



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 8 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during October 2012 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.97 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the amount certified in October 2011. The September 2012 revised certified total at 3.43 billion pounds, was down 7 percent from September 2011. The September revision represented an increase of 19.0 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during October 2012 was 5.24 billion pounds, up 8 percent from 4.87 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.44 billion pounds, up 8 percent from October 2011. Mature chickens, at 69.3 million pounds, were up 1 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 724 million pounds, up 10 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.3 million pounds, up 2 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during October 2012 averaged 5.95 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from October 2011. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.80 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during October 2012 averaged 29.0 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from October 2011.

Ante-mortem condemnations during October 2012 totaled 10.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.19 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.20 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.9 million pounds, were 0.87 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.87 percent a year earlier.

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

October 2012 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2011	September 2012	October 2012	October 2012 as % of		January to October		2012 as percent of 2011
				October 2011	September 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	701,599	663,470	745,932	106	112	7,212,137	7,111,861	99
Mature	11,999	11,737	11,962	100	102	123,489	125,303	101
Light	5,558	5,387	5,597	101	104	57,846	63,248	109
Heavy	6,441	6,350	6,365	99	100	65,643	62,055	95
Total	713,598	675,207	757,894	106	112	7,335,626	7,237,164	99
Turkeys								
Young	23,118	19,207	24,790	107	129	203,776	208,800	102
Old	146	110	176	121	160	1,194	1,335	112
Total	23,264	19,317	24,966	107	129	204,970	210,135	103
Ducks	2,078	1,791	2,108	101	118	20,147	20,000	99
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,124,746	3,899,244	4,435,009	108	114	41,863,828	41,536,557	99
Mature	68,595	69,123	69,324	101	100	708,338	696,796	98
Light	18,051	17,927	17,948	99	100	185,575	203,632	110
Heavy	50,544	51,196	51,376	102	100	522,763	493,164	94
Total	4,193,341	3,968,367	4,504,333	107	114	42,572,166	42,233,353	99
Turkeys								
Young	654,836	563,484	719,516	110	128	6,016,991	6,235,745	104
Old	3,975	3,090	4,803	121	155	31,666	35,379	112
Total	658,811	566,574	724,319	110	128	6,048,657	6,271,124	104
Ducks	14,018	12,118	14,290	102	118	137,212	135,896	99
Other ¹	1,632	765	1,369	84	179	3,700	4,020	109
Total	4,867,802	4,547,824	5,244,311	108	115	48,761,735	48,644,393	100
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.88	5.88	5.95	101	101	5.80	5.84	101
Mature	5.72	5.89	5.80	101	98	5.74	5.56	97
Light	3.25	3.33	3.21	99	96	3.21	3.22	100
Heavy	7.85	8.06	8.07	103	100	7.96	7.95	100
Total	5.88	5.88	5.94	101	101	5.80	5.84	101
Turkeys								
Young	28.33	29.34	29.02	102	99	29.53	29.86	101
Old	27.23	28.09	27.29	100	97	26.52	26.50	100
Total	28.32	29.33	29.01	102	99	29.51	29.84	101
Ducks	6.75	6.77	6.78	100	100	6.81	6.79	100

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	October 2011	September 2012	October 2012	October 2012 as % of		January to October		2012 as percent of 2011
				October 2011	September 2012	2011	2012	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,812,553	2,660,326	3,016,165	107	113	28,656,783	28,283,737	99
Mature	43,391	43,634	43,813	101	100	438,895	442,090	101
Light	9,275	9,646	9,755	105	101	98,927	109,340	111
Heavy	34,116	33,988	34,058	100	100	339,968	332,750	98
Total	2,855,944	2,703,960	3,059,978	107	113	29,095,678	28,725,827	99
Turkeys								
Young	330,619	270,862	348,928	106	129	2,999,953	3,018,368	101
Old	2,930	2,333	3,551	121	152	23,220	26,184	113
Total	333,549	273,195	352,479	106	129	3,023,173	3,044,552	101
Ducks	4,299	3,340	3,844	89	115	35,442	36,068	102
Other ¹	131	153	228	174	149	1,263	1,631	129
Total	3,193,923	2,980,648	3,416,529	107	115	32,155,556	31,808,078	99
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	284,285	266,781	318,803	112	119	2,781,142	2,889,342	104
Mature	9	19	5	56	26	1,233	431	35
Light	9	16	-	(X)	(X)	317	350	110
Heavy	-	3	5	(X)	167	916	81	9
Total	284,294	266,800	318,808	112	119	2,782,375	2,889,773	104
Turkeys								
Young	190,889	179,808	227,142	119	126	1,796,004	1,964,952	109
Old	89	70	101	113	144	1,014	783	77
Total	190,978	179,878	227,243	119	126	1,797,018	1,965,735	109
Ducks	5,772	5,385	6,433	111	119	63,296	62,111	98
Other ¹	879	332	633	72	191	1,174	1,025	87
Total	481,923	452,395	553,117	115	122	4,643,863	4,918,644	106
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,096,838	2,927,107	3,334,968	108	114	31,437,925	31,173,079	99
Mature	43,400	43,653	43,818	101	100	440,128	442,521	101
Light	9,284	9,662	9,755	105	101	99,244	109,690	111
Heavy	34,116	33,991	34,063	100	100	340,884	332,831	98
Total	3,140,238	2,970,760	3,378,786	108	114	31,878,053	31,615,600	99
Turkeys								
Young	521,508	450,670	576,070	110	128	4,795,957	4,983,320	104
Old	3,019	2,403	3,652	121	152	24,234	26,967	111
Total	524,527	453,073	579,722	111	128	4,820,191	5,010,287	104
Ducks	10,071	8,725	10,277	102	118	98,738	98,179	99
Other ¹	1,010	485	861	85	178	2,437	2,656	109
Total	3,675,846	3,433,043	3,969,646	108	116	36,799,419	36,726,722	100

