



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 7 Percent from Last Year

**Poultry certified wholesome** during April 2013 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.75 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the amount certified in April 2012. The March 2013 revised certified total at 3.52 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from March 2012. The March revision represented an increase of 255 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during April 2013 was 4.97 billion pounds, up 7 percent from 4.66 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.25 billion pounds, up 7 percent from April 2012. Mature chickens, at 72.3 million pounds, were up 10 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 632 million pounds, up 6 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.7 million pounds, up 8 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during April 2013 averaged 5.90 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from April 2012. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.19 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during April 2013 averaged 30.9 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from April 2012.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during April 2013 totaled 10.5 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.21 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.20 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 38.3 million pounds, were 1.01 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.94 percent a year earlier.

**April 2012** contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**April 2013** contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	April 2013 as % of		January to April		2013 as percent of 2012
				April 2012	March 2013	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 .....	683,191	679,656	720,013	105	106	2,763,875	2,784,400	101
Mature .....	12,978	11,287	13,930	107	123	49,143	50,200	102
Light .....	7,952	6,494	8,311	105	128	27,643	28,633	104
Heavy .....	5,026	4,793	5,619	112	117	21,500	21,567	100
Total .....	696,169	690,943	733,943	105	106	2,813,018	2,834,600	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	19,630	19,008	20,367	104	107	78,309	78,325	100
Old .....	146	125	110	75	88	463	498	108
Total .....	19,776	19,133	20,477	104	107	78,772	78,823	100
Ducks .....	2,001	1,999	2,134	107	107	8,119	8,258	102
	(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 .....	3,986,151	3,992,344	4,250,212	107	106	16,109,811	16,430,959	102
Mature .....	65,650	59,366	72,309	110	122	258,109	265,951	103
Light .....	25,439	20,903	26,628	105	127	88,740	92,657	104
Heavy .....	40,211	38,463	45,681	114	119	169,369	173,294	102
Total .....	4,051,801	4,051,710	4,322,521	107	107	16,367,920	16,696,910	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	593,195	588,182	629,128	106	107	2,400,113	2,443,093	102
Old .....	3,695	3,380	3,003	81	89	12,040	13,475	112
Total .....	596,890	591,562	632,131	106	107	2,412,153	2,456,568	102
Ducks .....	13,683	13,762	14,710	108	107	55,278	56,322	102
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	173	142	177	102	125	669	650	97
Total .....	4,662,547	4,657,176	4,969,539	107	107	18,836,020	19,210,450	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	5.83	5.87	5.90	101	101	5.83	5.90	101
Mature .....	5.06	5.26	5.19	103	99	5.25	5.30	101
Light .....	3.20	3.22	3.20	100	99	3.21	3.24	101
Heavy .....	8.00	8.02	8.13	102	101	7.88	8.04	102
Total .....	5.82	5.86	5.89	101	101	5.82	5.89	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	30.22	30.94	30.89	102	100	30.65	31.19	102
Old .....	25.31	27.04	27.30	108	101	26.00	27.06	104
Total .....	30.18	30.92	30.87	102	100	30.62	31.17	102
Ducks .....	6.84	6.88	6.89	101	100	6.81	6.82	100

