



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 2 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during February 2013 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.39 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the amount certified in February 2012. The January 2013 revised certified total at 3.85 billion pounds, was up 6 percent from January 2012. The January revision represented an increase of 1.46 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during February 2013 was 4.49 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 4.59 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.84 billion pounds, down 2 percent from February 2012. Mature chickens, at 59.6 million pounds, were down 2 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 578 million pounds, down 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.3 million pounds, down 1 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during February 2013 averaged 5.91 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from February 2012. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.38 pounds per bird, down 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2013 averaged 31.2 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from February 2012.

Ante-mortem condemnations during February 2013 totaled 9.95 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.21 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 36.5 million pounds, were 1.07 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.98 percent a year earlier.

February 2012 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

February 2013 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2012	January 2013	February 2013	February 2013 as % of		January to February		2013 as percent of 2012
				February 2012	January 2013	2012	2013	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Number slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	674,192	734,645	650,001	96	88	1,381,407	1,384,646	100
Mature	11,056	13,906	11,077	100	80	23,901	24,983	105
Light	5,568	7,630	6,198	111	81	12,543	13,828	110
Heavy	5,488	6,276	4,879	89	78	11,358	11,155	98
Total	685,248	748,551	661,078	96	88	1,405,308	1,409,629	100
Turkeys								
Young	18,931	20,584	18,366	97	89	38,222	38,950	102
Old	99	121	142	143	117	209	263	126
Total	19,030	20,705	18,508	97	89	38,431	39,213	102
Ducks	1,977	2,165	1,960	99	91	4,081	4,125	101
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	3,931,177	4,349,498	3,838,427	98	88	8,062,674	8,187,925	102
Mature	61,046	74,631	59,645	98	80	128,982	134,276	104
Light	18,101	24,397	20,729	115	85	40,671	45,126	111
Heavy	42,945	50,234	38,916	91	77	88,311	89,150	101
Total	3,992,223	4,424,129	3,898,072	98	88	8,191,656	8,322,201	102
Turkeys								
Young	583,236	651,716	574,067	98	88	1,180,626	1,225,783	104
Old	2,636	3,311	3,781	143	114	5,446	7,092	130
Total	585,872	655,027	577,848	99	88	1,186,072	1,232,875	104
Ducks	13,489	14,554	13,296	99	91	27,811	27,850	100
Other ¹	149	176	155	104	88	326	331	102
Total	4,591,733	5,093,886	4,489,371	98	88	9,405,865	9,583,257	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.83	5.92	5.91	101	100	5.84	5.91	101
Mature	5.52	5.37	5.38	97	100	5.40	5.37	99
Light	3.25	3.20	3.34	103	104	3.24	3.26	101
Heavy	7.83	8.00	7.98	102	100	7.78	7.99	103
Total	5.83	5.91	5.90	101	100	5.83	5.90	101
Turkeys								
Young	30.81	31.66	31.26	101	99	30.89	31.47	102
Old	26.63	27.36	26.63	100	97	26.06	26.97	103
Total	30.79	31.64	31.22	101	99	30.86	31.44	102
Ducks	6.82	6.72	6.78	99	101	6.81	6.75	99

