904	1,914,417	104
Old	1,821	2,231	2,851	157	128	9,425	9,192	98
Total	455,627	502,095	478,035	105	95	1,857,329	1,923,609	104
Ducks	9,640	9,998	9,816	102	98	39,622	40,058	101
Other ¹	121	120	121	100	101	411	472	115
Total	3,479,159	3,595,945	3,523,961	101	98	14,322,629	14,211,737	99

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2011	March 2012	April 2012	April 2012 as % of		January to April		2012 as percent of 2011
				April 2011	March 2012	2011	2012	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	7,615	7,488	7,368	97	98	35,732	30,618	86
Mature	923	707	643	70	91	3,818	2,960	78
Light	214	305	293	137	96	968	1,326	137
Heavy	709	402	350	49	87	2,850	1,634	57
Total	8,538	8,195	8,011	94	98	39,550	33,578	85
Turkeys								
Young	1,347	1,485	1,223	91	82	6,222	5,485	88
Old	23	27	34	148	126	115	110	96
Total	1,370	1,512	1,257	92	83	6,337	5,595	88
Ducks	36	29	30	83	103	181	123	68
Total	9,944	9,736	9,298	94	96	46,068	39,296	85
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.19	0.18	0.18	95	100	0.22	0.19	86
Mature	1.39	1.11	0.98	71	88	1.44	1.15	80
Light	1.12	1.35	1.15	103	85	1.26	1.49	118
Heavy	1.50	0.98	0.87	58	89	1.52	0.96	63
Total	0.21	0.20	0.20	95	100	0.24	0.21	88
Turkeys								
Young	0.24	0.24	0.21	88	88	0.27	0.23	85
Old	0.98	0.93	0.92	94	99	0.94	0.91	97
Total	0.24	0.24	0.21	88	88	0.27	0.23	85
Ducks	0.27	0.21	0.22	81	105	0.33	0.22	67
Total	0.22	0.20	0.20	91	100	0.24	0.21	88

¹ Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2011	March 2012	April 2012	April 2012 as % of		January to April		2012 as percent of 2011
				April 2011	March 2012	2011	2012	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	24,537	25,996	24,531	100	94	107,554	102,263	95
Mature	3,061	2,044	2,185	71	107	11,601	8,450	73
Light	1,227	1,097	1,228	100	112	4,338	4,285	99
Heavy	1,834	947	957	52	101	7,263	4,165	57
Total	27,598	28,040	26,716	97	95	119,155	110,713	93
Turkeys								
Young	6,594	6,551	6,130	93	94	28,177	25,140	89
Old	78	83	121	155	146	409	373	91
Total	6,672	6,634	6,251	94	94	28,586	25,513	89
Ducks	239	250	292	122	117	1,074	1,040	97
Other	1	1	1	100	100	4	5	125
Total	34,510	34,925	33,260	96	95	148,819	137,271	92
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.82	0.85	0.81	99	95	0.87	0.84	97
Mature	7.07	4.86	4.99	71	103	6.70	4.91	73
Light	10.82	8.31	8.18	76	98	9.50	8.30	87
Heavy	5.74	3.28	3.33	58	102	5.70	3.46	61
Total	0.91	0.90	0.87	96	97	0.95	0.90	95
Turkeys								
Young	1.43	1.29	1.27	89	98	1.50	1.30	87
Old	4.11	3.59	4.07	99	113	4.16	3.90	94
Total	1.44	1.30	1.29	90	99	1.52	1.31	86
Ducks	2.42	2.44	2.89	119	118	2.64	2.53	96
Other	0.82	0.83	0.82	100	99	0.96	1.05	109
Total	0.98	0.96	0.93	95	97	1.03	0.96	93

¹ Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States: March and April 2012

