



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 5 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during June 2012 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.67 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the amount certified in June 2011. The May 2012 revised certified total at 3.86 billion pounds, was up 1 percent from May 2011. The May revision represented an increase of 214 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during June 2012 was 4.86 billion pounds, down 5 percent from 5.11 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.14 billion pounds, down 5 percent from June 2011. Mature chickens, at 75.9 million pounds, were down 4 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 634 million pounds, down 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.3 million pounds, down 6 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during June 2012 averaged 5.86 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from June 2011. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.73 pounds per bird, down 5 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during June 2012 averaged 30.0 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from June 2011.

Ante-mortem condemnations during June 2012 totaled 10.9 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 33.1 million pounds, were 0.89 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.93 percent a year earlier.

June 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

June 2012 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	June 2011	May 2012	June 2012	June 2012 as % of		January to June		2012 as percent of 2011
				June 2011	May 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	752,493	749,248	706,126	94	94	4,321,805	4,219,267	98
Mature	13,109	14,205	13,248	101	93	73,043	76,596	105
Light	5,298	7,910	6,266	118	79	35,753	41,819	117
Heavy	7,811	6,295	6,982	89	111	37,290	34,777	93
Total	765,602	763,453	719,374	94	94	4,394,848	4,295,863	98
Turkeys								
Young	22,061	21,660	20,972	95	97	119,117	120,941	102
Old	142	152	127	89	84	692	742	107
Total	22,203	21,812	21,099	95	97	119,809	121,683	102
Ducks	2,070	2,104	1,962	95	93	12,153	12,185	100
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,370,138	4,370,322	4,135,622	95	95	25,027,102	24,615,823	98
Mature	79,041	74,833	75,905	96	101	413,776	408,847	99
Light	17,107	25,212	20,747	121	82	114,570	134,699	118
Heavy	61,934	49,621	55,158	89	111	299,206	274,148	92
Total	4,449,179	4,445,155	4,211,527	95	95	25,440,878	25,024,670	98
Turkeys								
Young	646,388	646,704	630,317	98	97	3,584,176	3,677,134	103
Old	3,830	4,086	3,334	87	82	18,428	19,460	106
Total	650,218	650,790	633,651	97	97	3,602,604	3,696,594	103
Ducks	14,095	14,288	13,255	94	93	83,212	82,821	100
Other ¹	219	207	279	127	135	991	1,155	117
Total	5,113,711	5,110,440	4,858,712	95	95	29,127,685	28,805,240	99
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.81	5.83	5.86	101	101	5.79	5.83	101
Mature	6.03	5.27	5.73	95	109	5.66	5.34	94
Light	3.23	3.19	3.31	102	104	3.20	3.22	101
Heavy	7.93	7.88	7.90	100	100	8.02	7.88	98
Total	5.81	5.82	5.85	101	101	5.79	5.83	101
Turkeys								
Young	29.30	29.86	30.06	103	101	30.09	30.40	101
Old	26.97	26.88	26.25	97	98	26.63	26.23	98
Total	29.29	29.84	30.03	103	101	30.07	30.38	101
Ducks	6.81	6.79	6.76	99	100	6.85	6.80	99

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	June 2011	May 2012	June 2012	June 2012 as % of		January to June		2012 as percent of 2011
				June 2011	May 2012	2011	2012	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,988,204	2,990,363	2,833,998	95	95	17,158,303	16,775,007	98
Mature	48,530	47,558	49,125	101	103	252,506	260,271	103
Light	9,213	13,503	11,061	120	82	61,375	71,816	117
Heavy	39,317	34,055	38,064	97	112	191,131	188,455	99
Total	3,036,734	3,037,921	2,883,123	95	95	17,410,809	17,035,278	98
Turkeys								
Young	313,913	305,135	299,356	95	98	1,803,265	1,790,176	99
Old	2,794	2,982	2,450	88	82	13,700	14,372	105
Total	316,707	308,117	301,806	95	98	1,816,965	1,804,548	99
Ducks	3,278	3,736	3,351	102	90	20,830	22,110	106
Other ¹	156	139	185	119	133	610	770	126
Total	3,356,875	3,349,913	3,188,465	95	95	19,249,214	18,862,706	98
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	296,376	287,678	271,219	92	94	1,641,150	1,691,525	103
Mature	760	180	83	11	46	1,162	368	32
Light	-	180	38	(X)	21	305	323	106
Heavy	760	-	45	6	(X)	857	45	5
Total	297,136	287,858	271,302	91	94	1,642,312	1,691,893	103
Turkeys								
Young	202,428	211,775	204,270	101	96	1,055,551	1,144,777	108
Old	154	57	112	73	196	509	421	83
Total	202,582	211,832	204,382	101	96	1,056,060	1,145,198	108
Ducks	6,879	6,600	6,229	91	94	39,090	37,947	97
Other ¹	4	8	8	200	100	84	42	50
Total	506,601	506,298	481,921	95	95	2,737,546	2,875,080	105
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,284,580	3,278,041	3,105,217	95	95	18,799,453	18,466,532	98
Mature	49,290	47,738	49,208	100	103	253,668	260,639	103
Light	9,213	13,683	11,099	120	81	61,680	72,139	117
Heavy	40,077	34,055	38,109	95	112	191,988	188,500	98
Total	3,333,870	3,325,779	3,154,425	95	95	19,053,121	18,727,171	98
Turkeys								
Young	516,341	516,910	503,626	98	97	2,858,816	2,934,953	103
Old	2,948	3,039	2,562	87	84	14,209	14,793	104
Total	519,289	519,949	506,188	97	97	2,873,025	2,949,746	103
Ducks	10,157	10,336	9,580	94	93	59,920	60,057	100
Other ¹	160	147	193	121	131	694	812	117
Total	3,863,476	3,856,211	3,670,386	95	95	21,986,760	21,737,786	99

