



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 3 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during November 2012 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.57 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the amount certified in November 2011. The October 2012 revised certified total at 3.97 billion pounds, was up 8 percent from October 2011. The October revision represented an increase of 198 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during November 2012 was 4.73 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 4.60 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.01 billion pounds, up 3 percent from November 2011. Mature chickens, at 59.3 million pounds, were down 5 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 642 million pounds, up slightly from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.1 million pounds, down 1 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during November 2012 averaged 5.95 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from November 2011. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.73 pounds per bird, up slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during November 2012 averaged 28.9 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from November 2011.

Ante-mortem condemnations during November 2012 totaled 9.63 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 33.2 million pounds, were 0.92 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.91 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2011	October 2012	November 2012	November 2012 as % of		January to November		2012 as percent of 2011
				November 2011	October 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	666,201	745,932	673,891	101	90	7,878,338	7,785,752	99
Mature	10,958	11,962	10,350	94	87	134,447	135,653	101
Light	4,924	5,597	5,086	103	91	62,770	68,334	109
Heavy	6,034	6,365	5,264	87	83	71,677	67,319	94
Total	677,159	757,894	684,241	101	90	8,012,785	7,921,405	99
Turkeys								
Young	22,777	24,802	22,083	97	89	226,553	230,895	102
Old	98	176	114	116	65	1,292	1,449	112
Total	22,875	24,978	22,197	97	89	227,845	232,344	102
Ducks	2,092	2,108	2,071	99	98	22,239	22,071	99
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	3,879,516	4,435,014	4,009,756	103	90	45,743,344	45,546,318	100
Mature	62,548	69,325	59,342	95	86	770,886	756,139	98
Light	16,038	17,949	17,090	107	95	201,613	220,723	109
Heavy	46,510	51,376	42,252	91	82	569,273	535,416	94
Total	3,942,064	4,504,339	4,069,098	103	90	46,514,230	46,302,457	100
Turkeys								
Young	638,160	719,756	639,040	100	89	6,655,151	6,875,025	103
Old	2,714	4,803	3,110	115	65	34,380	38,489	112
Total	640,874	724,559	642,150	100	89	6,689,531	6,913,514	103
Ducks	14,219	14,290	14,050	99	98	151,431	149,946	99
Other ¹	539	1,369	236	44	17	4,239	4,256	100
Total	4,597,696	5,244,557	4,725,534	103	90	53,359,431	53,370,173	100
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.82	5.95	5.95	102	100	5.81	5.85	101
Mature	5.71	5.80	5.73	100	99	5.73	5.57	97
Light	3.26	3.21	3.36	103	105	3.21	3.23	101
Heavy	7.71	8.07	8.03	104	100	7.94	7.95	100
Total	5.82	5.94	5.95	102	100	5.81	5.85	101
Turkeys								
Young	28.02	29.02	28.94	103	100	29.38	29.78	101
Old	27.69	27.29	27.28	99	100	26.61	26.56	100
Total	28.02	29.01	28.93	103	100	29.36	29.76	101
Ducks	6.80	6.78	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	November 2011	October 2012	November 2012	November 2012 as % of		January to November		2012 as percent of 2011
				November 2011	October 2012	2011	2012	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,634,112	3,016,168	2,732,404	104	91	31,290,895	31,016,144	99
Mature	39,774	43,813	37,434	94	85	478,669	479,524	100
Light	8,381	9,755	9,503	113	97	107,308	118,843	111
Heavy	31,393	34,058	27,931	89	82	371,361	360,681	97
Total	2,673,886	3,059,981	2,769,838	104	91	31,769,564	31,495,668	99
Turkeys								
Young	328,191	349,123	307,128	94	88	3,328,144	3,325,691	100
Old	2,039	3,551	2,031	100	57	25,259	28,215	112
Total	330,230	352,674	309,159	94	88	3,353,403	3,353,906	100
Ducks	4,216	3,844	3,886	92	101	39,658	39,954	101
Other ¹	127	228	164	129	72	1,390	1,795	129
Total	3,008,459	3,416,727	3,083,047	102	90	35,164,015	34,891,323	99
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	272,972	318,803	274,325	100	86	3,054,114	3,163,667	104
Mature	-	5	64	(X)	1,280	1,233	495	40
Light	-	-	38	(X)	(X)	317	388	122
Heavy	-	5	26	(X)	520	916	107	12
Total	272,972	318,808	274,389	101	86	3,055,347	3,164,162	104
Turkeys								
Young	181,123	227,142	205,796	114	91	1,977,127	2,170,748	110
Old	50	101	296	592	293	1,064	1,079	101
Total	181,173	227,243	206,092	114	91	1,978,191	2,171,827	110
Ducks	6,065	6,433	6,279	104	98	69,361	68,390	99
Other ¹	208	633	8	4	1	1,382	1,033	75
Total	460,418	553,117	486,768	106	88	5,104,281	5,405,412	106
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	2,907,084	3,334,971	3,006,729	103	90	34,345,009	34,179,811	100
Mature	39,774	43,818	37,498	94	86	479,902	480,019	100
Light	8,381	9,755	9,541	114	98	107,625	119,231	111
Heavy	31,393	34,063	27,957	89	82	372,277	360,788	97
Total	2,946,858	3,378,789	3,044,227	103	90	34,824,911	34,659,830	100
Turkeys								
Young	509,314	576,265	512,924	101	89	5,305,271	5,496,439	104
Old	2,089	3,652	2,327	111	64	26,323	29,294	111
Total	511,403	579,917	515,251	101	89	5,331,594	5,525,733	104
Ducks	10,281	10,277	10,165	99	99	109,019	108,344	99
Other ¹	335	861	172	51	20	2,772	2,828	102
Total	3,468,877	3,969,844	3,569,815	103	90	40,268,296	40,296,735	100