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	8,544	9,663	692,933	669,683
Mature	-	-	1,376	1,549	140,565	209,253
Light	-	-	1,282	1,455	104,745	172,704
Heavy	-	-	94	94	35,820	36,549
Total	-	-	9,920	11,212	833,498	878,936
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	50	60	33,250	28,887
Old	-	-	1	11	669	1,188
Total	-	-	51	71	33,919	30,075
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	520,069	430,222	2,880	3,216	30,726	26,073
Mature	10,386	12,614	213	172	43,550	49,601
Light	5,670	6,761	142	138	37,738	44,669
Heavy	4,716	5,853	71	34	5,812	4,932
Total	530,455	442,836	3,093	3,388	74,276	75,674
Turkeys						
Young	5,467	3,884	1,166	1,293	157	129
Old	225	193	1	5	86	105
Total	5,692	4,077	1,167	1,298	243	234
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	10,475	10,486	57,280	57,657	96,853	93,960
Mature	13,890	17,744	2,448	2,888	60,853	86,362
Light	13,442	17,278	1,709	2,114	55,534	80,569
Heavy	448	466	739	774	5,319	5,793
Total	24,365	28,230	59,728	60,545	157,706	180,322
Turkeys						
Young	122	118	1,382	1,382	1,419	1,402
Old	3	13	23	19	43	37
Total	125	131	1,405	1,401	1,462	1,439
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	19,979	16,772	772,976	831,659	2,212,715	2,149,391
Mature	657	406	82,651	95,378	356,589	475,967
Light	281	186	49,250	56,284	269,793	382,158
Heavy	376	220	33,401	39,094	86,796	93,809
Total	20,636	17,178	855,627	927,037	2,569,304	2,625,358
Turkeys						
Young	497	498	16,446	12,502	59,956	50,155
Old	2	1	217	282	1,270	1,854
Total	499	499	16,663	12,784	61,226	52,009

- 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, Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: March and April 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	85,074	82,100	483,063	457,971	5.68	5.58
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	74,329	71,480	433,191	416,763	5.83	5.83
California	21,480	20,920	125,704	120,144	5.85	5.74
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	25,768	24,766	182,029	176,490	7.06	7.13
Florida	5,145	4,924	28,963	28,164	5.63	5.72
Georgia	100,401	99,450	542,764	548,641	5.41	5.52
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,938	4,682	22,042	21,229	4.46	4.53
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,287	24,763	140,778	137,620	5.57	5.56
Louisiana	15,066	14,726	94,822	93,629	6.29	6.36
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	10,073	10,280	53,006	56,148	5.26	5.46
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,575	3,357	20,222	19,309	5.66	5.75
Mississippi	60,749	59,098	366,312	360,180	6.03	6.09
Missouri	35,363	34,288	170,279	162,926	4.82	4.75
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	143	139	644	662	4.51	4.74
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,844	1,569	9,452	8,027	5.13	5.12
North Carolina	60,763	59,090	432,325	422,216	7.11	7.15
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	3,864	4,809	25,735	28,736	6.66	5.98
Oklahoma	8,383	8,888	57,735	61,395	6.89	6.91
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11,641	10,576	64,202	58,944	5.51	5.57
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	22,865	23,089	156,117	158,908	6.83	6.88
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	26,065	25,605	129,836	130,817	4.98	5.11
Texas	50,968	49,875	289,750	288,342	5.68	5.78
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	25,817	24,890	139,794	137,879	5.41	5.54
Washington	4,300	4,039	26,094	24,084	6.07	5.96
West Virginia	9,242	9,651	37,107	38,570	4.01	4.00
Wisconsin	4,129	4,194	17,467	17,724	4.23	4.23
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	699,205	683,160	4,060,530	3,986,517	5.81	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: March and April 2012

[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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	366,984	347,737	3,338	2,941	0.90	0.84
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	327,664	314,873	2,946	2,738	0.89	0.86
California	93,237	89,100	827	838	0.88	0.93
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	130,962	127,627	1,690	1,552	1.27	1.20
Florida	21,581	21,126	116	115	0.53	0.54
Georgia	403,817	414,706	3,182	3,164	0.78	0.76
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	15,818	15,470	74	79	0.47	0.51
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	100,189	99,912	651	667	0.65	0.66
Louisiana	70,060	68,536	337	310	0.48	0.45
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	38,296	40,464	774	563	1.98	1.37
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	16,510	15,048	142	172	0.85	1.13
Mississippi	285,166	276,854	1,906	1,854	0.66	0.67
Missouri	128,995	123,192	1,241	1,026	0.95	0.83
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	462	473	10	10	2.03	1.98
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,672	4,782	278	229	4.68	4.58
North Carolina	334,695	327,831	3,117	2,988	0.92	0.90
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	19,296	21,465	189	172	0.97	0.80
Oklahoma	43,374	46,113	256	298	0.59	0.64
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	44,402	40,778	679	650	1.51	1.57
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	115,398	117,696	716	697	0.62	0.59
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	95,491	96,353	767	777	0.80	0.80
Texas	218,482	218,818	1,393	1,294	0.63	0.59
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	100,466	99,076	803	856	0.79	0.86
Washington	19,482	17,960	121	123	0.62	0.68
West Virginia	26,633	27,685	78	81	0.29	0.29
Wisconsin	12,713	12,961	126	118	0.98	0.90
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,043,680	2,994,402	25,996	24,531	0.85	0.81