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	February 2012	January 2013	February 2013	February 2013 as % of		January to February		2013 as percent of 2012
				February 2012	January 2013	2012	2013	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,669,654	2,960,363	2,619,784	98	88	5,477,111	5,580,147	102
Mature	38,805	46,597	39,178	101	84	82,054	85,775	105
Light	9,566	12,922	12,834	134	99	21,465	25,756	120
Heavy	29,239	33,675	26,344	90	78	60,589	60,019	99
Total	2,708,459	3,006,960	2,658,962	98	88	5,559,165	5,665,922	102
Turkeys								
Young	292,884	321,829	284,973	97	89	589,024	606,802	103
Old	1,930	2,326	2,771	144	119	4,027	5,097	127
Total	294,814	324,155	287,744	98	89	593,051	611,899	103
Ducks	3,691	3,999	3,792	103	95	7,670	7,791	102
Other ¹	99	117	104	105	89	218	221	101
Total	3,007,063	3,335,231	2,950,602	98	88	6,160,104	6,285,833	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	283,991	306,447	257,224	91	84	568,329	563,671	99
Mature	-	2	-	(X)	(X)	-	2	(X)
Light	-	2	-	(X)	(X)	-	2	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total	283,991	306,449	257,224	91	84	568,329	563,673	99
Turkeys								
Young	171,955	200,299	173,821	101	87	350,345	374,120	107
Old	31	161	124	400	77	83	285	343
Total	171,986	200,460	173,945	101	87	350,428	374,405	107
Ducks	6,138	6,556	5,902	96	90	12,574	12,458	99
Other ¹	6	7	6	100	86	13	13	100
Total	462,121	513,472	437,077	95	85	931,344	950,549	102
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	2,953,645	3,266,810	2,877,008	97	88	6,045,440	6,143,818	102
Mature	38,805	46,599	39,178	101	84	82,054	85,777	105
Light	9,566	12,924	12,834	134	99	21,465	25,758	120
Heavy	29,239	33,675	26,344	90	78	60,589	60,019	99
Total	2,992,450	3,313,409	2,916,186	97	88	6,127,494	6,229,595	102
Turkeys								
Young	464,839	522,128	458,794	99	88	939,369	980,922	104
Old	1,961	2,487	2,895	148	116	4,110	5,382	131
Total	466,800	524,615	461,689	99	88	943,479	986,304	105
Ducks	9,829	10,555	9,694	99	92	20,244	20,249	100
Other ¹	105	124	110	105	89	231	234	101
Total	3,469,184	3,848,703	3,387,679	98	88	7,091,448	7,236,382	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2012	January 2013	February 2013	February 2013 as % of		January to February		2013 as percent of 2012
				February 2012	January 2013	2012	2013	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	7,591	8,864	7,872	104	89	15,762	16,736	106
Mature	566	746	578	102	77	1,610	1,324	82
Light	241	344	241	100	70	728	585	80
Heavy	325	402	337	104	84	882	739	84
Total	8,157	9,610	8,450	104	88	17,372	18,060	104
Turkeys								
Young	1,364	1,649	1,426	105	86	2,777	3,075	111
Old	13	38	39	300	103	49	77	157
Total	1,377	1,687	1,465	106	87	2,826	3,152	112
Ducks	30	39	37	123	95	64	76	119
Total	9,564	11,337	9,952	104	88	20,262	21,289	105
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.19	0.20	0.21	111	105	0.20	0.20	100
Mature	0.93	1.00	0.97	104	97	1.25	0.99	79
Light	1.33	1.41	1.16	87	82	1.79	1.30	73
Heavy	0.76	0.80	0.87	114	109	1.00	0.83	83
Total	0.20	0.22	0.22	110	100	0.21	0.22	105
Turkeys								
Young	0.23	0.25	0.25	109	100	0.24	0.25	104
Old	0.49	1.15	1.03	210	90	0.90	1.09	121
Total	0.24	0.26	0.25	104	96	0.24	0.26	108
Ducks	0.22	0.27	0.28	127	104	0.23	0.27	117
Total	0.21	0.22	0.22	105	100	0.22	0.22	100

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

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2012	January 2013	February 2013	February 2013 as % of		January to February		2013 as percent of 2012
				February 2012	January 2013	2012	2013	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	25,876	29,209	27,817	108	95	51,736	57,026	110
Mature	2,058	1,554	1,867	91	120	4,221	3,421	81
Light	873	706	845	97	120	1,960	1,551	79
Heavy	1,185	848	1,022	86	121	2,261	1,870	83
Total	27,934	30,763	29,684	106	96	55,957	60,447	108
Turkeys								
Young	6,126	7,120	6,449	105	91	12,459	13,569	109
Old	70	135	140	200	104	169	275	163
Total	6,196	7,255	6,589	106	91	12,628	13,844	110
Ducks	262	268	237	90	88	498	505	101
Other	1	1	1	100	100	3	2	67
Total	34,393	38,287	36,511	106	95	69,086	74,798	108
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.87	0.89	0.96	110	108	0.85	0.92	108
Mature	5.04	3.23	4.55	90	141	4.89	3.84	79
Light	8.36	5.18	6.18	74	119	8.37	5.68	68
Heavy	3.89	2.46	3.73	96	152	3.60	3.02	84
Total	0.92	0.92	1.01	110	110	0.90	0.96	107
Turkeys								
Young	1.30	1.35	1.39	107	103	1.31	1.36	104
Old	3.45	5.15	4.61	134	90	3.95	4.86	123
Total	1.31	1.36	1.41	108	104	1.32	1.38	105
Ducks	2.60	2.48	2.39	92	96	2.40	2.43	101
Other	0.94	0.80	0.90	96	113	1.28	0.85	66
Total	0.98	0.99	1.07	109	108	0.96	1.02	106

