



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 1 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during December 2012 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.34 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the amount certified in December 2011. The November 2012 revised certified total at 3.57 billion pounds, was up 3 percent from November 2011. The November revision represented an increase of 1.96 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during December 2012 was 4.42 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 4.46 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.80 billion pounds, down slightly from December 2011. Mature chickens, at 59.1 million pounds, were down 9 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 550 million pounds, down 4 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.4 million pounds, down 5 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during December 2012 averaged 5.91 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from December 2011. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.07 pounds per bird, down 9 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during December 2012 averaged 30.8 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from December 2011.

Ante-mortem condemnations during December 2012 totaled 9.35 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.21 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.21 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 32.1 million pounds, were 0.95 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.95 percent a year earlier.

December 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

December 2012 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	December 2012 as % of		January to December		2012 as percent of 2011
				December 2011	November 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	658,722	674,146	642,807	98	95	8,537,060	8,428,814	99
Mature	11,560	10,408	11,636	101	112	146,007	147,347	101
Light	5,596	5,116	7,037	126	138	68,366	75,401	110
Heavy	5,964	5,292	4,599	77	87	77,641	71,946	93
Total	670,282	684,554	654,443	98	96	8,683,067	8,576,161	99
Turkeys								
Young	18,897	22,084	17,694	94	80	245,450	248,590	101
Old	102	114	153	150	134	1,394	1,602	115
Total	18,999	22,198	17,847	94	80	246,844	250,192	101
Ducks	2,233	2,071	2,112	95	102	24,472	24,183	99
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	3,809,326	4,011,475	3,801,045	100	95	49,552,670	49,349,082	100
Mature	64,566	59,658	59,051	91	99	835,452	815,506	98
Light	18,038	17,180	22,092	122	129	219,651	242,905	111
Heavy	46,528	42,478	36,959	79	87	615,801	572,601	93
Total	3,873,892	4,071,133	3,860,096	100	95	50,388,122	50,164,588	100
Turkeys								
Young	572,335	639,047	545,558	95	85	7,227,486	7,420,590	103
Old	2,587	3,110	4,077	158	131	36,967	42,566	115
Total	574,922	642,157	549,635	96	86	7,264,453	7,463,156	103
Ducks	15,201	14,050	14,442	95	103	166,632	164,388	99
Other ¹	201	236	226	112	96	4,440	4,482	101
Total	4,464,216	4,727,576	4,424,399	99	94	57,823,647	57,796,614	100
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.78	5.95	5.91	102	99	5.80	5.85	101
Mature	5.59	5.73	5.07	91	88	5.72	5.53	97
Light	3.22	3.36	3.14	98	93	3.21	3.22	100
Heavy	7.80	8.03	8.04	103	100	7.93	7.96	100
Total	5.78	5.95	5.90	102	99	5.80	5.85	101
Turkeys								
Young	30.29	28.94	30.83	102	107	29.45	29.85	101
Old	25.36	27.28	26.65	105	98	26.52	26.57	100
Total	30.26	28.93	30.80	102	106	29.43	29.83	101
Ducks	6.81	6.78	6.84	100	101	6.81	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	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	December 2012 as % of		January to December		2012 as percent of 2011
				December 2011	November 2012	2011	2012	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,599,817	2,733,796	2,579,590	99	94	33,890,712	33,597,126	99
Mature	41,398	37,649	36,760	89	98	520,067	516,499	99
Light	9,425	9,551	12,196	129	128	116,733	131,087	112
Heavy	31,973	28,098	24,564	77	87	403,334	385,412	96
Total	2,641,215	2,771,445	2,616,350	99	94	34,410,779	34,113,625	99
Turkeys								
Young	295,880	307,128	271,204	92	88	3,624,024	3,596,895	99
Old	1,940	2,031	2,928	151	144	27,199	31,143	115
Total	297,820	309,159	274,132	92	89	3,651,223	3,628,038	99
Ducks	4,227	3,886	4,008	95	103	43,885	43,962	100
Other ¹	134	164	154	115	94	1,524	1,949	128
Total	2,943,396	3,084,654	2,894,644	98	94	38,107,411	37,787,574	99
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	255,942	274,674	273,495	107	100	3,310,056	3,437,511	104
Mature	-	64	23	(X)	36	1,233	518	42
Light	-	38	-	(X)	(X)	317	388	122
Heavy	-	26	23	(X)	88	916	130	14
Total	255,942	274,738	273,518	107	100	3,311,289	3,438,029	104
Turkeys								
Young	161,036	205,803	167,317	104	81	2,138,163	2,338,072	109
Old	53	296	63	119	21	1,117	1,142	102
Total	161,089	206,099	167,380	104	81	2,139,280	2,339,214	109
Ducks	6,765	6,279	6,429	95	102	76,126	74,819	98
Other ¹	7	8	9	129	113	1,389	1,042	75
Total	423,803	487,124	447,336	106	92	5,528,084	5,853,104	106
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	2,855,759	3,008,470	2,853,085	100	95	37,200,768	37,034,637	100
Mature	41,398	37,713	36,783	89	98	521,300	517,017	99
Light	9,425	9,589	12,196	129	127	117,050	131,475	112
Heavy	31,973	28,124	24,587	77	87	404,250	385,542	95
Total	2,897,157	3,046,183	2,889,868	100	95	37,722,068	37,551,654	100
Turkeys								
Young	456,916	512,931	438,521	96	85	5,762,187	5,934,967	103
Old	1,993	2,327	2,991	150	129	28,316	32,285	114
Total	458,909	515,258	441,512	96	86	5,790,503	5,967,252	103
Ducks	10,992	10,165	10,437	95	103	120,011	118,781	99
Other ¹	141	172	163	116	95	2,913	2,991	103
Total	3,367,199	3,571,778	3,341,980	99	94	43,635,495	43,640,678	100

