



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 6 Percent from Last Year

**Poultry certified wholesome** during January 2013 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.85 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the amount certified in January 2012. The December 2012 revised certified total at 3.34 billion pounds, was down 1 percent from December 2011. The December revision represented an increase of 157 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during January 2013 was 5.09 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 4.81 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.35 billion pounds, up 5 percent from January 2012. Mature chickens, at 74.2 million pounds, were up 9 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 654 million pounds, up 9 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.6 million pounds, up 2 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during January 2013 averaged 5.92 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from January 2012. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.39 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during January 2013 averaged 31.6 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from January 2012.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during January 2013 totaled 11.3 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 38.3 million pounds, were 0.99 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.95 percent a year earlier.

**January 2012** contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**January 2013** contained 23 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	January 2013 as % of		January to January		2013 as percent of 2012
				January 2012	December 2012	2012	2013	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Number slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	707,215	642,807	734,659	104	114	707,215	734,659	104
Mature .....	12,845	11,636	13,763	107	118	12,845	13,763	107
Light .....	6,975	7,037	7,487	107	106	6,975	7,487	107
Heavy .....	5,870	4,599	6,276	107	136	5,870	6,276	107
Total .....	720,060	654,443	748,422	104	114	720,060	748,422	104
Turkeys								
Young .....	19,291	17,694	20,576	107	116	19,291	20,576	107
Old .....	110	153	121	110	79	110	121	110
Total .....	19,401	17,847	20,697	107	116	19,401	20,697	107
Ducks .....	2,104	2,112	2,165	103	103	2,104	2,165	103
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Total live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	4,131,497	3,801,045	4,348,903	105	114	4,131,497	4,348,903	105
Mature .....	67,936	59,051	74,183	109	126	67,936	74,183	109
Light .....	22,570	22,092	23,949	106	108	22,570	23,949	106
Heavy .....	45,366	36,959	50,234	111	136	45,366	50,234	111
Total .....	4,199,433	3,860,096	4,423,086	105	115	4,199,433	4,423,086	105
Turkeys								
Young .....	597,390	545,558	650,994	109	119	597,390	650,994	109
Old .....	2,810	4,077	3,311	118	81	2,810	3,311	118
Total .....	600,200	549,635	654,305	109	119	600,200	654,305	109
Ducks .....	14,322	14,442	14,554	102	101	14,322	14,554	102
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	177	226	176	99	78	177	176	99
Total .....	4,814,132	4,424,399	5,092,121	106	115	4,814,132	5,092,121	106
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	5.84	5.91	5.92	101	100	5.84	5.92	101
Mature .....	5.29	5.07	5.39	102	106	5.29	5.39	102
Light .....	3.24	3.14	3.20	99	102	3.24	3.20	99
Heavy .....	7.73	8.04	8.00	103	100	7.73	8.00	103
Total .....	5.83	5.90	5.91	101	100	5.83	5.91	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	30.97	30.83	31.64	102	103	30.97	31.64	102
Old .....	25.55	26.65	27.36	107	103	25.55	27.36	107
Total .....	30.94	30.80	31.61	102	103	30.94	31.61	102
Ducks .....	6.81	6.84	6.72	99	98	6.81	6.72	99

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, and squab.

## Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	January 2013 as % of		January to January		2013 as percent of 2012
				January 2012	December 2012	2012	2013	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	2,807,457	2,579,598	2,959,435	105	115	2,807,457	2,959,435	105
Mature .....	43,249	36,760	46,354	107	126	43,249	46,354	107
Light .....	11,899	12,196	12,679	107	104	11,899	12,679	107
Heavy .....	31,350	24,564	33,675	107	137	31,350	33,675	107
Total .....	2,850,706	2,616,358	3,005,789	105	115	2,850,706	3,005,789	105
Turkeys								
Young .....	296,140	271,204	321,298	108	118	296,140	321,298	108
Old .....	2,097	2,928	2,326	111	79	2,097	2,326	111
Total .....	298,237	274,132	323,624	109	118	298,237	323,624	109
Ducks .....	3,979	4,008	3,999	101	100	3,979	3,999	101
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	119	154	117	98	76	119	117	98
Total .....	3,153,041	2,894,652	3,333,529	106	115	3,153,041	3,333,529	106
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	284,338	273,644	306,694	108	112	284,338	306,694	108
Mature .....	-	23	50	(X)	217	-	50	(X)
Light .....	-	-	50	(X)	(X)	-	50	(X)
Heavy .....	-	23	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total .....	284,338	273,667	306,744	108	112	284,338	306,744	108
Turkeys								
Young .....	178,390	167,317	200,250	112	120	178,390	200,250	112
Old .....	52	63	161	310	256	52	161	310
Total .....	178,442	167,380	200,411	112	120	178,442	200,411	112
Ducks .....	6,436	6,429	6,556	102	102	6,436	6,556	102
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	7	9	7	100	78	7	7	100
Total .....	469,223	447,485	513,718	109	115	469,223	513,718	109
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,091,795	2,853,242	3,266,129	106	114	3,091,795	3,266,129	106
Mature .....	43,249	36,783	46,404	107	126	43,249	46,404	107
Light .....	11,899	12,196	12,729	107	104	11,899	12,729	107
Heavy .....	31,350	24,587	33,675	107	137	31,350	33,675	107
Total .....	3,135,044	2,890,025	3,312,533	106	115	3,135,044	3,312,533	106
Turkeys								
Young .....	474,530	438,521	521,548	110	119	474,530	521,548	110
Old .....	2,149	2,991	2,487	116	83	2,149	2,487	116
Total .....	476,679	441,512	524,035	110	119	476,679	524,035	110
Ducks .....	10,415	10,437	10,555	101	101	10,415	10,555	101
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	126	163	124	98	76	126	124	98
Total .....	3,622,264	3,342,137	3,847,247	106	115	3,622,264	3,847,247	106

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	January 2013 as % of		January to January		2013 as percent of 2012
				January 2012	December 2012	2012	2013	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	8,171	7,498	8,865	108	118	8,171	8,865	108
Mature .....	1,044	563	742	71	132	1,044	742	71
Light .....	487	268	340	70	127	487	340	70
Heavy .....	557	295	402	72	136	557	402	72
Total .....	9,215	8,061	9,607	104	119	9,215	9,607	104
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,413	1,222	1,648	117	135	1,413	1,648	117
Old .....	36	38	38	106	100	36	38	106
Total .....	1,449	1,260	1,686	116	134	1,449	1,686	116
Ducks .....	34	31	39	115	126	34	39	115
Total .....	10,698	9,352	11,333	106	121	10,698	11,333	106
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.20	0.20	0.20	100	100	0.20	0.20	100
Mature .....	1.54	0.95	1.00	65	105	1.54	1.00	65
Light .....	2.16	1.21	1.42	66	117	2.16	1.42	66
Heavy .....	1.23	0.80	0.80	65	100	1.23	0.80	65
Total .....	0.22	0.21	0.22	100	105	0.22	0.22	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.24	0.22	0.25	104	114	0.24	0.25	104
Old .....	1.28	0.93	1.15	90	124	1.28	1.15	90
Total .....	0.24	0.23	0.26	108	113	0.24	0.26	108
Ducks .....	0.24	0.21	0.27	113	129	0.24	0.27	113
Total .....	0.22	0.21	0.22	100	105	0.22	0.22	100