<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	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	April 2013 as % of		January to April		2013 as percent of 2012
				April 2012	March 2013	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 .....	2,722,254	2,725,927	2,893,714	106	106	10,949,725	11,200,100	102
Mature .....	41,482	38,010	45,500	110	120	163,588	169,285	103
Light .....	13,677	11,720	14,373	105	123	47,252	51,849	110
Heavy .....	27,805	26,290	31,127	112	118	116,336	117,436	101
Total .....	2,763,736	2,763,937	2,939,214	106	106	11,113,313	11,369,385	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	291,160	295,901	301,387	104	102	1,185,685	1,204,090	102
Old .....	2,766	2,188	2,109	76	96	8,940	9,394	105
Total .....	293,926	298,089	303,496	103	102	1,194,625	1,213,484	102
Ducks .....	3,685	3,832	3,873	105	101	15,023	15,496	103
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	114	94	113	99	120	446	428	96
Total .....	3,061,461	3,065,952	3,246,696	106	106	12,323,407	12,598,793	102
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	271,517	273,100	298,653	110	109	1,133,307	1,135,437	100
Mature .....	105	4	15	14	375	105	21	20
Light .....	105	-	7	7	(X)	105	9	9
Heavy .....	-	4	8	(X)	200	-	12	(X)
Total .....	271,622	273,104	298,668	110	109	1,133,412	1,135,458	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	184,024	174,151	200,240	109	115	728,732	748,511	103
Old .....	85	387	167	196	43	252	839	333
Total .....	184,109	174,538	200,407	109	115	728,984	749,350	103
Ducks .....	6,214	6,162	6,690	108	109	25,118	25,310	101
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	7	7	9	129	129	26	29	112
Total .....	461,952	453,811	505,774	109	111	1,887,540	1,910,147	101
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	2,993,771	2,999,027	3,192,367	107	106	12,083,032	12,335,537	102
Mature .....	41,587	38,014	45,515	109	120	163,693	169,306	103
Light .....	13,782	11,720	14,380	104	123	47,357	51,858	110
Heavy .....	27,805	26,294	31,135	112	118	116,336	117,448	101
Total .....	3,035,358	3,037,041	3,237,882	107	107	12,246,725	12,504,843	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	475,184	470,052	501,627	106	107	1,914,417	1,952,601	102
Old .....	2,851	2,575	2,276	80	88	9,192	10,233	111
Total .....	478,035	472,627	503,903	105	107	1,923,609	1,962,834	102
Ducks .....	9,899	9,994	10,563	107	106	40,141	40,806	102
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	121	101	122	101	121	472	457	97
Total .....	3,523,413	3,519,763	3,752,470	107	107	14,210,947	14,508,940	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	April 2013 as % of		January to April		2013 as percent of 2012
				April 2012	March 2013	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 .....	7,369	8,087	8,225	112	102	30,619	33,051	108
Mature .....	643	594	767	119	129	2,960	2,685	91
Light .....	293	221	362	124	164	1,326	1,168	88
Heavy .....	350	373	405	116	109	1,634	1,517	93
Total .....	8,012	8,681	8,992	112	104	33,579	35,736	106
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,223	1,425	1,458	119	102	5,485	5,958	109
Old .....	34	42	35	103	83	110	154	140
Total .....	1,257	1,467	1,493	119	102	5,595	6,112	109
Ducks .....	30	39	39	130	100	123	154	125
Total .....	9,299	10,187	10,524	113	103	39,297	42,003	107
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.18	0.20	0.19	106	95	0.19	0.20	105
Mature .....	0.98	1.00	1.06	108	106	1.15	1.01	88
Light .....	1.15	1.06	1.36	118	128	1.49	1.26	85
Heavy .....	0.87	0.97	0.89	102	92	0.96	0.88	92
Total .....	0.20	0.21	0.21	105	100	0.21	0.21	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.21	0.24	0.23	110	96	0.23	0.24	104
Old .....	0.92	1.24	1.17	127	94	0.91	1.14	125
Total .....	0.21	0.25	0.24	114	96	0.23	0.25	109
Ducks .....	0.22	0.28	0.27	123	96	0.22	0.27	123
Total .....	0.20	0.22	0.21	105	95	0.21	0.22	105

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

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	April 2013 as % of		January to April		2013 as percent of 2012
				April 2012	March 2013	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>								
Chickens								
Young .....	24,541	28,378	28,751	117	101	102,273	114,160	112
Mature .....	2,185	1,985	2,276	104	115	8,450	7,682	91
Light .....	1,228	1,038	1,120	91	108	4,285	3,709	87
Heavy .....	957	947	1,156	121	122	4,165	3,973	95
Total .....	26,726	30,363	31,027	116	102	110,723	121,842	110
Turkeys								
Young .....	6,130	6,782	6,836	112	101	25,140	27,187	108
Old .....	121	142	139	115	98	373	556	149
Total .....	6,251	6,924	6,975	112	101	25,513	27,743	109
Ducks .....	292	248	285	98	115	1,040	1,038	100
Other .....	1	1	1	100	100	5	4	80
Total .....	33,270	37,536	38,288	115	102	137,281	150,627	110
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.81	0.94	0.89	110	95	0.84	0.92	110
Mature .....	4.99	4.96	4.76	95	96	4.91	4.34	88
Light .....	8.18	8.14	7.23	88	89	8.30	6.67	80
Heavy .....	3.33	3.48	3.58	108	103	3.46	3.27	95
Total .....	0.87	0.99	0.95	109	96	0.90	0.96	107
Turkeys								
Young .....	1.27	1.42	1.34	106	94	1.30	1.37	105
Old .....	4.07	5.23	5.76	142	110	3.90	5.15	132
Total .....	1.29	1.44	1.37	106	95	1.31	1.39	106
Ducks .....	2.87	2.42	2.63	92	109	2.53	2.48	98
Other .....	0.82	0.98	0.81	99	83	1.05	0.87	83
Total .....	0.94	1.06	1.01	107	95	0.96	1.03	107