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2011	September 2012	October 2012	October 2012 as % of		January to October		2012 as percent of 2011
				October 2011	September 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	7,633	7,420	8,135	107	110	88,177	80,815	92
Mature	641	597	557	87	93	8,013	7,612	95
Light	263	210	184	70	88	2,571	2,927	114
Heavy	378	387	373	99	96	5,442	4,685	86
Total	8,274	8,017	8,692	105	108	96,190	88,427	92
Turkeys								
Young	1,159	1,228	1,390	120	113	14,799	14,602	99
Old	32	22	31	97	141	291	354	122
Total	1,191	1,250	1,421	119	114	15,090	14,956	99
Ducks	26	42	40	154	95	486	432	89
Total	9,493	9,311	10,154	107	109	111,769	103,821	93
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.19	0.19	0.18	95	95	0.21	0.19	90
Mature	0.93	0.86	0.80	86	93	1.13	1.09	96
Light	1.46	1.17	1.03	71	88	1.39	1.44	104
Heavy	0.75	0.76	0.73	97	96	1.04	0.95	91
Total	0.20	0.20	0.19	95	95	0.23	0.21	91
Turkeys								
Young	0.18	0.22	0.19	106	86	0.25	0.23	92
Old	0.81	0.71	0.65	80	92	0.92	1.00	109
Total	0.18	0.22	0.20	111	91	0.25	0.24	96
Ducks	0.19	0.35	0.28	147	80	0.35	0.32	91
Total	0.20	0.20	0.19	95	95	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	October 2011	September 2012	October 2012	October 2012 as % of		January to October		2012 as percent of 2011
				October 2011	September 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	22,392	21,188	24,811	111	117	252,715	246,274	97
Mature	2,771	1,803	2,200	79	122	29,197	21,260	73
Light	1,081	637	897	83	141	10,321	9,421	91
Heavy	1,690	1,166	1,303	77	112	18,876	11,839	63
Total	25,163	22,991	27,011	107	117	281,912	267,534	95
Turkeys								
Young	6,628	6,114	7,478	113	122	70,309	65,968	94
Old	140	88	125	89	142	1,039	1,059	102
Total	6,768	6,202	7,603	112	123	71,348	67,027	94
Ducks	207	256	312	151	122	2,519	2,631	104
Other	7	6	6	86	100	20	27	135
Total	32,145	29,455	34,932	109	119	355,799	337,219	95
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.72	0.72	0.74	103	103	0.80	0.78	98
Mature	6.00	3.97	4.78	80	120	6.22	4.58	74
Light	10.43	6.19	8.42	81	136	9.42	7.91	84
Heavy	4.72	3.32	3.68	78	111	5.25	3.43	65
Total	0.79	0.77	0.79	100	103	0.88	0.84	95
Turkeys								
Young	1.25	1.34	1.28	102	96	1.44	1.31	91
Old	4.43	3.53	3.31	75	94	4.11	3.78	92
Total	1.27	1.35	1.29	102	96	1.46	1.32	90
Ducks	2.01	2.85	2.95	147	104	2.49	2.61	105
Other	0.69	1.22	0.69	100	57	0.81	1.01	125
Total	0.87	0.85	0.87	100	102	0.96	0.91	95