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[[Federally inspected only]]

Commodity	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	December 2012 as % of		January to December		2012 as percent of 2011
				December 2011	November 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	7,557	7,831	7,498	99	96	103,443	96,144	93
Mature	632	486	563	89	116	9,418	8,661	92
Light	289	181	268	93	148	3,109	3,376	109
Heavy	343	305	295	86	97	6,309	5,285	84
Total	8,189	8,317	8,061	98	97	112,861	104,805	93
Turkeys								
Young	1,250	1,251	1,222	98	98	17,225	17,076	99
Old	21	38	38	181	100	336	430	128
Total	1,271	1,289	1,260	99	98	17,561	17,506	100
Ducks	31	29	31	100	107	549	492	90
Total	9,491	9,635	9,352	99	97	130,975	122,809	94
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.20	0.20	0.20	100	100	0.21	0.19	90
Mature	0.98	0.81	0.95	97	117	1.13	1.06	94
Light	1.60	1.05	1.21	76	115	1.42	1.39	98
Heavy	0.74	0.72	0.80	108	111	1.02	0.92	90
Total	0.21	0.20	0.21	100	105	0.22	0.21	95
Turkeys								
Young	0.22	0.20	0.22	100	110	0.24	0.23	96
Old	0.81	1.22	0.93	115	76	0.91	1.01	111
Total	0.22	0.20	0.23	105	115	0.24	0.23	96
Ducks	0.20	0.21	0.21	105	100	0.33	0.30	91
Total	0.21	0.20	0.21	100	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	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	December 2012 as % of		January to December		2012 as percent of 2011
				December 2011	November 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	23,407	24,320	24,322	104	100	298,830	294,916	99
Mature	2,218	1,705	1,857	84	109	33,763	24,823	74
Light	1,076	726	1,207	112	166	12,470	11,355	91
Heavy	1,142	979	650	57	66	21,293	13,468	63
Total	25,625	26,025	26,179	102	101	332,593	319,739	96
Turkeys								
Young	6,114	6,709	5,554	91	83	82,823	78,233	94
Old	83	141	116	140	82	1,217	1,316	108
Total	6,197	6,850	5,670	91	83	84,040	79,549	95
Ducks	323	291	294	91	101	3,116	3,216	103
Other	1	2	1	100	50	24	30	125
Total	32,146	33,168	32,144	100	97	419,773	402,534	96
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.81	0.80	0.85	105	106	0.80	0.79	99
Mature	5.09	4.33	4.81	94	111	6.08	4.58	75
Light	10.25	7.04	9.01	88	128	9.63	7.95	83
Heavy	3.45	3.36	2.58	75	77	5.00	3.38	68
Total	0.88	0.85	0.90	102	106	0.87	0.84	97
Turkeys								
Young	1.32	1.29	1.25	95	97	1.42	1.30	92
Old	4.00	5.71	3.73	93	65	4.12	3.92	95
Total	1.33	1.31	1.27	95	97	1.43	1.32	92
Ducks	2.85	2.78	2.74	96	99	2.53	2.64	104
Other	0.70	1.15	0.61	87	53	0.82	0.99	121
Total	0.95	0.92	0.95	100	103	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: November and December 2012