<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: March and April 2013

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	13,801	11,596	786,488	825,212
Mature .....	-	-	1,227	663	150,271	84,007
Light .....	-	-	1,149	578	116,735	47,074
Heavy .....	-	-	78	85	33,536	36,933
Total .....	-	-	15,028	12,259	936,759	909,219
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	44	58	38,810	34,800
Old .....	-	-	-	-	1,002	500
Total .....	-	-	44	58	39,812	35,300
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	785,483	715,951	4,465	3,847	26,375	28,340
Mature .....	16,423	20,810	306	403	35,772	48,852
Light .....	7,950	12,488	237	305	29,619	42,705
Heavy .....	8,473	8,322	69	98	6,153	6,147
Total .....	801,906	736,761	4,771	4,250	62,147	77,192
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	6,016	4,129	1,412	994	223	126
Old .....	320	337	1	13	180	53
Total .....	6,336	4,466	1,413	1,007	403	179
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	10,704	11,107	61,096	58,783	101,080	102,073
Mature .....	10,700	17,886	2,153	1,957	55,677	84,616
Light .....	10,404	17,607	1,452	1,347	51,527	80,608
Heavy .....	296	279	701	610	4,150	4,008
Total .....	21,404	28,993	63,249	60,740	156,757	186,689
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	176	233	1,990	1,702	1,756	1,369
Old .....	6	4	29	113	33	26
Total .....	182	237	2,019	1,815	1,789	1,395
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	23,531	14,220	979,636	906,879	2,792,659	2,678,008
Mature .....	429	640	86,592	103,159	359,550	362,926
Light .....	95	154	50,893	58,077	270,061	260,876
Heavy .....	334	486	35,699	45,082	89,489	102,050
Total .....	23,960	14,860	1,066,228	1,010,038	3,152,209	3,040,934
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	630	729	15,939	17,824	66,996	61,964
Old .....	2	2	271	502	1,844	1,550
Total .....	632	731	16,210	18,326	68,840	63,514

- 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: March and April 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	81,107	85,672	453,256	479,634	5.59	5.60
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	71,686	77,279	424,984	464,122	5.93	6.01
California .....	21,021	21,487	124,027	124,441	5.90	5.79
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	25,003	26,205	176,546	185,578	7.06	7.08
Florida .....	5,088	5,581	31,181	34,518	6.13	6.18
Georgia .....	98,696	103,529	548,290	579,910	5.56	5.60
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	4,385	4,882	18,641	21,239	4.25	4.35
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	24,206	25,127	129,567	135,656	5.35	5.40
Louisiana .....	14,274	15,550	90,283	99,210	6.33	6.38
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	10,848	11,936	56,547	63,505	5.21	5.32
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,901	4,291	21,767	24,946	5.58	5.81
Mississippi .....	55,923	60,292	337,930	369,575	6.04	6.13
Missouri .....	35,691	37,416	172,299	178,329	4.83	4.77
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	109	111	530	547	4.88	4.92
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	1,719	1,757	8,582	8,939	4.99	5.09
North Carolina .....	58,518	61,326	441,133	466,348	7.54	7.60
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	5,331	5,904	31,009	34,945	5.82	5.92
Oklahoma .....	10,882	11,380	72,867	73,925	6.70	6.50
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	9,955	10,715	54,861	60,044	5.51	5.60
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	21,620	23,429	154,958	165,930	7.17	7.08
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	24,106	24,986	122,475	128,734	5.08	5.15
Texas .....	50,557	54,195	292,394	309,074	5.78	5.70
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	25,777	26,697	137,455	144,963	5.33	5.43
Washington .....	4,183	4,577	25,447	28,295	6.08	6.18
West Virginia .....	9,231	9,495	37,063	38,079	4.01	4.01
Wisconsin .....	4,003	4,230	17,047	17,672	4.26	4.18
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	679,656	720,013	3,992,344	4,250,212	5.87	5.90

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: March and April 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>	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	343,056	364,274	3,939	3,998	1.14	1.09
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	322,785	353,354	3,012	3,064	0.92	0.86
California .....	92,325	92,666	815	750	0.87	0.80
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	127,813	134,214	1,823	1,795	1.41	1.32
Florida .....	23,390	25,888	206	193	0.87	0.74
Georgia .....	412,902	427,864	3,616	3,621	0.87	0.84
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	13,393	15,574	78	83	0.58	0.53
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	93,810	98,275	1,030	980	1.09	0.99
Louisiana .....	68,167	74,866	388	401	0.57	0.53
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	40,547	45,950	736	648	1.78	1.39
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	18,187	20,788	165	188	0.90	0.90
Mississippi .....	257,335	283,936	1,917	1,976	0.74	0.69
Missouri .....	130,047	135,332	1,053	1,052	0.80	0.77
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	377	388	16	15	4.17	3.81
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	5,309	5,506	164	158	2.99	2.79
North Carolina .....	345,831	365,321	3,369	3,482	0.96	0.94
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	22,879	26,041	235	269	1.02	1.02
Oklahoma .....	54,760	55,546	440	455	0.80	0.81
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	37,265	41,687	594	662	1.57	1.56
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	116,591	124,696	769	748	0.66	0.60
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	89,856	94,449	1,148	1,143	1.26	1.20
Texas .....	219,660	233,216	1,407	1,543	0.64	0.66
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	96,904	102,625	799	889	0.82	0.86
Washington .....	18,958	21,137	162	163	0.85	0.76
West Virginia .....	26,732	27,415	67	65	0.25	0.24
Wisconsin .....	12,451	12,908	166	157	1.32	1.20
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	2,999,027	3,192,367	28,378	28,751	0.94	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: March and April 2013

