



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 4 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during July 2012 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.68 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the amount certified in July 2011. The June 2012 revised certified total at 3.67 billion pounds, was down 5 percent from June 2011. The June revision represented an increase of 489 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during July 2012 was 4.87 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 4.68 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.17 billion pounds, up 3 percent from July 2011. Mature chickens, at 68.9 million pounds, were down 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 621 million pounds, up 10 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 12.4 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during July 2012 averaged 5.76 pounds per bird, down slightly from July 2011. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.09 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during July 2012 averaged 29.3 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from July 2011.

Ante-mortem condemnations during July 2012 totaled 11.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 32.5 million pounds, were 0.88 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.92 percent a year earlier.

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

July 2012 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012	July 2012 as % of		January to July		2012 as percent of 2011
				July 2011	June 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	699,465	706,126	722,546	103	102	5,021,270	4,941,813	98
Mature	12,162	13,236	11,304	93	85	85,205	87,888	103
Light	5,004	6,254	4,453	89	71	40,757	46,260	114
Heavy	7,158	6,982	6,851	96	98	44,448	41,628	94
Total	711,627	719,362	733,850	103	102	5,106,475	5,029,701	98
Turkeys								
Young	19,247	20,985	21,104	110	101	138,364	142,058	103
Old	122	127	119	98	94	814	861	106
Total	19,369	21,112	21,223	110	101	139,178	142,919	103
Ducks	1,758	1,962	1,824	104	93	13,911	14,009	101
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,035,393	4,135,595	4,165,248	103	101	29,062,495	28,781,044	99
Mature	72,948	75,860	68,873	94	91	486,724	477,675	98
Light	16,223	20,702	13,939	86	67	130,793	148,593	114
Heavy	56,725	55,158	54,934	97	100	355,931	329,082	92
Total	4,108,341	4,211,455	4,234,121	103	101	29,549,219	29,258,719	99
Turkeys								
Young	559,828	630,893	617,916	110	98	4,144,004	4,295,626	104
Old	3,198	3,334	3,105	97	93	21,626	22,565	104
Total	563,026	634,227	621,021	110	98	4,165,630	4,318,191	104
Ducks	11,871	13,255	12,397	104	94	95,083	95,218	100
Other ¹	180	279	361	201	129	1,171	1,516	129
Total	4,683,418	4,859,216	4,867,900	104	100	33,811,103	33,673,644	100
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.77	5.86	5.76	100	98	5.79	5.82	101
Mature	6.00	5.73	6.09	102	106	5.71	5.44	95
Light	3.24	3.31	3.13	97	95	3.21	3.21	100
Heavy	7.92	7.90	8.02	101	102	8.01	7.91	99
Total	5.77	5.85	5.77	100	99	5.79	5.82	101
Turkeys								
Young	29.09	30.06	29.28	101	97	29.95	30.24	101
Old	26.21	26.25	26.09	100	99	26.57	26.21	99
Total	29.07	30.04	29.26	101	97	29.93	30.21	101
Ducks	6.75	6.76	6.80	101	101	6.84	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	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012	July 2012 as % of		January to July		2012 as percent of 2011
				July 2011	June 2012	2011	2012	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,749,104	2,834,059	2,822,917	103	100	19,907,407	19,597,985	98
Mature	46,203	49,100	43,428	94	88	298,709	303,674	102
Light	8,797	11,036	7,624	87	69	70,172	79,415	113
Heavy	37,406	38,064	35,804	96	94	228,537	224,259	98
Total	2,795,307	2,883,159	2,866,345	103	99	20,206,116	19,901,659	98
Turkeys								
Young	275,496	299,813	293,355	106	98	2,078,761	2,083,988	100
Old	2,092	2,450	2,285	109	93	15,792	16,657	105
Total	277,588	302,263	295,640	107	98	2,094,553	2,100,645	100
Ducks	2,850	3,351	3,205	112	96	23,680	25,315	107
Other ¹	118	185	234	198	126	728	1,004	138
Total	3,075,863	3,188,958	3,165,424	103	99	22,325,077	22,028,623	99
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	281,785	271,215	303,165	108	112	1,922,935	1,994,686	104
Mature	25	83	-	(X)	(X)	1,187	368	31
Light	-	38	-	(X)	(X)	305	323	106
Heavy	25	45	-	(X)	(X)	882	45	5
Total	281,810	271,298	303,165	108	112	1,924,122	1,995,054	104
Turkeys								
Young	170,179	204,270	201,497	118	99	1,225,730	1,346,274	110
Old	326	112	49	15	44	835	470	56
Total	170,505	204,382	201,546	118	99	1,226,565	1,346,744	110
Ducks	5,662	6,229	5,691	101	91	44,752	43,638	98
Other ¹	7	8	11	157	138	91	53	58
Total	457,984	481,917	510,413	111	106	3,195,530	3,385,489	106
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,030,889	3,105,274	3,126,082	103	101	21,830,342	21,592,671	99
Mature	46,228	49,183	43,428	94	88	299,896	304,042	101
Light	8,797	11,074	7,624	87	69	70,477	79,738	113
Heavy	37,431	38,109	35,804	96	94	229,419	224,304	98
Total	3,077,117	3,154,457	3,169,510	103	100	22,130,238	21,896,713	99
Turkeys								
Young	445,675	504,083	494,852	111	98	3,304,491	3,430,262	104
Old	2,418	2,562	2,334	97	91	16,627	17,127	103
Total	448,093	506,645	497,186	111	98	3,321,118	3,447,389	104
Ducks	8,512	9,580	8,896	105	93	68,432	68,953	101
Other ¹	125	193	245	196	127	819	1,057	129
Total	3,533,847	3,670,875	3,675,837	104	100	25,520,607	25,414,112	100