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	June 2011	May 2012	June 2012	June 2012 as % of		January to June		2012 as percent of 2011
				June 2011	May 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	9,189	8,004	8,305	90	104	53,390	46,928	88
Mature	683	727	963	141	132	5,156	4,650	90
Light	254	335	351	138	105	1,457	2,012	138
Heavy	429	392	612	143	156	3,699	2,638	71
Total	9,872	8,731	9,268	94	106	58,546	51,578	88
Turkeys								
Young	1,580	1,330	1,544	98	116	9,132	8,359	92
Old	23	31	48	209	155	155	189	122
Total	1,603	1,361	1,592	99	117	9,287	8,548	92
Ducks	54	32	51	94	159	284	206	73
Total	11,529	10,125	10,912	95	108	68,117	60,334	89
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.21	0.18	0.20	95	111	0.21	0.19	90
Mature	0.86	0.97	1.27	148	131	1.25	1.14	91
Light	1.48	1.33	1.69	114	127	1.27	1.49	117
Heavy	0.69	0.79	1.11	161	141	1.24	0.96	77
Total	0.22	0.20	0.22	100	110	0.23	0.21	91
Turkeys								
Young	0.24	0.21	0.24	100	114	0.25	0.23	92
Old	0.60	0.76	1.44	240	189	0.84	0.97	115
Total	0.25	0.21	0.25	100	119	0.26	0.23	88
Ducks	0.38	0.22	0.38	100	173	0.34	0.25	74
Total	0.23	0.20	0.22	96	110	0.23	0.21	91

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

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	June 2011	May 2012	June 2012	June 2012 as % of		January to June		2012 as percent of 2011
				June 2011	May 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	25,401	26,090	23,989	94	92	159,311	152,352	96
Mature	3,060	2,545	2,287	75	90	17,555	13,282	76
Light	864	1,284	1,014	117	79	6,336	6,583	104
Heavy	2,196	1,261	1,273	58	101	11,219	6,699	60
Total	28,461	28,635	26,276	92	92	176,866	165,634	94
Turkeys								
Young	7,396	6,854	6,415	87	94	42,735	38,409	90
Old	106	111	121	114	109	608	605	100
Total	7,502	6,965	6,536	87	94	43,343	39,014	90
Ducks	283	261	242	86	93	1,620	1,543	95
Other	1	2	2	200	100	6	9	150
Total	36,247	35,863	33,056	91	92	221,835	206,200	93
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.77	0.79	0.77	100	97	0.84	0.82	98
Mature	5.85	5.06	4.44	76	88	6.47	4.85	75
Light	8.57	8.58	8.37	98	98	9.32	8.36	90
Heavy	5.19	3.57	3.23	62	90	5.52	3.43	62
Total	0.85	0.85	0.83	98	98	0.92	0.88	96
Turkeys								
Young	1.41	1.31	1.26	89	96	1.47	1.29	88
Old	3.47	3.52	4.51	130	128	4.10	3.93	96
Total	1.42	1.32	1.27	89	96	1.49	1.31	88
Ducks	2.71	2.46	2.46	91	100	2.63	2.50	95
Other	0.62	1.34	1.03	166	77	0.86	1.10	128
Total	0.93	0.92	0.89	96	97	1.00	0.94	94