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	6,795	8,710	674,020	671,165
Mature	-	-	536	879	102,537	180,474
Light	-	-	427	835	76,283	156,964
Heavy	-	-	109	44	26,254	23,510
Total	-	-	7,331	9,589	776,557	851,639
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	57	40	41,899	33,691
Old	-	-	-	2	1,115	1,062
Total	-	-	57	42	43,014	34,753
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	348,360	429,306	4,235	4,231	26,622	26,972
Mature	8,955	13,281	124	207	27,997	36,223
Light	4,822	7,390	83	148	22,648	31,162
Heavy	4,133	5,891	41	59	5,349	5,061
Total	357,315	442,587	4,359	4,438	54,619	63,195
Turkeys						
Young	6,014	4,966	1,017	979	81	119
Old	110	142	-	-	123	77
Total	6,124	5,108	1,017	979	204	196
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	9,771	9,207	55,490	55,863	93,971	91,665
Mature	7,507	14,752	1,637	2,510	67,841	68,969
Light	7,151	14,407	1,008	1,696	63,910	65,871
Heavy	356	345	629	814	3,931	3,098
Total	17,278	23,959	57,127	58,373	161,812	160,634
Turkeys						
Young	219	146	1,773	1,760	2,467	1,755
Old	8	2	15	4	35	13
Total	227	148	1,788	1,764	2,502	1,768
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	17,941	20,652	753,143	813,880	1,990,348	2,131,651
Mature	445	360	72,357	78,460	289,936	396,115
Light	251	208	37,143	50,495	213,726	329,176
Heavy	194	152	35,214	27,965	76,210	66,939
Total	18,386	21,012	825,500	892,340	2,280,284	2,527,766
Turkeys						
Young	532	328	17,688	14,600	71,747	58,384
Old	-	6	1,015	144	2,405	1,452
Total	532	334	18,703	14,744	74,152	59,836

- 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: November and December 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	80,819	76,088	451,441	424,304	5.59	5.58
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	70,152	66,103	424,420	388,641	6.05	5.88
California	20,456	20,520	116,431	120,380	5.69	5.87
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	26,912	23,523	194,058	170,031	7.21	7.23
Florida	4,793	4,586	29,023	27,456	6.06	5.99
Georgia	98,577	94,426	562,007	537,784	5.70	5.70
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,640	4,665	21,121	21,397	4.55	4.59
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	23,901	22,013	131,305	121,595	5.49	5.52
Louisiana	13,749	13,890	86,931	88,085	6.32	6.34
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	11,612	10,194	61,487	53,879	5.29	5.29
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,658	3,546	21,009	20,461	5.74	5.77
Mississippi	56,223	55,669	344,282	337,515	6.12	6.06
Missouri	34,238	32,984	163,840	155,576	4.79	4.72
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	120	124	537	574	4.49	4.64
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,720	1,746	9,016	8,761	5.24	5.02
North Carolina	58,143	55,501	431,409	415,657	7.42	7.49
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	5,452	5,204	32,250	30,535	5.92	5.87
Oklahoma	10,472	10,915	68,814	71,736	6.57	6.57
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,511	9,484	60,668	54,006	5.77	5.69
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	21,941	21,510	160,274	149,699	7.30	6.96
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	23,274	22,213	121,087	112,386	5.20	5.06
Texas	48,169	46,514	287,276	277,634	5.96	5.97
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	25,591	22,978	143,369	124,669	5.60	5.43
Washington	4,031	4,138	24,455	25,583	6.07	6.18
West Virginia	9,135	8,961	36,131	36,178	3.96	4.04
Wisconsin	3,972	3,438	16,843	14,873	4.24	4.33
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	674,146	642,807	4,011,475	3,801,045	5.95	5.91

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: November and December 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	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	343,259	323,362	2,976	3,113	0.86	0.95
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	317,646	290,272	2,502	2,536	0.78	0.87
California	86,507	89,565	771	782	0.88	0.87
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	140,559	123,046	1,631	1,613	1.15	1.29
Florida	21,767	20,590	145	147	0.66	0.71
Georgia	417,518	402,042	3,308	3,282	0.79	0.81
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	15,504	15,649	86	88	0.55	0.56
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	95,328	88,547	559	612	0.58	0.69
Louisiana	65,830	66,271	348	385	0.53	0.58
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	44,517	38,976	559	499	1.24	1.26
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	17,641	17,073	180	178	1.01	1.03
Mississippi	266,912	258,420	1,761	1,600	0.66	0.62
Missouri	123,550	117,343	963	1,004	0.77	0.85
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	384	413	10	11	2.51	2.58
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,491	5,403	219	190	3.83	3.39
North Carolina	335,599	325,484	3,138	3,108	0.93	0.95
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	23,997	22,722	205	220	0.85	0.96
Oklahoma	51,822	53,984	308	338	0.59	0.62
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	42,127	37,430	672	611	1.57	1.61
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	120,414	112,198	807	705	0.67	0.62
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	89,088	82,741	563	568	0.63	0.68
Texas	217,315	209,989	1,292	1,197	0.59	0.57
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	100,711	87,501	663	888	0.65	1.00
Washington	18,226	19,045	136	149	0.74	0.77
West Virginia	25,964	25,944	97	84	0.37	0.32
Wisconsin	12,300	10,867	151	144	1.21	1.31
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,008,470	2,853,085	24,320	24,322	0.80	0.85