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012	July 2012 as % of		January to July		2012 as percent of 2011
				July 2011	June 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	9,060	8,303	9,175	101	111	62,450	56,101	90
Mature	664	963	622	94	65	5,820	5,272	91
Light	222	351	158	71	45	1,679	2,170	129
Heavy	442	612	464	105	76	4,141	3,102	75
Total	9,724	9,266	9,797	101	106	68,270	61,373	90
Turkeys								
Young	1,597	1,546	1,780	111	115	10,729	10,141	95
Old	49	48	52	106	108	204	241	118
Total	1,646	1,594	1,832	111	115	10,933	10,382	95
Ducks	70	51	79	113	155	354	285	81
Total	11,440	10,912	11,709	102	107	79,557	72,043	91
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.22	0.20	0.22	100	110	0.21	0.19	90
Mature	0.91	1.27	0.90	99	71	1.20	1.10	92
Light	1.37	1.70	1.13	82	66	1.28	1.46	114
Heavy	0.78	1.11	0.84	108	76	1.16	0.94	81
Total	0.24	0.22	0.23	96	105	0.23	0.21	91
Turkeys								
Young	0.29	0.25	0.29	100	116	0.26	0.24	92
Old	1.53	1.44	1.67	109	116	0.94	1.07	114
Total	0.29	0.25	0.29	100	116	0.26	0.24	92
Ducks	0.59	0.38	0.64	108	168	0.37	0.30	81
Total	0.24	0.22	0.24	100	109	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	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012	July 2012 as % of		January to July		2012 as percent of 2011
				July 2011	June 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	23,331	23,989	23,501	101	98	182,642	175,853	96
Mature	2,767	2,287	1,843	67	81	20,322	15,125	74
Light	863	1,014	588	68	58	7,199	7,171	100
Heavy	1,904	1,273	1,255	66	99	13,123	7,954	61
Total	26,098	26,276	25,344	97	96	202,964	190,978	94
Turkeys								
Young	6,538	6,419	6,840	105	107	49,273	45,253	92
Old	106	121	104	98	86	714	709	99
Total	6,644	6,540	6,944	105	106	49,987	45,962	92
Ducks	191	242	215	113	89	1,811	1,758	97
Other	1	2	3	300	150	7	12	171
Total	32,934	33,060	32,506	99	98	254,769	238,710	94
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.76	0.77	0.75	99	97	0.83	0.81	98
Mature	5.65	4.44	4.07	72	92	6.35	4.74	75
Light	8.93	8.39	7.16	80	85	9.27	8.25	89
Heavy	4.84	3.23	3.39	70	105	5.41	3.42	63
Total	0.84	0.83	0.79	94	95	0.91	0.86	95
Turkeys								
Young	1.45	1.26	1.36	94	108	1.47	1.30	88
Old	4.20	4.51	4.27	102	95	4.12	3.98	97
Total	1.46	1.27	1.38	95	109	1.48	1.32	89
Ducks	2.19	2.46	2.36	108	96	2.58	2.49	97
Other	0.79	1.03	1.21	153	117	0.85	1.12	132
Total	0.92	0.89	0.88	96	99	0.99	0.93	94