<sup>1</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	January 2013 as % of		January to January		2013 as percent of 2012
				January 2012	December 2012	2012	2013	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Carcass and parts</b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	25,860	24,322	29,214	113	120	25,860	29,214	113
Mature .....	2,163	1,857	1,546	71	83	2,163	1,546	71
Light .....	1,087	1,207	698	64	58	1,087	698	64
Heavy .....	1,076	650	848	79	130	1,076	848	79
Total .....	28,023	26,179	30,760	110	117	28,023	30,760	110
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	6,333	5,554	7,113	112	128	6,333	7,113	112
Old .....	99	116	135	136	116	99	135	136
Total .....	6,432	5,670	7,248	113	128	6,432	7,248	113
Ducks .....	236	294	268	114	91	236	268	114
Other .....	2	1	1	50	100	2	1	50
Total .....	34,693	32,144	38,277	110	119	34,693	38,277	110
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.83	0.85	0.89	107	105	0.83	0.89	107
Mature .....	4.76	4.81	3.22	68	67	4.76	3.22	68
Light .....	8.37	9.01	5.20	62	58	8.37	5.20	62
Heavy .....	3.32	2.58	2.46	74	95	3.32	2.46	74
Total .....	0.89	0.90	0.92	103	102	0.89	0.92	103
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.32	1.25	1.35	102	108	1.32	1.35	102
Old .....	4.40	3.73	5.15	117	138	4.40	5.15	117
Total .....	1.33	1.27	1.36	102	107	1.33	1.36	102
Ducks .....	2.22	2.74	2.48	112	91	2.22	2.48	112
Other .....	1.56	0.61	0.80	51	131	1.56	0.80	51
Total .....	0.95	0.95	0.99	104	104	0.95	0.99	104

<sup>1</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

**Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States: December 2012 and January 2013**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	8,710	10,855	671,165	832,209
Mature .....	-	-	879	1,341	180,474	90,492
Light .....	-	-	835	1,228	156,964	55,642
Heavy .....	-	-	44	113	23,510	34,850
Total .....	-	-	9,589	12,196	851,639	922,701
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	40	134	33,691	40,457
Old .....	-	-	2	1	1,062	1,016
Total .....	-	-	42	135	34,753	41,473
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	429,306	590,349	4,231	4,853	26,972	31,930
Mature .....	13,281	20,524	207	291	36,223	24,473
Light .....	7,390	14,306	148	189	31,162	17,522
Heavy .....	5,891	6,218	59	102	5,061	6,951
Total .....	442,587	610,873	4,438	5,144	63,195	56,403
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	4,966	6,422	979	983	119	280
Old .....	142	331	-	-	77	150
Total .....	5,108	6,753	979	983	196	430
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	9,207	11,484	55,863	63,183	91,665	99,177
Mature .....	14,752	14,872	2,510	2,826	68,969	34,859
Light .....	14,407	14,200	1,696	1,991	65,871	31,248
Heavy .....	345	672	814	835	3,098	3,611
Total .....	23,959	26,356	58,373	66,009	160,634	134,036
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	146	166	1,760	1,944	1,755	2,113
Old .....	2	4	4	26	13	42
Total .....	148	170	1,764	1,970	1,768	2,155
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	20,652	22,829	813,880	963,384	2,131,651	2,630,253
Mature .....	360	1,184	78,460	85,969	396,115	276,831
Light .....	208	505	50,495	50,059	329,176	186,890
Heavy .....	152	679	27,965	35,910	66,939	89,941
Total .....	21,012	24,013	892,340	1,049,353	2,527,766	2,907,084
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	328	642	14,600	16,850	58,384	69,991
Old .....	6	-	144	257	1,452	1,827
Total .....	334	642	14,744	17,107	59,836	71,818