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2011	October 2012	November 2012	November 2012 as % of		January to November		2012 as percent of 2011
				November 2011	October 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	7,709	8,135	7,827	102	96	95,886	88,642	92
Mature	773	557	482	62	87	8,786	8,094	92
Light	249	184	179	72	97	2,820	3,106	110
Heavy	524	373	303	58	81	5,966	4,988	84
Total	8,482	8,692	8,309	98	96	104,672	96,736	92
Turkeys								
Young	1,176	1,391	1,251	106	90	15,975	15,854	99
Old	24	31	38	158	123	315	392	124
Total	1,200	1,422	1,289	107	91	16,290	16,246	100
Ducks	32	40	29	91	73	518	461	89
Total	9,715	10,155	9,627	99	95	121,484	113,449	93
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.20	0.18	0.20	100	111	0.21	0.19	90
Mature	1.24	0.80	0.81	65	101	1.14	1.07	94
Light	1.55	1.03	1.05	68	102	1.40	1.41	101
Heavy	1.13	0.73	0.72	64	99	1.05	0.93	89
Total	0.22	0.19	0.20	91	105	0.23	0.21	91
Turkeys								
Young	0.18	0.19	0.20	111	105	0.24	0.23	96
Old	0.88	0.65	1.22	139	188	0.92	1.02	111
Total	0.19	0.20	0.20	105	100	0.24	0.23	96
Ducks	0.23	0.28	0.21	91	75	0.34	0.31	91
Total	0.21	0.19	0.20	95	105	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	November 2011	October 2012	November 2012	November 2012 as % of		January to November		2012 as percent of 2011
				November 2011	October 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	22,708	24,811	24,313	107	98	275,423	270,587	98
Mature	2,348	2,201	1,698	72	77	31,545	22,959	73
Light	1,073	898	724	67	81	11,394	10,146	89
Heavy	1,275	1,303	974	76	75	20,151	12,813	64
Total	25,056	27,012	26,011	104	96	306,968	293,546	96
Turkeys								
Young	6,400	7,480	6,709	105	90	76,709	72,679	95
Old	95	125	141	148	113	1,134	1,200	106
Total	6,495	7,605	6,850	105	90	77,843	73,879	95
Ducks	274	312	291	106	93	2,793	2,922	105
Other	3	6	2	67	33	23	29	126
Total	31,828	34,935	33,154	104	95	387,627	370,376	96
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.78	0.74	0.80	103	108	0.80	0.79	99
Mature	5.57	4.78	4.33	78	91	6.17	4.56	74
Light	11.35	8.43	7.05	62	84	9.57	7.84	82
Heavy	3.90	3.68	3.37	86	92	5.13	3.43	67
Total	0.84	0.79	0.85	101	108	0.87	0.84	97
Turkeys								
Young	1.24	1.28	1.29	104	101	1.43	1.31	92
Old	4.35	3.31	5.71	131	173	4.13	3.94	95
Total	1.25	1.29	1.31	105	102	1.44	1.32	92
Ducks	2.60	2.95	2.78	107	94	2.50	2.63	105
Other	0.89	0.69	1.15	129	167	0.82	1.02	124
Total	0.91	0.87	0.92	101	106	0.95	0.91	96

