



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 7 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during September 2012 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.43 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the amount certified in September 2011. The August 2012 revised certified total at 3.91 billion pounds, was up slightly from August 2011. The August revision represented an increase of 1.79 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during September 2012 was 4.55 billion pounds, down 8 percent from 4.92 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.90 billion pounds, down 8 percent from September 2011. Mature chickens, at 69.1 million pounds, were down 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 567 million pounds, down 5 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 12.1 million pounds, down 12 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during September 2012 averaged 5.88 pounds per bird, up slightly from September 2011. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.89 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during September 2012 averaged 29.3 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from September 2011.

Ante-mortem condemnations during September 2012 totaled 9.31 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.20 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.21 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 29.5 million pounds, were 0.85 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.90 percent a year earlier.

September 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

September 2012 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012	September 2012 as % of		January to September		2012 as percent of 2011
				September 2011	August 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	721,908	760,580	663,465	92	87	6,510,538	6,365,924	98
Mature	12,778	13,716	11,737	92	86	111,490	113,341	102
Light	5,681	6,004	5,387	95	90	52,288	57,651	110
Heavy	7,097	7,712	6,350	89	82	59,202	55,690	94
Total	734,686	774,296	675,202	92	87	6,622,028	6,479,265	98
Turkeys								
Young	20,314	22,745	19,207	95	84	180,658	184,010	102
Old	123	188	110	89	59	1,048	1,159	111
Total	20,437	22,933	19,317	95	84	181,706	185,169	102
Ducks	2,027	2,092	1,791	88	86	18,069	17,892	99
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,240,244	4,420,069	3,899,216	92	88	37,739,082	37,101,520	98
Mature	73,774	80,674	69,123	94	86	639,743	627,472	98
Light	18,032	19,164	17,927	99	94	167,524	185,684	111
Heavy	55,742	61,510	51,196	92	83	472,219	441,788	94
Total	4,314,018	4,500,743	3,968,339	92	88	38,378,825	37,728,992	98
Turkeys								
Young	591,130	657,119	563,484	95	86	5,362,155	5,516,229	103
Old	3,237	4,921	3,090	95	63	27,691	30,576	110
Total	594,367	662,040	566,574	95	86	5,389,846	5,546,805	103
Ducks	13,696	14,265	12,118	88	85	123,194	121,606	99
Other ¹	620	370	765	123	207	2,068	2,651	128
Total	4,922,701	5,177,418	4,547,796	92	88	43,893,933	43,400,054	99
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.87	5.81	5.88	100	101	5.80	5.83	101
Mature	5.77	5.88	5.89	102	100	5.74	5.54	97
Light	3.17	3.19	3.33	105	104	3.20	3.22	101
Heavy	7.85	7.98	8.06	103	101	7.98	7.93	99
Total	5.87	5.81	5.88	100	101	5.80	5.82	100
Turkeys								
Young	29.10	28.89	29.34	101	102	29.68	29.98	101
Old	26.32	26.18	28.09	107	107	26.42	26.38	100
Total	29.08	28.87	29.33	101	102	29.66	29.96	101
Ducks	6.76	6.82	6.77	100	99	6.82	6.80	100

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012	September 2012 as % of		January to September		2012 as percent of 2011
				September 2011	August 2012	2011	2012	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,898,037	3,008,353	2,660,316	92	88	25,844,230	25,267,562	98
Mature	46,952	50,969	43,634	93	86	395,504	398,277	101
Light	9,624	10,524	9,646	100	92	89,652	99,585	111
Heavy	37,328	40,445	33,988	91	84	305,852	298,692	98
Total	2,944,989	3,059,322	2,703,950	92	88	26,239,734	25,665,839	98
Turkeys								
Young	284,354	314,590	270,862	95	86	2,669,334	2,669,440	100
Old	2,351	3,643	2,333	99	64	20,290	22,633	112
Total	286,705	318,233	273,195	95	86	2,689,624	2,692,073	100
Ducks	3,666	3,569	3,340	91	94	31,143	32,224	103
Other ¹	214	246	153	71	62	1,132	1,403	124
Total	3,235,574	3,381,370	2,980,638	92	88	28,961,633	28,391,539	98
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	282,373	309,072	266,772	94	86	2,496,857	2,570,530	103
Mature	-	39	19	(X)	49	1,224	426	35
Light	-	11	16	(X)	145	308	350	114
Heavy	-	28	3	(X)	11	916	76	8
Total	282,373	309,111	266,791	94	86	2,498,081	2,570,956	103
Turkeys								
Young	186,489	211,728	179,808	96	85	1,605,115	1,737,810	108
Old	47	142	70	149	49	925	682	74
Total	186,536	211,870	179,878	96	85	1,606,040	1,738,492	108
Ducks	6,150	6,655	5,385	88	81	57,524	55,678	97
Other ¹	194	7	332	171	4,743	295	392	133
Total	475,253	527,643	452,386	95	86	4,161,940	4,365,518	105
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,180,410	3,317,425	2,927,088	92	88	28,341,087	27,838,092	98
Mature	46,952	51,008	43,653	93	86	396,728	398,703	100
Light	9,624	10,535	9,662	100	92	89,960	99,935	111
Heavy	37,328	40,473	33,991	91	84	306,768	298,768	97
Total	3,227,362	3,368,433	2,970,741	92	88	28,737,815	28,236,795	98
Turkeys								
Young	470,843	526,318	450,670	96	86	4,274,449	4,407,250	103
Old	2,398	3,785	2,403	100	63	21,215	23,315	110
Total	473,241	530,103	453,073	96	85	4,295,664	4,430,565	103
Ducks	9,816	10,224	8,725	89	85	88,667	87,902	99
Other ¹	408	253	485	119	192	1,427	1,795	126
Total	3,710,827	3,909,013	3,433,024	93	88	33,123,573	32,757,057	99