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> 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: December 2012 and January 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	76,088	85,511	424,304	474,862	5.58	5.55
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	66,103	78,197	388,641	465,627	5.88	5.95
California .....	20,520	23,613	120,380	138,522	5.87	5.87
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Delaware .....	23,523	27,987	170,031	200,952	7.23	7.18
Florida .....	4,586	5,199	27,456	30,945	5.99	5.95
Georgia .....	94,426	107,256	537,784	607,897	5.70	5.67
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	4,665	5,303	21,397	23,123	4.59	4.36
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	22,013	25,419	121,595	144,381	5.52	5.68
Louisiana .....	13,890	15,789	88,085	100,338	6.34	6.36
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	10,194	11,003	53,879	58,765	5.29	5.34
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,546	4,088	20,461	22,615	5.77	5.53
Mississippi .....	55,669	61,726	337,515	375,501	6.06	6.08
Missouri .....	32,984	37,269	155,576	179,896	4.72	4.83
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	124	150	574	691	4.64	4.62
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	1,746	1,764	8,761	8,716	5.02	4.94
North Carolina .....	55,501	64,234	415,657	475,406	7.49	7.40
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	5,204	5,843	30,535	34,100	5.87	5.84
Oklahoma .....	10,915	12,190	71,736	80,469	6.57	6.60
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	9,484	10,632	54,006	59,734	5.69	5.62
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	21,510	24,805	149,699	174,665	6.96	7.04
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	22,213	25,899	112,386	135,918	5.06	5.25
Texas .....	46,514	53,584	277,634	312,862	5.97	5.84
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	22,978	26,292	124,669	143,066	5.43	5.44
Washington .....	4,138	4,732	25,583	29,597	6.18	6.26
West Virginia .....	8,961	9,829	36,178	39,728	4.04	4.04
Wisconsin .....	3,438	4,353	14,873	18,531	4.33	4.26
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	642,807	734,659	3,801,045	4,348,903	5.91	5.92

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2012 and January 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	323,362	361,970	3,113	3,624	0.95	0.99
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	290,272	350,682	2,536	3,526	0.87	1.00
California .....	89,565	102,921	782	853	0.87	0.82
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Delaware .....	123,046	144,855	1,613	1,928	1.29	1.31
Florida .....	20,590	23,084	147	216	0.71	0.93
Georgia .....	402,199	451,465	3,282	3,942	0.81	0.87
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	15,649	16,948	88	97	0.56	0.57
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	88,547	105,001	612	811	0.69	0.77
Louisiana .....	66,271	75,622	385	438	0.58	0.58
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	38,976	42,728	499	606	1.26	1.40
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	17,073	18,869	178	203	1.03	1.07
Mississippi .....	258,420	289,658	1,600	1,840	0.62	0.63
Missouri .....	117,343	135,926	1,004	1,167	0.85	0.85
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	413	490	11	12	2.58	2.39
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	5,403	5,383	190	167	3.39	3.02
North Carolina .....	325,484	372,707	3,108	3,699	0.95	0.98
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	22,722	25,379	220	261	0.96	1.02
Oklahoma .....	53,984	60,350	338	514	0.62	0.84
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	37,430	41,153	611	651	1.61	1.56
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	112,198	131,394	705	877	0.62	0.66
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	82,741	100,196	568	930	0.68	0.92
Texas .....	209,989	236,383	1,197	1,426	0.57	0.60
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	87,501	100,471	888	729	1.00	0.72
Washington .....	19,045	22,037	149	169	0.77	0.76
West Virginia .....	25,944	28,467	84	83	0.32	0.29
Wisconsin .....	10,867	13,570	144	162	1.31	1.18
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	2,853,242	3,266,129	24,322	29,214	0.85	0.89

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.