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

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

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	5,476	7,190	624,878	719,314
Mature	-	-	1,546	660	118,152	92,083
Light	-	-	1,475	516	83,468	56,620
Heavy	-	-	71	144	34,684	35,463
Total	-	-	7,022	7,850	743,030	811,397
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	72	40	31,751	41,709
Old	-	-	-	2	639	973
Total	-	-	72	42	32,390	42,682
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	183,230	256,512	3,618	4,170	22,075	25,783
Mature	13,522	13,001	167	176	29,458	33,807
Light	8,116	7,261	109	69	24,646	27,907
Heavy	5,406	5,740	58	107	4,812	5,900
Total	196,752	269,513	3,785	4,346	51,533	59,590
Turkeys						
Young	6,674	8,175	564	685	111	251
Old	214	312	-	1	95	147
Total	6,888	8,487	564	686	206	398
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	10,244	10,827	50,110	58,277	81,606	89,611
Mature	11,530	4,056	2,554	2,263	37,507	30,999
Light	11,086	3,620	1,744	1,511	25,620	27,569
Heavy	444	436	810	752	11,887	3,430
Total	21,774	14,883	52,664	60,540	119,113	120,610
Turkeys						
Young	297	329	1,260	1,973	2,079	2,726
Old	3	10	18	30	22	22
Total	300	339	1,278	2,003	2,101	2,748
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	17,352	16,102	524,926	622,738	1,523,515	1,810,524
Mature	594	573	65,507	91,894	280,482	269,512
Light	137	261	25,759	50,356	182,105	175,690
Heavy	457	312	39,748	41,538	98,377	93,822
Total	17,946	16,675	590,433	714,632	1,803,997	2,080,036
Turkeys						
Young	413	894	11,480	14,928	54,701	71,710
Old	1	4	246	580	1,238	2,081
Total	414	898	11,726	15,508	55,939	73,791

- 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: September and October 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	78,781	88,842	439,889	503,049	5.58	5.66
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	66,008	78,425	393,688	472,218	5.96	6.02
California	20,933	23,634	119,538	133,631	5.71	5.65
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	24,705	25,125	176,868	182,136	7.16	7.25
Florida	4,542	5,211	27,249	31,821	6.00	6.11
Georgia	96,909	108,838	545,112	619,552	5.62	5.69
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,579	5,266	20,960	23,806	4.58	4.52
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	23,564	27,729	129,684	155,301	5.50	5.60
Louisiana	14,722	15,919	95,441	102,169	6.48	6.42
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	10,204	11,065	53,507	57,957	5.24	5.24
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,690	4,157	21,997	24,109	5.96	5.80
Mississippi	58,181	65,317	349,652	406,492	6.01	6.22
Missouri	32,868	37,634	160,697	179,637	4.89	4.77
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	130	122	683	591	5.27	4.83
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,704	1,461	8,503	7,546	4.99	5.17
North Carolina	56,088	65,323	405,665	480,811	7.23	7.36
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	5,565	6,012	32,614	34,853	5.86	5.80
Oklahoma	11,035	12,253	71,130	78,306	6.45	6.39
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,684	11,167	56,427	65,326	5.83	5.85
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	21,911	23,589	147,037	164,816	6.71	6.99
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	25,189	26,460	131,654	138,334	5.23	5.23
Texas	48,642	54,541	285,954	324,999	5.88	5.96
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	24,660	26,832	135,676	148,417	5.50	5.53
Washington	4,191	4,420	24,777	26,578	5.91	6.01
West Virginia	9,135	10,082	36,744	40,370	4.02	4.00
Wisconsin	3,906	4,475	16,106	19,002	4.12	4.25
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	663,470	745,932	3,899,244	4,435,009	5.88	5.95

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: September and October 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	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	333,945	383,256	2,657	3,256	0.79	0.84
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	294,200	355,140	2,221	2,671	0.75	0.75
California	88,767	99,184	747	866	0.83	0.87
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	128,177	131,746	1,130	1,241	0.87	0.93
Florida	20,232	23,866	133	150	0.65	0.62
Georgia	406,015	463,647	2,627	3,033	0.64	0.65
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	15,343	17,376	63	84	0.41	0.48
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	93,719	112,782	535	644	0.57	0.57
Louisiana	72,097	77,386	374	433	0.52	0.56
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	38,733	41,934	293	375	0.75	0.89
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	18,386	20,183	155	217	0.84	1.06
Mississippi	273,594	316,326	1,830	2,081	0.66	0.65
Missouri	121,474	135,364	955	1,000	0.78	0.73
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	487	420	10	9	1.99	2.14
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,226	4,567	190	180	3.50	3.78
North Carolina	314,624	372,487	2,656	3,223	0.84	0.86
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	24,319	25,980	164	214	0.67	0.82
Oklahoma	53,621	59,053	326	368	0.60	0.62
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	39,260	45,144	635	725	1.59	1.58
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	110,191	123,831	712	820	0.64	0.66
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	97,133	102,058	487	577	0.50	0.56
Texas	216,518	246,364	1,237	1,397	0.57	0.56
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	96,131	105,024	415	523	0.43	0.50
Washington	18,318	19,809	141	153	0.76	0.77
West Virginia	26,357	29,052	105	118	0.40	0.41
Wisconsin	11,743	13,765	112	163	0.94	1.17
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	2,927,107	3,334,968	21,188	24,811	0.72	0.74