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012	September 2012 as % of		January to September		2012 as percent of 2011
				September 2011	August 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	8,046	9,159	7,420	92	81	80,544	72,680	90
Mature	766	1,186	597	78	50	7,372	7,055	96
Light	339	363	210	62	58	2,308	2,743	119
Heavy	427	823	387	91	47	5,064	4,312	85
Total	8,812	10,345	8,017	91	77	87,916	79,735	91
Turkeys								
Young	1,294	1,843	1,228	95	67	13,640	13,212	97
Old	33	60	22	67	37	259	323	125
Total	1,327	1,903	1,250	94	66	13,899	13,535	97
Ducks	48	65	42	88	65	460	392	85
Total	10,188	12,313	9,311	91	76	102,276	93,667	92
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.19	0.21	0.19	100	90	0.21	0.20	95
Mature	1.04	1.47	0.86	83	59	1.15	1.12	97
Light	1.88	1.89	1.17	62	62	1.38	1.48	107
Heavy	0.77	1.34	0.76	99	57	1.07	0.98	92
Total	0.20	0.23	0.20	100	87	0.23	0.21	91
Turkeys								
Young	0.22	0.28	0.22	100	79	0.25	0.24	96
Old	1.02	1.22	0.71	70	58	0.94	1.06	113
Total	0.22	0.29	0.22	100	76	0.26	0.24	92
Ducks	0.35	0.46	0.35	100	76	0.37	0.32	86
Total	0.21	0.24	0.20	95	83	0.23	0.22	96

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

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012	September 2012 as % of		January to September		2012 as percent of 2011
				September 2011	August 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	23,128	24,422	21,188	92	87	230,323	221,463	96
Mature	3,089	2,132	1,803	58	85	26,426	19,060	72
Light	1,081	716	637	59	89	9,240	8,524	92
Heavy	2,008	1,416	1,166	58	82	17,186	10,536	61
Total	26,217	26,554	22,991	88	87	256,749	240,523	94
Turkeys								
Young	6,985	7,123	6,114	88	86	63,681	58,490	92
Old	100	137	88	88	64	899	934	104
Total	7,085	7,260	6,202	88	85	64,580	59,424	92
Ducks	244	305	256	105	84	2,312	2,319	100
Other	4	3	6	150	200	13	21	162
Total	33,550	34,122	29,455	88	86	323,654	302,287	93
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.72	0.73	0.72	100	99	0.81	0.79	98
Mature	6.17	4.01	3.97	64	99	6.25	4.56	73
Light	10.10	6.36	6.19	61	97	9.31	7.86	84
Heavy	5.10	3.38	3.32	65	98	5.31	3.41	64
Total	0.81	0.78	0.77	95	99	0.89	0.84	94
Turkeys								
Young	1.46	1.34	1.34	92	100	1.47	1.31	89
Old	4.00	3.49	3.53	88	101	4.07	3.85	95
Total	1.48	1.35	1.35	91	100	1.48	1.32	89
Ducks	2.43	2.90	2.85	117	98	2.54	2.57	101
Other	0.97	1.17	1.22	126	104	0.90	1.16	129
Total	0.90	0.87	0.85	94	98	0.97	0.91	94

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

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States: August and September 2012