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

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

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	10,881	9,181	830,609	767,521
Mature	-	-	1,341	990	91,369	85,508
Light	-	-	1,228	918	56,519	53,483
Heavy	-	-	113	72	34,850	32,025
Total	-	-	12,222	10,171	921,978	853,029
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	134	42	40,498	37,242
Old	-	-	1	2	1,016	977
Total	-	-	135	44	41,514	38,219
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	590,427	654,205	4,901	3,570	31,498	26,410
Mature	20,524	14,041	291	105	24,528	25,260
Light	14,306	6,686	189	73	17,577	17,709
Heavy	6,218	7,355	102	32	6,951	7,551
Total	610,951	668,246	5,192	3,675	56,026	51,670
Turkeys						
Young	6,422	5,517	983	1,054	280	148
Old	331	227	-	2	150	166
Total	6,753	5,744	983	1,056	430	314
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	11,485	10,133	63,226	56,609	98,937	99,974
Mature	14,881	8,895	2,826	1,970	35,104	30,754
Light	14,209	8,607	1,991	1,349	31,493	26,956
Heavy	672	288	835	621	3,611	3,798
Total	26,366	19,028	66,052	58,579	134,041	130,728
Turkeys						
Young	166	138	1,949	1,588	2,113	1,234
Old	4	7	26	8	42	25
Total	170	145	1,975	1,596	2,155	1,259
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	22,872	17,182	963,434	867,993	2,628,270	2,512,778
Mature	1,184	611	85,969	81,917	278,017	250,051
Light	505	161	50,059	45,789	188,076	161,731
Heavy	679	450	35,910	36,128	89,941	88,320
Total	24,056	17,793	1,049,403	949,910	2,906,287	2,762,829
Turkeys						
Young	643	572	16,855	15,843	70,043	63,378
Old	-	7	257	120	1,827	1,541
Total	643	579	17,112	15,963	71,870	64,919

- 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: January and February 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	85,511	76,573	474,862	425,561	5.55	5.56
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Arkansas	78,263	68,687	466,087	415,263	5.96	6.05
California	23,622	20,054	138,565	118,880	5.87	5.93
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	27,987	24,064	200,952	168,485	7.18	7.00
Florida	5,199	4,853	30,945	29,789	5.95	6.14
Georgia	107,256	95,333	607,927	536,585	5.67	5.63
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,303	4,535	23,123	19,109	4.36	4.21
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,419	23,962	144,381	133,669	5.68	5.58
Louisiana	15,789	13,425	100,338	85,706	6.36	6.38
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	11,003	10,236	58,765	53,555	5.34	5.23
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,088	3,503	22,615	19,406	5.53	5.54
Mississippi	61,616	55,574	375,147	338,438	6.09	6.09
Missouri	37,228	32,542	179,896	154,775	4.83	4.76
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	150	118	691	586	4.62	4.94
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,773	1,683	8,759	8,251	4.94	4.90
North Carolina	64,234	56,260	475,406	419,237	7.40	7.45
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	5,843	5,098	34,100	29,213	5.84	5.73
Oklahoma	12,190	10,427	80,469	68,896	6.60	6.61
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,632	9,562	59,734	52,481	5.62	5.49
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	24,805	21,316	174,665	152,208	7.04	7.14
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	25,899	23,207	135,918	121,777	5.25	5.25
Texas	53,584	46,521	312,862	271,671	5.84	5.84
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	26,292	24,222	143,066	129,315	5.44	5.34
Washington	4,732	3,969	29,597	24,361	6.26	6.14
West Virginia	9,829	8,691	39,728	34,398	4.04	3.96
Wisconsin	4,353	3,755	18,531	15,955	4.26	4.25
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	734,645	650,001	4,349,498	3,838,427	5.92	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: January and February 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
	January	February	Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
			January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	361,970	323,332	3,624	3,634	0.99	1.11
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Arkansas	351,009	315,272	3,527	2,871	0.99	0.90
California	102,952	88,335	854	816	0.82	0.92
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	144,855	121,759	1,928	1,809	1.31	1.46
Florida	23,084	22,330	216	221	0.93	0.98
Georgia	451,487	392,328	3,942	3,661	0.87	0.92
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	16,948	13,922	97	88	0.57	0.63
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	105,001	97,419	811	993	0.77	1.01
Louisiana	75,622	64,924	438	398	0.58	0.61
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	42,728	38,639	606	703	1.40	1.79
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	18,869	16,050	203	164	1.07	1.01
Mississippi	289,465	258,481	1,828	1,860	0.63	0.71
Missouri	135,926	116,685	1,167	1,019	0.85	0.87
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	490	413	12	12	2.39	2.72
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,416	5,170	168	158	3.01	2.97
North Carolina	372,707	327,902	3,699	3,490	0.98	1.05
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	25,379	21,744	261	210	1.02	0.96
Oklahoma	60,350	51,780	514	412	0.84	0.79
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	41,153	36,228	651	596	1.56	1.62
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	131,395	114,560	877	734	0.66	0.64
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	100,196	89,740	930	1,131	0.92	1.25
Texas	236,383	206,818	1,426	1,419	0.60	0.68
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	100,671	91,024	729	812	0.72	0.88
Washington	22,037	18,119	169	178	0.76	0.97
West Virginia	28,467	24,826	83	61	0.29	0.25
Wisconsin	13,570	11,654	162	165	1.18	1.39
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,266,810	2,877,008	29,209	27,817	0.89	0.96