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

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States: May and June 2012

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	13,460	11,368	726,701	667,618
Mature	-	-	1,535	995	170,232	75,966
Light	-	-	1,447	917	132,433	38,412
Heavy	-	-	88	78	37,799	37,554
Total	-	-	14,995	12,363	896,933	743,584
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	50	62	29,398	25,855
Old	-	-	1	-	665	1,079
Total	-	-	51	62	30,063	26,934
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	374,600	243,131	2,642	3,237	26,365	22,216
Mature	15,061	9,690	394	200	49,067	36,110
Light	8,903	3,663	346	131	42,230	31,171
Heavy	6,158	6,027	48	69	6,837	4,939
Total	389,661	252,821	3,036	3,437	75,432	58,326
Turkeys						
Young	3,057	3,297	1,744	821	132	144
Old	233	282	1	2	150	123
Total	3,290	3,579	1,745	823	282	267
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	10,823	10,183	62,089	55,318	93,737	90,048
Mature	17,588	8,669	3,634	3,677	74,327	62,393
Light	16,739	8,250	2,639	1,994	67,906	49,507
Heavy	849	419	995	1,683	6,421	12,886
Total	28,411	18,852	65,723	58,995	168,064	152,441
Turkeys						
Young	135	159	1,430	1,548	1,740	1,931
Old	5	4	30	13	40	29
Total	140	163	1,460	1,561	1,780	1,960
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	20,184	14,953	875,327	815,164	2,205,928	1,933,236
Mature	259	297	94,814	98,679	426,795	296,676
Light	96	105	45,485	55,181	318,108	189,331
Heavy	163	192	49,329	43,498	108,687	107,345
Total	20,443	15,250	970,141	913,843	2,632,723	2,229,912
Turkeys						
Young	246	546	15,729	13,690	53,661	48,053
Old	3	-	450	604	1,578	2,136
Total	249	546	16,179	14,294	55,239	50,189

- 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: May and June 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	89,136	82,757	490,877	457,495	5.51	5.53
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	75,973	72,303	446,459	431,651	5.88	5.97
California	23,444	23,946	136,868	136,533	5.84	5.70
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	27,769	26,194	195,411	183,920	7.04	7.02
Florida	5,104	4,812	29,763	29,334	5.83	6.10
Georgia	106,213	102,119	594,465	570,127	5.60	5.58
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,982	4,657	21,987	20,790	4.41	4.46
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,960	25,044	142,840	140,675	5.50	5.62
Louisiana	16,331	14,632	100,893	94,531	6.18	6.46
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	11,439	11,446	59,913	60,966	5.24	5.33
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,390	3,943	26,956	23,147	6.14	5.87
Mississippi	65,785	62,021	400,985	373,141	6.10	6.02
Missouri	38,071	35,212	184,937	170,405	4.86	4.84
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	171	145	842	673	4.93	4.63
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,704	1,629	8,744	8,355	5.13	5.13
North Carolina	67,023	63,708	473,295	453,587	7.06	7.12
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	5,823	6,054	32,396	34,797	5.56	5.75
Oklahoma	10,421	9,366	68,163	61,774	6.54	6.60
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11,715	10,892	65,281	59,697	5.57	5.48
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	24,494	23,314	169,429	161,596	6.92	6.93
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	27,950	26,422	144,447	136,432	5.17	5.16
Texas	55,161	50,126	320,899	293,114	5.82	5.85
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	28,633	25,702	156,478	141,754	5.47	5.52
Washington	4,770	4,504	27,110	27,054	5.68	6.01
West Virginia	10,143	8,874	39,735	34,996	3.92	3.94
Wisconsin	4,651	4,336	19,456	18,001	4.18	4.15
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	749,248	706,126	4,370,322	4,135,622	5.83	5.86

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: May and June 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	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	373,438	347,930	3,092	2,891	0.82	0.82
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	338,857	324,621	2,869	2,683	0.84	0.82
California	101,504	101,156	1,014	838	0.99	0.82
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	141,017	133,050	1,745	1,395	1.22	1.04
Florida	22,188	22,001	114	108	0.51	0.49
Georgia	450,007	433,555	3,230	2,964	0.71	0.68
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	16,147	15,282	94	79	0.58	0.51
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	103,741	101,890	744	795	0.71	0.77
Louisiana	75,792	71,188	345	323	0.45	0.45
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	43,503	44,224	646	434	1.46	0.97
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	22,362	19,338	197	155	0.87	0.80
Mississippi	307,902	287,795	2,088	1,928	0.67	0.67
Missouri	136,614	125,550	1,071	1,012	0.78	0.80
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	607	483	10	11	1.69	2.19
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,245	5,082	192	182	3.54	3.45
North Carolina	363,982	351,947	3,281	3,241	0.89	0.91
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	24,161	25,792	219	256	0.90	0.98
Oklahoma	51,233	46,581	333	311	0.65	0.66
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	45,036	41,191	631	624	1.38	1.49
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	125,145	119,402	785	694	0.62	0.58
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	106,235	100,251	749	699	0.70	0.69
Texas	241,553	220,485	1,321	1,130	0.54	0.51
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	110,565	100,210	747	627	0.67	0.62
Washington	20,270	20,221	139	111	0.68	0.55
West Virginia	28,480	25,107	89	90	0.31	0.36
Wisconsin	14,232	13,171	123	107	0.86	0.81
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,278,041	3,105,217	26,090	23,989	0.79	0.77