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	7,363	5,476	727,540	624,869
Mature	-	-	863	1,546	96,409	118,152
Light	-	-	753	1,475	55,388	83,468
Heavy	-	-	110	71	41,021	34,684
Total	-	-	8,226	7,022	823,949	743,021
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	44	72	35,516	31,751
Old	-	-	1	-	961	639
Total	-	-	45	72	36,477	32,390
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	216,140	183,230	3,860	3,618	25,820	22,075
Mature	15,198	13,522	221	167	29,896	29,458
Light	8,368	8,116	103	109	22,667	24,646
Heavy	6,830	5,406	118	58	7,229	4,812
Total	231,338	196,752	4,081	3,785	55,716	51,533
Turkeys						
Young	7,770	6,674	818	564	173	111
Old	301	214	1	-	192	95
Total	8,071	6,888	819	564	365	206
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	11,358	10,244	59,756	50,109	93,851	81,606
Mature	12,119	11,530	3,105	2,554	40,166	37,507
Light	11,611	11,086	2,229	1,744	30,715	25,620
Heavy	508	444	876	810	9,451	11,887
Total	23,477	21,774	62,861	52,663	134,017	119,113
Turkeys						
Young	179	297	1,601	1,260	2,196	2,079
Old	8	3	25	18	44	22
Total	187	300	1,626	1,278	2,240	2,101
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	20,402	17,349	746,775	524,918	1,912,865	1,523,494
Mature	785	594	112,009	65,507	310,466	280,482
Light	181	137	57,812	25,759	189,522	182,105
Heavy	604	457	54,197	39,748	120,944	98,377
Total	21,187	17,943	858,784	590,425	2,223,331	1,803,976
Turkeys						
Young	524	413	11,968	11,480	60,789	54,701
Old	3	1	399	246	1,935	1,238
Total	527	414	12,367	11,726	62,724	55,939

- 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: August and September 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	89,408	78,781	498,977	439,889	5.58	5.58
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Arkansas	80,753	66,008	477,373	393,688	5.91	5.96
California	24,255	20,933	133,910	119,538	5.52	5.71
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	27,675	24,705	193,204	176,868	6.98	7.16
Florida	5,246	4,542	31,719	27,249	6.05	6.00
Georgia	109,654	96,909	607,840	545,112	5.54	5.62
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,430	4,576	24,767	20,945	4.56	4.58
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	27,401	23,564	153,678	129,684	5.61	5.50
Louisiana	15,537	14,722	97,353	95,441	6.27	6.48
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	12,155	10,204	63,598	53,507	5.23	5.24
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,265	3,688	24,448	21,984	5.73	5.96
Mississippi	64,054	58,181	374,377	349,652	5.84	6.01
Missouri	37,736	32,868	182,709	160,697	4.84	4.89
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	158	130	774	683	4.89	5.27
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,866	1,704	9,516	8,503	5.10	4.99
North Carolina	67,011	56,088	479,897	405,665	7.16	7.23
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	5,993	5,565	34,655	32,614	5.78	5.86
Oklahoma	12,305	11,035	80,627	71,130	6.55	6.45
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11,085	9,684	62,936	56,427	5.68	5.83
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	24,954	21,911	168,720	147,037	6.76	6.71
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	28,010	25,189	146,739	131,654	5.24	5.23
Texas	55,265	48,642	320,747	285,954	5.80	5.88
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	28,385	24,660	151,000	135,676	5.32	5.50
Washington	4,952	4,191	27,890	24,777	5.63	5.91
West Virginia	9,979	9,135	39,987	36,744	4.01	4.02
Wisconsin	4,875	3,906	19,914	16,106	4.09	4.12
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	760,580	663,465	4,420,069	3,899,216	5.81	5.88

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 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	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	378,017	333,945	2,902	2,657	0.76	0.79
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Arkansas	357,210	294,200	2,698	2,221	0.75	0.75
California	99,295	88,767	986	747	0.98	0.83
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	139,845	128,177	1,242	1,130	0.88	0.87
Florida	23,387	20,232	150	133	0.64	0.65
Georgia	459,311	406,015	2,885	2,627	0.62	0.64
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	17,932	15,332	75	63	0.42	0.41
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	111,722	93,719	681	535	0.61	0.57
Louisiana	73,255	72,097	358	374	0.49	0.52
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	45,980	38,733	378	293	0.82	0.75
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	20,312	18,377	202	155	0.98	0.84
Mississippi	290,403	273,595	1,870	1,830	0.64	0.66
Missouri	137,872	121,474	1,151	955	0.83	0.78
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	553	487	14	10	2.40	1.99
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,829	5,226	192	190	3.19	3.50
North Carolina	371,678	314,624	3,432	2,656	0.91	0.84
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	25,729	24,319	187	164	0.72	0.67
Oklahoma	60,672	53,621	421	326	0.69	0.60
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	43,880	39,260	649	635	1.46	1.59
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	124,764	110,191	769	712	0.61	0.64
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	108,032	97,133	573	487	0.53	0.50
Texas	242,209	216,518	1,474	1,237	0.60	0.57
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	106,917	96,131	500	415	0.47	0.43
Washington	20,439	18,318	137	141	0.67	0.76
West Virginia	28,597	26,357	98	105	0.34	0.40
Wisconsin	14,540	11,743	109	112	0.75	0.94
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,317,425	2,927,088	24,422	21,188	0.73	0.72