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	145	168	83,619	101,655
Arkansas .....	-	-	351	338	79,080	80,979
Delaware .....	-	-	7,253	4,948	46,651	46,302
Georgia .....	-	-	199	99	64,635	68,810
Mississippi .....	-	-	521	575	22,996	23,398
Missouri .....	-	-	42	49	56,005	56,331
North Carolina .....	-	-	250	391	84,367	87,590
Texas .....	-	-	119	211	49,717	50,762
Virginia .....	-	-	74	302	15,007	17,231
United States .....	-	-	13,801	11,596	786,488	825,212

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	127,092	96,470	658	721	1,385	1,518
Arkansas .....	33,420	27,523	1,003	997	839	898
Delaware .....	81,437	72,029	161	31	4,142	4,227
Georgia .....	76,654	79,437	202	101	4,504	5,553
Mississippi .....	10,276	9,894	55	35	488	593
Missouri .....	30,857	25,671	282	120	621	652
North Carolina .....	89,823	89,467	355	99	4,369	4,617
Texas .....	48,396	59,068	105	54	790	776
Virginia .....	32,172	31,810	16	11	1,112	975
United States .....	785,483	715,951	4,465	3,847	26,375	28,340

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,411	1,566	6,782	7,419	19,309	19,394
Arkansas .....	575	579	5,663	6,380	5,691	6,065
Delaware .....	864	942	1,238	1,618	2,050	2,939
Georgia .....	693	666	12,037	11,186	8,394	8,437
Mississippi .....	734	611	2,053	1,946	1,587	1,759
Missouri .....	289	279	1,564	1,506	4,165	4,752
North Carolina .....	861	980	13,728	11,074	4,868	4,494
Texas .....	361	345	1,335	1,611	4,167	4,340
Virginia .....	407	511	451	478	1,592	1,643
United States .....	10,704	11,107	61,096	58,783	101,080	102,073

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,936	1,560	163,860	166,033	406,197	396,504
Arkansas .....	1,134	562	130,872	93,950	258,628	218,271
Delaware .....	3,020	1,537	53,501	34,834	200,317	169,407
Georgia .....	2,498	1,915	140,582	132,083	310,398	308,287
Mississippi .....	241	471	44,077	35,009	83,028	74,291
Missouri .....	112	86	30,353	33,149	124,290	122,595
North Carolina .....	2,285	2,638	78,568	88,441	279,474	289,791
Texas .....	1,582	611	31,563	33,002	138,135	150,780
Virginia .....	498	333	53,192	51,040	104,521	104,334
United States .....	23,531	14,220	979,636	906,879	2,792,659	2,678,008

- 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: March and April 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	2,728	2,997	55,599	58,958	20.38	19.67
California .....	998	895	27,578	25,501	27.63	28.49
Colorado .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Indiana .....	1,557	1,556	60,389	59,753	38.80	38.41
Iowa .....	1,174	1,372	49,932	58,889	42.54	42.92
Kansas .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,150	3,385	84,391	87,472	26.79	25.84
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	1,009	1,037	32,639	34,498	32.34	33.26
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	2,526	2,637	84,573	87,586	33.48	33.21
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	366	400	15,997	17,820	43.69	44.59
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	454	488	11,347	12,687	24.98	25.99
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	463	631	14,298	19,529	30.91	30.96
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia .....	1,912	2,354	49,349	61,864	25.81	26.28
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	19,008	20,367	588,182	629,128	30.94	30.89

- Represents zero.

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## Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: March and April 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>	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	46,659	47,657	400	384	0.85	0.80
California .....	22,160	20,571	212	233	0.95	1.12
Colorado .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Indiana .....	48,768	48,252	942	902	1.89	1.84
Iowa .....	39,394	46,388	656	775	1.64	1.64
Kansas .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Kentucky .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	66,914	69,934	1,305	1,204	1.91	1.69
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	26,577	28,048	158	176	0.59	0.62
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 .....	66,353	68,956	698	732	1.04	1.05
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	12,775	14,227	261	293	2.00	2.02
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	8,928	9,944	154	187	1.70	1.84
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	11,367	15,482	50	67	0.44	0.43
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia .....	39,450	49,600	480	604	1.20	1.20
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	470,052	501,627	6,782	6,836	1.42	1.34

- 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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