- 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: September and October 2012

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	248	585	68,539	78,921
Arkansas	-	-	276	848	55,108	62,563
Delaware	-	-	1,085	1,136	36,566	39,772
Georgia	-	-	112	159	49,047	56,750
Mississippi	-	-	357	323	24,840	26,443
Missouri	-	-	44	34	45,757	48,395
North Carolina	-	-	282	389	63,684	78,606
Texas	-	-	31	64	40,568	42,541
Virginia	-	-	37	36	11,238	13,384
United States	-	-	5,476	7,190	624,878	719,314

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	18,855	29,816	720	662	1,271	1,513
Arkansas	12,694	16,075	824	985	765	995
Delaware	13,041	19,176	30	50	2,277	2,507
Georgia	20,163	24,760	129	332	3,244	4,139
Mississippi	6,690	8,421	110	115	481	586
Missouri	16,997	16,187	232	135	612	661
North Carolina	21,585	29,958	68	112	5,030	5,907
Texas	8,401	11,575	32	49	711	826
Virginia	5,874	11,254	21	5	985	1,051
United States	183,230	256,512	3,618	4,170	22,075	25,783

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	991	1,459	4,454	5,131	11,406	14,200
Arkansas	513	735	5,609	6,760	4,286	4,932
Delaware	1,199	858	1,646	1,761	4,157	3,281
Georgia	864	619	11,158	12,224	8,469	8,161
Mississippi	484	593	2,274	2,335	2,273	2,259
Missouri	273	237	982	1,097	5,260	4,754
North Carolina	1,009	1,160	8,810	11,228	5,141	5,324
Texas	416	413	1,979	2,052	5,885	4,999
Virginia	501	521	655	457	2,012	1,889
United States	10,244	10,827	50,110	58,277	81,606	89,611

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,941	1,816	63,627	91,295	172,052	225,398
Arkansas	725	372	56,644	68,269	137,444	162,534
Delaware	1,849	1,270	15,307	20,254	77,157	90,065
Georgia	2,003	1,936	57,899	45,620	153,088	154,700
Mississippi	151	274	25,139	33,493	62,799	74,842
Missouri	90	212	38,865	37,089	109,112	108,801
North Carolina	4,067	3,273	63,418	81,188	173,094	217,145
Texas	739	779	27,359	26,629	86,121	89,927
Virginia	840	349	9,858	19,449	32,021	48,395
United States	17,352	16,102	524,926	622,738	1,523,515	1,810,524

- 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: September and October 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Arkansas	2,334	3,337	47,323	67,837	20.28	20.33
California	1,167	2,638	33,114	64,369	28.38	24.40
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,385	1,654	50,232	59,832	36.26	36.17
Iowa	1,137	1,303	44,438	52,617	39.10	40.39
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	3,707	3,924	91,214	103,368	24.60	26.34
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	1,027	1,275	33,092	41,543	32.22	32.57
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	2,315	2,978	76,138	95,337	32.89	32.02
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	424	493	17,001	20,583	40.09	41.72
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	558	901	13,026	20,327	23.35	22.56
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	509	685	7,419	10,615	14.59	15.49
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,071	2,675	54,035	69,095	26.09	25.83
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,207	24,790	563,484	719,516	29.34	29.02

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: September and October 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	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(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	39,235	56,212	306	368	0.77	0.65
California	26,562	51,661	377	585	1.40	1.12
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	40,548	48,343	733	911	1.78	1.85
Iowa	34,802	41,429	577	631	1.63	1.50
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	73,048	82,639	1,222	1,395	1.64	1.66
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	26,927	33,787	311	357	1.14	1.04
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	59,610	75,409	420	561	0.70	0.74
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	13,592	16,390	207	258	1.50	1.55
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,322	16,108	134	242	1.28	1.48
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	6,011	8,492	61	79	1.00	0.92
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	43,931	55,530	490	607	1.10	1.08
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	450,670	576,070	6,114	7,478	1.34	1.28

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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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