- 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, Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: March and April 2012

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	140	142	67,898	62,990
Arkansas	-	-	183	295	67,779	61,815
Delaware	-	-	2,451	4,163	44,155	38,801
Georgia	-	-	234	529	53,869	52,103
Mississippi	-	-	659	635	25,386	25,035
Missouri	-	-	74	78	54,629	50,589
North Carolina	-	-	1,125	520	75,406	72,933
Texas	-	-	112	116	38,171	38,644
Virginia	-	-	70	48	21,841	19,114
United States	-	-	8,544	9,663	692,933	669,683

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	67,734	42,516	252	277	2,118	1,632
Arkansas	31,175	24,501	658	847	1,354	1,180
Delaware	52,856	39,797	52	53	3,438	2,378
Georgia	35,626	32,224	87	196	3,135	3,116
Mississippi	8,791	8,116	124	152	588	492
Missouri	21,453	16,566	102	132	1,233	944
North Carolina	54,709	44,988	158	105	7,140	6,197
Texas	14,724	13,636	119	65	989	826
Virginia	42,150	38,060	18	13	1,226	1,089
United States	520,069	430,222	2,880	3,216	30,726	26,073

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,165	1,126	5,063	4,904	12,226	13,108
Arkansas	731	725	5,952	5,828	5,873	6,588
Delaware	1,023	1,015	2,221	2,286	4,316	5,043
Georgia	531	549	11,234	12,267	8,501	8,482
Mississippi	1,141	1,070	2,363	2,254	3,820	2,779
Missouri	283	226	1,558	1,453	5,870	5,396
North Carolina	953	959	10,602	10,891	6,554	5,490
Texas	411	425	2,046	1,994	4,338	4,661
Virginia	487	361	740	429	1,703	1,754
United States	10,475	10,486	57,280	57,657	96,853	93,960

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	2,298	1,498	101,571	112,959	260,465	241,152
Arkansas	520	279	75,981	110,738	190,206	212,796
Delaware	2,975	1,875	42,366	40,645	155,853	136,056
Georgia	2,844	1,707	86,269	103,465	202,330	214,638
Mississippi	749	1,274	40,322	33,796	83,943	75,603
Missouri	91	342	54,101	49,696	139,394	125,422
North Carolina	3,653	3,636	62,535	58,293	222,835	204,012
Texas	1,308	608	36,382	29,386	98,600	90,361
Virginia	432	873	50,452	64,079	119,119	125,820
United States	19,979	16,772	772,976	831,659	2,212,715	2,149,391

- 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, Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: March and April 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Arkansas	2,921	2,939	59,235	57,571	20.28	19.59
California	1,092	1,146	30,836	32,707	28.25	28.55
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,514	1,401	55,842	51,781	36.88	36.95
Iowa	1,255	1,234	52,526	51,080	41.84	41.39
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,526	3,514	94,053	92,378	26.67	26.29
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	1,232	1,146	41,676	37,723	33.83	32.91
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	2,322	2,367	77,608	78,120	33.43	33.00
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	477	421	20,412	17,729	42.77	42.10
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	500	457	12,652	12,439	25.30	27.20
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	538	537	8,190	8,033	15.21	14.96
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,367	2,045	63,973	55,919	27.03	27.35
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	20,457	19,630	626,292	593,195	30.62	30.22

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: March and April 2012

[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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Arkansas	48,824	47,432	427	312	0.87	0.65
California	24,665	26,492	227	265	0.91	0.99
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	45,151	41,942	714	717	1.56	1.68
Iowa	41,281	40,173	768	772	1.83	1.89
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(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	74,832	73,946	1,203	1,182	1.58	1.57
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	33,896	30,713	348	301	1.02	0.97
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	60,008	61,532	412	427	0.68	0.69
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	16,304	14,147	323	273	1.94	1.90
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	9,872	9,854	190	163	1.89	1.62
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	6,654	6,372	47	51	0.69	0.80
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	51,391	45,161	559	470	1.08	1.03
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	499,864	475,184	6,551	6,130	1.29	1.27

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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 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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