- 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: August and September 2012

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	276	248	75,865	68,539
Arkansas	-	-	334	276	69,870	55,108
Delaware	-	-	1,628	1,085	37,298	36,566
Georgia	-	-	201	112	53,259	49,047
Mississippi	-	-	354	357	24,877	24,840
Missouri	-	-	36	44	49,484	45,757
North Carolina	-	-	647	282	83,539	63,684
Texas	-	-	48	31	51,365	40,568
Virginia	-	-	52	37	14,176	11,238
United States	-	-	7,363	5,476	727,540	624,869
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	22,280	18,855	429	720	1,554	1,271
Arkansas	16,069	12,694	667	824	911	765
Delaware	13,794	13,041	52	30	2,262	2,277
Georgia	20,388	20,163	101	129	3,505	3,244
Mississippi	8,023	6,690	95	110	625	481
Missouri	23,749	16,997	150	232	864	612
North Carolina	26,148	21,585	286	68	6,448	5,030
Texas	10,416	8,401	63	32	827	711
Virginia	8,619	5,874	10	21	1,203	985
United States	216,140	183,230	3,860	3,618	25,820	22,075
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,069	991	4,479	4,454	11,281	11,406
Arkansas	775	513	6,805	5,609	5,952	4,286
Delaware	1,319	1,199	2,169	1,646	5,027	4,157
Georgia	660	864	12,358	11,158	8,005	8,469
Mississippi	648	484	2,070	2,274	2,274	2,273
Missouri	269	273	1,287	982	6,114	5,260
North Carolina	1,190	1,009	11,905	8,810	6,994	5,141
Texas	496	416	2,957	1,979	7,812	5,885
Virginia	512	501	609	655	2,715	2,012
United States	11,358	10,244	59,756	50,109	93,851	81,606
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,290	1,941	94,084	63,627	212,607	172,052
Arkansas	410	725	123,355	56,644	225,148	137,444
Delaware	3,461	1,849	19,139	15,307	86,149	77,157
Georgia	2,795	2,003	102,438	57,899	203,710	153,088
Mississippi	331	151	35,963	25,139	75,260	62,799
Missouri	188	90	41,321	38,865	123,462	109,112
North Carolina	3,630	4,067	97,933	63,418	238,720	173,094
Texas	1,706	739	38,878	27,359	114,568	86,121
Virginia	534	840	16,443	9,858	44,873	32,021
United States	20,402	17,349	746,775	524,918	1,912,865	1,523,494

- 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: August and September 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Arkansas	3,150	2,334	60,600	47,323	19.24	20.28
California	1,340	1,167	38,215	33,114	28.51	28.38
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,635	1,385	59,146	50,232	36.17	36.26
Iowa	1,369	1,137	52,112	44,438	38.08	39.10
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,164	3,707	99,143	91,214	23.81	24.60
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	1,291	1,027	40,732	33,092	31.56	32.22
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	2,859	2,315	92,049	76,138	32.19	32.89
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	477	424	19,335	17,001	40.54	40.09
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	589	558	14,238	13,026	24.16	23.35
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	587	509	8,843	7,419	15.07	14.59
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,404	2,071	62,966	54,035	26.20	26.09
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	22,745	19,207	657,119	563,484	28.89	29.34

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 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	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(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	50,962	39,235	362	306	0.71	0.77
California	30,846	26,562	310	377	1.00	1.40
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	47,751	40,548	884	733	1.82	1.78
Iowa	40,791	34,802	739	577	1.78	1.63
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	79,201	73,048	1,436	1,222	1.78	1.64
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	32,988	26,927	373	311	1.12	1.14
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	72,365	59,610	569	420	0.78	0.70
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	15,443	13,592	237	207	1.51	1.50
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11,215	10,322	154	134	1.35	1.28
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	7,164	6,011	71	61	0.99	1.00
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	50,928	43,931	575	490	1.12	1.10
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	526,318	450,670	7,123	6,114	1.34	1.34

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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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