- 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: November and December 2012

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	702	200	69,103	71,415
Arkansas	-	-	249	230	61,085	62,459
Delaware	-	-	1,584	2,551	44,359	39,790
Georgia	-	-	188	316	52,600	54,996
Mississippi	-	-	308	606	19,986	19,436
Missouri	-	-	45	45	47,996	54,038
North Carolina	-	-	483	634	72,844	68,389
Texas	-	-	66	54	37,874	35,856
Virginia	-	-	57	52	13,666	12,494
United States	-	-	6,795	8,710	674,020	671,165

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	40,163	66,005	861	533	1,534	1,844
Arkansas	18,087	23,196	1,144	1,591	883	847
Delaware	39,813	48,915	54	34	3,657	3,983
Georgia	30,931	47,291	138	438	4,176	4,475
Mississippi	8,371	9,352	72	51	563	455
Missouri	19,304	19,551	87	137	641	708
North Carolina	45,015	51,603	134	121	4,984	4,708
Texas	13,823	14,738	114	54	792	852
Virginia	23,122	35,645	9	7	1,489	1,305
United States	348,360	429,306	4,235	4,231	26,622	26,972

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,243	1,239	4,882	4,939	15,521	14,855
Arkansas	654	708	6,320	6,333	5,145	5,468
Delaware	874	629	1,358	1,161	2,728	2,060
Georgia	520	499	11,888	11,133	10,725	8,353
Mississippi	496	624	1,859	1,738	1,460	1,339
Missouri	236	244	1,035	1,139	5,092	5,096
North Carolina	1,027	938	12,162	11,678	5,749	8,169
Texas	326	347	1,462	1,553	3,557	3,480
Virginia	512	468	521	424	1,519	1,509
United States	9,771	9,207	55,490	55,863	93,971	91,665

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,312	2,737	70,361	93,546	205,682	257,313
Arkansas	228	397	85,034	113,427	178,829	214,656
Delaware	2,318	2,068	47,452	47,539	144,197	148,730
Georgia	2,236	3,635	139,724	137,315	253,126	268,451
Mississippi	255	268	38,725	31,856	72,095	65,725
Missouri	135	293	35,758	33,274	110,329	114,525
North Carolina	3,811	3,405	72,738	87,567	218,947	237,212
Texas	1,535	494	30,302	27,913	89,851	85,341
Virginia	563	323	34,642	52,026	76,100	104,253
United States	17,941	20,652	753,143	813,880	1,990,348	2,131,651

- 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: November and December 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Arkansas	2,922	2,393	57,586	47,544	19.71	19.87
California	1,741	1,061	44,369	30,418	25.49	28.66
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,425	1,299	53,430	50,043	37.50	38.53
Iowa	1,330	1,160	53,190	49,392	39.98	42.59
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	4,019	2,804	97,770	75,785	24.33	27.03
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	1,075	993	36,513	32,609	33.97	32.82
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	2,422	2,036	81,598	69,989	33.69	34.38
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	485	365	18,951	15,732	39.10	43.05
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	965	563	21,632	12,952	22.41	23.00
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	602	574	9,539	15,043	15.84	26.22
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,465	2,132	64,219	54,989	26.05	25.79
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	22,084	17,694	639,047	545,558	28.94	30.83

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: November and December 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	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Arkansas	48,413	40,199	326	284	0.67	0.70
California	35,698	24,357	393	253	1.09	1.03
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	43,104	40,390	840	761	1.91	1.85
Iowa	41,895	38,683	705	629	1.65	1.60
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	77,867	60,617	1,224	987	1.55	1.60
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	29,748	26,537	283	230	0.94	0.86
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	64,483	55,783	499	358	0.77	0.64
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	15,123	12,560	271	194	1.76	1.52
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	17,413	10,398	257	222	1.45	2.09
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	7,872	12,193	64	59	0.81	0.48
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	52,123	44,501	621	518	1.18	1.15
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	512,931	438,521	6,709	5,554	1.29	1.25

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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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Procedures and Reliability: Plant inspectors submit data electronically for each shift a plant operates. An edit provides checks for the detection of errors such as invalid plant information, duplication, and erroneous data. Data are accumulated to monthly totals for this release.

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