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

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

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	11,368	8,333	667,618	664,242
Mature	-	-	995	655	75,857	74,086
Light	-	-	917	582	38,303	38,804
Heavy	-	-	78	73	37,554	35,282
Total	-	-	12,363	8,988	743,475	738,328
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	62	33	25,868	31,414
Old	-	-	-	1	1,079	686
Total	-	-	62	34	26,947	32,100
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	243,131	202,970	3,237	3,880	22,216	22,629
Mature	9,660	9,387	200	328	36,109	24,912
Light	3,633	3,085	131	66	31,170	19,515
Heavy	6,027	6,302	69	262	4,939	5,397
Total	252,791	212,357	3,437	4,208	58,325	47,541
Turkeys						
Young	3,299	5,042	823	850	144	198
Old	282	267	2	-	123	117
Total	3,581	5,309	825	850	267	315
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	10,183	11,124	55,318	55,325	90,048	92,010
Mature	8,668	3,267	3,606	2,417	62,392	31,182
Light	8,249	2,964	1,923	1,696	49,506	22,885
Heavy	419	303	1,683	721	12,886	8,297
Total	18,851	14,391	58,924	57,742	152,440	123,192
Turkeys						
Young	159	235	1,548	1,711	1,931	1,958
Old	4	4	13	8	29	22
Total	163	239	1,561	1,719	1,960	1,980
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	14,953	16,255	815,164	764,085	1,933,236	1,840,853
Mature	295	731	98,874	72,966	296,461	219,931
Light	103	142	55,376	26,237	189,116	115,976
Heavy	192	589	43,498	46,729	107,345	103,955
Total	15,248	16,986	914,038	837,051	2,229,697	2,060,784
Turkeys						
Young	546	481	13,690	14,733	48,070	56,655
Old	-	-	604	271	2,136	1,376
Total	546	481	14,294	15,004	50,206	58,031

- 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: June and July 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	82,757	87,054	457,495	472,710	5.53	5.43
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	72,303	75,875	431,651	448,548	5.97	5.91
California	23,946	22,613	136,533	130,205	5.70	5.76
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	26,194	25,827	183,920	178,821	7.02	6.92
Florida	4,812	5,219	29,334	31,678	6.10	6.07
Georgia	102,119	104,386	570,027	570,596	5.58	5.47
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,657	4,842	20,790	21,349	4.46	4.41
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,044	25,749	140,675	141,164	5.62	5.48
Louisiana	14,632	16,086	94,604	100,375	6.47	6.24
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	11,446	11,344	60,966	59,828	5.33	5.27
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,943	4,163	23,147	24,234	5.87	5.82
Mississippi	62,021	62,538	373,141	368,665	6.02	5.90
Missouri	35,212	35,285	170,405	168,813	4.84	4.78
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	145	161	673	774	4.63	4.81
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,629	1,716	8,355	8,693	5.13	5.07
North Carolina	63,708	62,030	453,587	436,374	7.12	7.03
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	6,054	5,560	34,797	30,060	5.75	5.41
Oklahoma	9,366	11,498	61,774	77,879	6.60	6.77
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,892	10,772	59,697	58,661	5.48	5.45
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	23,314	23,662	161,596	159,744	6.93	6.75
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	26,422	26,886	136,432	137,947	5.16	5.13
Texas	50,126	52,556	293,114	303,149	5.85	5.77
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	25,702	25,995	141,754	139,519	5.52	5.37
Washington	4,504	4,476	27,054	27,257	6.01	6.09
West Virginia	8,874	9,846	34,996	38,584	3.94	3.92
Wisconsin	4,336	4,326	18,001	17,827	4.15	4.12
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	706,126	722,546	4,135,595	4,165,248	5.86	5.76

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: June and July 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	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	347,930	358,742	2,891	2,983	0.82	0.82
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	324,617	336,970	2,683	2,598	0.82	0.76
California	101,156	96,382	838	705	0.82	0.73
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	133,050	130,022	1,395	1,283	1.04	0.98
Florida	22,001	23,745	108	119	0.49	0.50
Georgia	433,555	431,103	2,964	2,867	0.68	0.66
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	15,282	15,343	79	63	0.51	0.41
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	101,890	102,621	795	690	0.77	0.67
Louisiana	71,249	75,541	323	343	0.45	0.45
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	44,224	43,317	434	336	0.97	0.77
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	19,338	20,092	155	181	0.80	0.89
Mississippi	287,795	285,432	1,928	1,938	0.67	0.67
Missouri	125,550	127,530	1,012	1,139	0.80	0.89
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	483	553	11	14	2.19	2.40
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,082	5,260	182	185	3.45	3.39
North Carolina	351,947	337,906	3,241	3,011	0.91	0.88
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	25,792	22,043	256	234	0.98	1.05
Oklahoma	46,581	58,561	311	378	0.66	0.64
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	41,191	40,500	624	625	1.49	1.52
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	119,402	118,154	694	732	0.58	0.62
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	100,251	101,227	699	639	0.69	0.63
Texas	220,485	227,072	1,130	1,393	0.51	0.61
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	100,210	98,658	627	493	0.62	0.50
Washington	20,221	20,327	111	130	0.55	0.64
West Virginia	25,107	27,691	90	85	0.36	0.30
Wisconsin	13,171	13,025	107	101	0.81	0.77
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,105,274	3,126,082	23,989	23,501	0.77	0.75