## Young Chickens, Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: December 2012 and January 2013

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	200	194	71,415	84,547
Arkansas .....	-	-	230	273	62,459	88,185
Delaware .....	-	-	2,551	4,333	39,790	53,598
Georgia .....	-	-	316	178	54,996	67,437
Mississippi .....	-	-	606	846	19,436	24,857
Missouri .....	-	-	45	37	54,038	62,376
North Carolina .....	-	-	634	499	68,389	92,429
Texas .....	-	-	54	111	35,856	47,521
Virginia .....	-	-	52	58	12,494	18,385
United States .....	-	-	8,710	10,855	671,165	832,209

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	66,005	71,942	533	484	1,844	2,034
Arkansas .....	23,196	38,988	1,591	2,167	847	1,070
Delaware .....	48,915	70,492	34	53	3,983	4,651
Georgia .....	47,291	59,119	438	229	4,475	5,615
Mississippi .....	9,352	11,895	51	85	455	970
Missouri .....	19,551	30,856	137	212	708	841
North Carolina .....	51,603	74,850	121	174	4,708	5,068
Texas .....	14,738	23,142	54	71	852	963
Virginia .....	35,645	40,825	7	5	1,305	1,312
United States .....	429,306	590,349	4,231	4,853	26,972	31,930

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,239	1,507	4,939	6,100	14,855	21,434
Arkansas .....	708	799	6,333	7,027	5,468	6,415
Delaware .....	629	986	1,161	1,155	2,060	2,653
Georgia .....	499	620	11,133	12,416	8,353	8,444
Mississippi .....	624	806	1,738	1,939	1,339	1,832
Missouri .....	244	277	1,139	1,366	5,096	5,656
North Carolina .....	938	1,162	11,678	13,169	8,169	7,646
Texas .....	347	369	1,553	1,617	3,480	4,819
Virginia .....	468	637	424	634	1,509	1,959
United States .....	9,207	11,484	55,863	63,183	91,665	99,177

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	2,737	2,287	93,546	147,399	257,313	337,928
Arkansas .....	397	1,872	113,427	112,838	214,656	259,634
Delaware .....	2,068	1,946	47,539	55,709	148,730	195,576
Georgia .....	3,635	2,702	137,315	144,950	268,451	301,710
Mississippi .....	268	219	31,856	39,447	65,725	82,896
Missouri .....	293	163	33,274	32,640	114,525	134,424
North Carolina .....	3,405	2,448	87,567	110,539	237,212	307,984
Texas .....	494	729	27,913	36,607	85,341	115,949
Virginia .....	323	932	52,026	54,783	104,253	119,530
United States .....	20,652	22,829	813,880	963,384	2,131,651	2,630,253

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> 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: December 2012 and January 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	2,393	2,773	47,544	58,807	19.87	21.21
California .....	1,061	838	30,418	27,071	28.66	32.32
Colorado .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	1,299	1,628	50,043	63,969	38.53	39.29
Iowa .....	1,160	1,370	49,392	59,787	42.59	43.63
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 .....	2,804	3,739	75,785	99,121	27.03	26.51
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	993	1,082	32,609	34,544	32.82	31.93
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	2,036	2,625	69,989	89,704	34.38	34.17
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	365	436	15,732	19,352	43.05	44.37
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Pennsylvania .....	563	504	12,952	13,224	23.00	26.25
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	574	673	15,043	19,975	26.22	29.66
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Virginia .....	2,132	2,437	54,989	63,276	25.79	25.96
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	17,694	20,576	545,558	650,994	30.83	31.64

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## Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2012 and January 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	40,199	49,517	284	403	0.70	0.81
California .....	24,357	21,799	253	251	1.03	1.14
Colorado .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Connecticut .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	40,390	51,722	761	885	1.85	1.68
Iowa .....	38,683	47,239	629	810	1.60	1.69
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 .....	60,617	79,232	987	1,376	1.60	1.71
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	26,537	28,145	230	219	0.86	0.77
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
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 .....	55,783	70,921	358	738	0.64	1.03
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	12,560	15,448	194	280	1.52	1.78
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	10,398	10,301	222	177	2.09	1.69
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	12,193	15,923	59	70	0.48	0.44
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Virginia .....	44,501	50,476	518	666	1.15	1.30
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	438,521	521,548	5,554	7,113	1.25	1.35

- Represents zero.

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(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> 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 300 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2012. Young chickens were slaughtered in 37 States, young turkeys in 28 States.

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