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

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

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	7,190	6,793	719,317	673,851
Mature	-	-	660	535	92,086	102,328
Light	-	-	516	426	56,623	76,093
Heavy	-	-	144	109	35,463	26,235
Total	-	-	7,850	7,328	811,403	776,179
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	40	57	41,735	41,899
Old	-	-	2	-	973	1,115
Total	-	-	42	57	42,708	43,014
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	256,512	348,188	4,170	4,232	25,783	26,620
Mature	13,001	8,923	176	120	33,807	27,946
Light	7,261	4,819	69	83	27,907	22,623
Heavy	5,740	4,104	107	37	5,900	5,323
Total	269,513	357,111	4,346	4,352	59,590	54,566
Turkeys						
Young	8,175	6,014	685	1,017	252	81
Old	312	110	1	-	147	123
Total	8,487	6,124	686	1,017	399	204
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	10,828	9,770	58,279	55,484	89,611	93,947
Mature	4,057	7,501	2,263	1,630	30,999	67,802
Light	3,621	7,150	1,511	1,002	27,569	63,894
Heavy	436	351	752	628	3,430	3,908
Total	14,885	17,271	60,542	57,114	120,610	161,749
Turkeys						
Young	329	219	1,973	1,773	2,744	2,467
Old	10	8	30	15	22	35
Total	339	227	2,003	1,788	2,766	2,502
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	16,102	17,933	672,739	753,138	1,860,531	1,989,956
Mature	573	443	91,894	71,927	269,516	289,155
Light	261	249	50,356	36,713	175,694	213,052
Heavy	312	194	41,538	35,214	93,822	76,103
Total	16,675	18,376	764,633	825,065	2,130,047	2,279,111
Turkeys						
Young	896	532	14,928	17,688	71,757	71,747
Old	4	-	580	1,015	2,081	2,405
Total	900	532	15,508	18,703	73,838	74,152

- 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: October and November 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	88,842	80,697	503,049	450,549	5.66	5.58
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	78,425	70,022	472,218	423,721	6.02	6.05
California	23,634	20,456	133,631	116,431	5.65	5.69
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	25,125	26,912	182,136	194,058	7.25	7.21
Florida	5,211	4,793	31,821	29,023	6.11	6.06
Georgia	108,838	98,577	619,552	561,895	5.69	5.70
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,266	4,640	23,806	21,121	4.52	4.55
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	27,729	23,901	155,301	131,305	5.60	5.49
Louisiana	15,919	13,749	102,169	86,931	6.42	6.32
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	11,065	11,612	57,957	61,487	5.24	5.29
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,157	3,658	24,109	21,009	5.80	5.74
Mississippi	65,317	56,223	406,492	344,282	6.22	6.12
Missouri	37,634	34,238	179,637	163,840	4.77	4.79
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	122	120	591	537	4.83	4.49
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,461	1,720	7,551	9,016	5.17	5.24
North Carolina	65,323	58,143	480,811	431,409	7.36	7.42
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	6,012	5,452	34,853	32,250	5.80	5.92
Oklahoma	12,253	10,472	78,306	68,814	6.39	6.57
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11,167	10,511	65,326	60,668	5.85	5.77
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	23,589	21,941	164,816	160,274	6.99	7.30
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	26,460	23,274	138,334	121,087	5.23	5.20
Texas	54,541	48,169	324,999	287,276	5.96	5.96
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	26,832	25,591	148,417	143,369	5.53	5.60
Washington	4,420	4,031	26,578	24,455	6.01	6.07
West Virginia	10,082	9,135	40,370	36,131	4.00	3.96
Wisconsin	4,475	3,972	19,002	16,843	4.25	4.24
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	745,932	673,891	4,435,014	4,009,756	5.95	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: October and November 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	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	383,256	342,560	3,256	2,973	0.84	0.86
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	355,140	317,112	2,671	2,498	0.75	0.78
California	99,184	86,507	866	771	0.87	0.88
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	131,746	140,559	1,241	1,631	0.93	1.15
Florida	23,866	21,767	150	145	0.62	0.66
Georgia	463,647	417,021	3,033	3,308	0.65	0.79
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	17,376	15,504	84	86	0.48	0.55
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	112,782	95,328	644	559	0.57	0.58
Louisiana	77,386	65,830	433	348	0.56	0.53
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	41,934	44,517	375	559	0.89	1.24
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	20,183	17,641	217	180	1.06	1.01
Mississippi	316,326	266,912	2,081	1,761	0.65	0.66
Missouri	135,364	123,550	1,000	963	0.73	0.77
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	420	384	9	10	2.14	2.51
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	4,570	5,491	180	219	3.78	3.83
North Carolina	372,487	335,599	3,223	3,138	0.86	0.93
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	25,980	23,997	214	205	0.82	0.85
Oklahoma	59,053	51,822	368	308	0.62	0.59
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	45,144	42,127	725	672	1.58	1.57
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	123,831	120,414	820	807	0.66	0.67
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	102,058	89,088	577	563	0.56	0.63
Texas	246,364	217,315	1,397	1,292	0.56	0.59
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	105,024	100,711	523	663	0.50	0.65
Washington	19,809	18,226	153	136	0.77	0.74
West Virginia	29,052	25,964	118	97	0.41	0.37
Wisconsin	13,765	12,300	163	151	1.17	1.21
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,334,971	3,006,729	24,811	24,313	0.74	0.80