- 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: June and July 2012

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	204	144	66,302	69,555
Arkansas	-	-	263	447	68,869	67,358
Delaware	-	-	4,836	2,842	38,403	36,522
Georgia	-	-	211	238	48,554	53,462
Mississippi	-	-	758	505	23,985	23,905
Missouri	-	-	79	52	44,654	46,285
North Carolina	-	-	1,022	648	76,800	74,413
Texas	-	-	51	55	41,134	50,577
Virginia	-	-	131	75	15,373	13,075
United States	-	-	11,368	8,333	667,618	664,242

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	24,673	21,123	352	394	1,219	1,379
Arkansas	18,747	15,400	843	826	787	718
Delaware	26,327	17,349	67	31	2,831	2,236
Georgia	22,815	20,882	120	125	2,418	2,751
Mississippi	8,843	8,195	143	163	499	516
Missouri	13,061	12,054	129	280	761	853
North Carolina	30,100	27,118	188	172	5,281	5,285
Texas	9,345	10,842	74	32	750	825
Virginia	11,083	7,446	4	138	955	1,035
United States	243,131	202,970	3,237	3,880	22,216	22,629

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,155	1,266	4,202	4,603	13,016	12,013
Arkansas	747	791	6,542	6,544	6,478	5,999
Delaware	957	1,106	2,730	1,982	4,312	4,230
Georgia	448	579	11,444	12,212	8,008	8,372
Mississippi	1,042	904	2,094	2,017	2,663	2,427
Missouri	196	335	1,474	1,353	4,812	6,608
North Carolina	977	1,102	9,516	9,157	8,072	7,636
Texas	460	476	2,402	2,626	5,313	5,539
Virginia	431	450	391	394	2,397	2,429
United States	10,183	11,124	55,318	55,325	90,048	92,010

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,224	1,630	135,276	142,497	247,623	254,604
Arkansas	213	331	107,769	121,389	211,258	219,803
Delaware	1,912	1,767	25,046	28,326	107,421	96,391
Georgia	2,124	1,745	106,037	94,271	202,179	194,637
Mississippi	593	676	42,029	42,479	82,649	81,787
Missouri	191	194	48,182	45,330	113,539	113,344
North Carolina	3,019	2,382	78,230	65,581	213,205	193,494
Texas	1,558	1,847	32,128	41,417	93,215	114,236
Virginia	262	365	40,695	13,820	71,722	39,227
United States	14,953	16,255	815,164	764,085	1,933,236	1,840,853

- 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: June and July 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Arkansas	2,890	2,743	57,160	51,568	19.78	18.80
California	1,205	1,115	33,185	34,287	27.53	30.74
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,501	1,526	57,258	55,305	38.14	36.25
Iowa	1,246	1,290	51,381	51,070	41.23	39.59
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,005	4,126	99,515	98,769	24.84	23.94
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	1,150	1,222	38,461	39,772	33.44	32.54
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	2,662	2,563	91,647	83,676	34.43	32.64
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	445	435	18,092	17,569	40.62	40.40
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Pennsylvania	511	522	12,636	12,804	24.71	24.52
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	560	554	9,690	8,211	17.29	14.83
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,167	2,213	58,187	56,860	26.85	25.70
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	20,985	21,104	630,893	617,916	30.06	29.28

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: June and July 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	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(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	47,774	43,157	295	292	0.61	0.67
California	26,531	27,440	242	296	0.90	1.07
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	46,248	44,554	812	917	1.72	2.02
Iowa	40,169	40,285	725	724	1.77	1.77
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	79,570	78,575	1,365	1,522	1.69	1.90
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	31,319	32,306	259	304	0.82	0.93
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	71,394	66,414	480	475	0.67	0.71
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	14,425	14,039	254	252	1.73	1.76
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Pennsylvania	9,980	10,121	164	170	1.61	1.66
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	8,001	6,901	72	70	0.89	1.01
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	47,024	45,452	469	453	0.99	0.99
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	504,083	494,852	6,419	6,840	1.26	1.36

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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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