- 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: May and June 2012

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	387	204	69,031	66,302
Arkansas	-	-	248	263	67,993	68,869
Delaware	-	-	5,800	4,836	44,097	38,403
Georgia	-	-	458	211	54,187	48,554
Mississippi	-	-	1,158	758	26,903	23,985
Missouri	-	-	72	79	48,107	44,654
North Carolina	-	-	689	1,022	81,109	76,800
Texas	-	-	72	51	42,116	41,134
Virginia	-	-	98	131	18,322	15,373
United States	-	-	13,460	11,368	726,701	667,618

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	41,106	24,673	392	352	1,529	1,219
Arkansas	25,128	18,747	637	843	956	787
Delaware	44,375	26,327	38	67	2,737	2,831
Georgia	35,340	22,815	52	120	2,908	2,418
Mississippi	9,482	8,843	159	143	557	499
Missouri	16,168	13,061	114	129	922	761
North Carolina	45,560	30,100	127	188	6,851	5,281
Texas	10,918	9,345	84	74	768	750
Virginia	20,357	11,083	17	4	1,272	955
United States	374,600	243,131	2,642	3,237	26,365	22,216

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,250	1,155	4,661	4,202	13,760	13,016
Arkansas	660	747	6,331	6,542	5,983	6,478
Delaware	1,133	957	2,567	2,730	4,706	4,312
Georgia	593	448	11,931	11,444	7,498	8,008
Mississippi	1,147	1,042	2,485	2,094	2,716	2,663
Missouri	185	196	1,689	1,474	5,647	4,812
North Carolina	1,186	977	12,310	9,516	7,306	8,072
Texas	388	460	2,377	2,402	5,435	5,313
Virginia	425	431	408	391	1,835	2,397
United States	10,823	10,183	62,089	55,318	93,737	90,048

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,922	1,224	113,078	135,276	247,116	247,623
Arkansas	343	213	147,014	107,769	255,293	211,258
Delaware	1,787	1,912	49,178	25,046	156,418	107,421
Georgia	2,566	2,124	110,121	106,037	225,654	202,179
Mississippi	773	593	37,995	42,029	83,375	82,649
Missouri	348	191	53,114	48,182	126,366	113,539
North Carolina	4,357	3,019	68,353	78,230	227,848	213,205
Texas	1,280	1,558	32,731	32,128	96,169	93,215
Virginia	782	262	46,301	40,695	89,817	71,722
United States	20,184	14,953	875,327	815,164	2,205,928	1,933,236

- 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: May and June 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Arkansas	3,012	2,890	58,634	57,160	19.46	19.78
California	1,258	1,205	35,311	33,185	28.08	27.53
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,517	1,501	57,576	57,258	37.96	38.14
Iowa	1,329	1,246	54,359	51,381	40.89	41.23
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	-	-	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,989	4,005	100,013	99,515	25.07	24.84
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	1,200	1,150	41,256	38,461	34.37	33.44
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	2,731	2,662	88,191	91,647	32.29	34.43
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	456	445	18,947	18,092	41.52	40.62
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Pennsylvania	499	511	13,118	12,636	26.28	24.71
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	624	560	9,476	9,690	15.20	17.29
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,332	2,167	63,034	58,187	27.03	26.85
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	21,660	20,972	646,704	630,317	29.86	30.06

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: May and June 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	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Arkansas	48,087	47,774	313	295	0.65	0.61
California	28,710	26,531	224	242	0.77	0.90
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	46,482	46,248	891	812	1.88	1.72
Iowa	42,778	40,169	805	725	1.85	1.77
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	79,792	79,570	1,426	1,365	1.76	1.69
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	33,607	31,319	292	259	0.86	0.82
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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	69,057	71,394	473	480	0.68	0.67
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	15,130	14,425	290	254	1.88	1.73
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,190	9,980	191	164	1.84	1.61
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	7,726	8,001	63	72	0.81	0.89
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	50,671	47,024	543	469	1.06	0.99
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	516,910	503,626	6,854	6,415	1.31	1.26

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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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