- 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: January and February 2013

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	194	290	84,547	87,948
Arkansas	-	-	273	219	88,185	72,595
Delaware	-	-	4,333	3,908	53,598	41,642
Georgia	-	-	178	184	67,437	62,536
Mississippi	-	-	846	346	23,063	22,245
Missouri	-	-	37	49	62,376	55,195
North Carolina	-	-	499	273	92,429	78,191
Texas	-	-	111	275	47,521	43,505
Virginia	-	-	58	75	18,385	14,495
United States	-	-	10,881	9,181	830,609	767,521

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	71,942	102,340	484	554	2,034	1,424
Arkansas	38,988	29,978	2,167	996	1,070	904
Delaware	70,492	75,533	53	35	4,651	4,216
Georgia	59,119	70,250	229	83	5,615	4,643
Mississippi	11,895	10,529	85	216	534	462
Missouri	30,856	32,430	212	64	841	663
North Carolina	74,850	85,482	174	124	5,068	4,288
Texas	23,142	35,540	71	61	963	726
Virginia	40,825	32,070	5	60	1,312	1,126
United States	590,427	654,205	4,901	3,570	31,498	26,410

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,507	1,431	6,100	6,047	21,434	19,931
Arkansas	799	614	7,027	5,565	6,415	4,994
Delaware	986	773	1,155	1,035	2,653	2,371
Georgia	620	593	12,416	11,727	8,444	10,538
Mississippi	792	730	1,938	1,923	1,462	1,631
Missouri	277	180	1,366	1,060	5,656	3,902
North Carolina	1,162	839	13,169	11,774	7,646	6,765
Texas	369	355	1,617	1,263	4,819	5,037
Virginia	637	462	634	559	1,959	1,373
United States	11,485	10,133	63,226	56,609	98,937	99,974

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	2,287	1,442	147,399	125,712	337,928	347,119
Arkansas	1,872	589	112,838	85,016	259,634	201,470
Delaware	1,946	1,506	55,709	43,585	195,576	174,604
Georgia	2,702	2,850	144,950	133,668	301,710	297,072
Mississippi	219	215	39,447	46,155	80,281	84,452
Missouri	163	125	32,640	30,355	134,424	124,023
North Carolina	2,448	2,861	110,539	92,495	307,984	283,092
Texas	729	1,072	36,607	29,875	115,949	117,709
Virginia	932	389	54,783	46,799	119,530	97,408
United States	22,872	17,182	963,434	867,993	2,628,270	2,512,778

- 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: January and February 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,773	2,590	58,807	54,226	21.21	20.94
California	846	822	27,793	23,945	32.86	29.13
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,628	1,496	63,969	57,173	39.29	38.23
Iowa	1,370	1,206	59,787	51,760	43.63	42.93
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,739	3,208	99,121	82,848	26.51	25.82
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	1,082	861	34,544	28,226	31.93	32.79
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	2,625	2,416	89,704	80,685	34.17	33.40
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	436	370	19,352	16,600	44.37	44.87
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	504	434	13,224	11,250	26.25	25.91
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	673	567	19,975	17,719	29.66	31.27
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,437	2,051	63,276	53,714	25.96	26.18
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	20,584	18,366	651,716	574,067	31.66	31.26

- Represents zero.

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

[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	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	49,517	45,201	403	371	0.81	0.81
California	22,379	19,358	258	227	1.14	1.16
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	51,722	46,143	885	807	1.68	1.72
Iowa	47,239	41,052	810	712	1.69	1.70
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	79,232	65,984	1,376	1,190	1.71	1.77
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	28,145	22,979	219	166	0.77	0.72
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
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	70,921	63,917	738	651	1.03	1.01
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	15,448	13,261	280	268	1.78	1.98
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	10,301	8,768	177	168	1.69	1.88
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	15,923	14,080	70	49	0.44	0.35
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	50,476	42,205	666	515	1.30	1.20
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	522,128	458,794	7,120	6,449	1.35	1.39

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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 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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