- 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: October and November 2012

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	585	702	78,921	69,046
Arkansas	-	-	848	248	62,563	60,973
Delaware	-	-	1,136	1,584	39,772	44,359
Georgia	-	-	159	188	56,750	52,600
Mississippi	-	-	323	308	26,443	19,986
Missouri	-	-	34	45	48,395	47,996
North Carolina	-	-	389	483	78,606	72,844
Texas	-	-	64	66	42,541	37,874
Virginia	-	-	36	57	13,384	13,666
United States	-	-	7,190	6,793	719,317	673,851

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	29,816	39,998	662	861	1,513	1,532
Arkansas	16,075	18,083	985	1,144	995	883
Delaware	19,176	39,813	50	54	2,507	3,657
Georgia	24,760	30,931	332	138	4,139	4,176
Mississippi	8,421	8,371	115	72	586	563
Missouri	16,187	19,304	135	87	661	641
North Carolina	29,958	45,015	112	134	5,907	4,984
Texas	11,575	13,823	49	114	826	792
Virginia	11,254	23,122	5	9	1,051	1,489
United States	256,512	348,188	4,170	4,232	25,783	26,620

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,459	1,243	5,131	4,882	14,200	15,521
Arkansas	735	654	6,760	6,315	4,932	5,143
Delaware	858	874	1,761	1,358	3,281	2,728
Georgia	619	520	12,224	11,888	8,161	10,725
Mississippi	593	496	2,335	1,859	2,259	1,460
Missouri	237	236	1,097	1,035	4,754	5,092
North Carolina	1,160	1,027	11,228	12,162	5,324	5,749
Texas	413	326	2,052	1,462	4,999	3,557
Virginia	521	512	457	521	1,889	1,519
United States	10,828	9,770	58,279	55,484	89,611	93,947

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,816	1,312	91,295	70,361	225,398	205,458
Arkansas	372	228	68,269	85,031	162,534	178,702
Delaware	1,270	2,318	20,254	47,452	90,065	144,197
Georgia	1,936	2,236	95,620	139,724	204,700	253,126
Mississippi	274	255	33,493	38,725	74,842	72,095
Missouri	212	135	37,089	35,758	108,801	110,329
North Carolina	3,273	3,811	81,188	72,738	217,145	218,947
Texas	779	1,535	26,629	30,302	89,927	89,851
Virginia	349	563	19,449	34,642	48,395	76,100
United States	16,102	17,933	672,739	753,138	1,860,531	1,989,956

- 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: October and November 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	3,337	2,922	67,837	57,586	20.33	19.71
California	2,638	1,741	64,369	44,369	24.40	25.49
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,654	1,425	59,832	53,430	36.17	37.50
Iowa	1,303	1,330	52,617	53,190	40.39	39.98
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,924	4,019	103,368	97,770	26.34	24.33
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	1,275	1,075	41,543	36,513	32.57	33.97
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	2,978	2,422	95,337	81,598	32.02	33.69
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	493	485	20,583	18,951	41.72	39.10
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	901	965	20,327	21,632	22.56	22.41
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	685	602	10,615	9,539	15.49	15.84
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,675	2,465	69,095	64,219	25.83	26.05
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	24,802	22,083	719,756	639,040	29.02	28.94

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: October and November 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	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	56,212	48,413	368	326	0.65	0.67
California	51,661	35,698	585	393	1.12	1.09
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	48,343	43,104	911	840	1.85	1.91
Iowa	41,429	41,895	632	705	1.50	1.65
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	82,639	77,867	1,395	1,224	1.66	1.55
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	33,787	29,748	357	283	1.04	0.94
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	75,409	64,483	561	499	0.74	0.77
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	16,390	15,123	258	271	1.55	1.76
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	16,108	17,413	242	257	1.48	1.45
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	8,492	7,872	79	64	0.92	0.81
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	55,530	52,123	607	621	1.08	1.18
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	576,265	512,924	7,480	6,709	1.28	1.29

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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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