



Poultry Slaughter

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

Poultry certified wholesome during August 2013 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.84 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the amount certified in August 2012. The July 2013 revised certified total at 3.85 billion pounds, was up 5 percent from July 2012. The July revision represented a decrease of 297 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during August 2013 was 5.08 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 5.18 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.38 billion pounds, down 1 percent from August 2012. Mature chickens, at 77.8 million pounds, were down 4 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 605 million pounds, down 9 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.9 million pounds, down 2 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during August 2013 averaged 5.90 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from August 2012. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.73 pounds per bird, down 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2013 averaged 29.7 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from August 2012.

Ante-mortem condemnations during August 2013 totaled 11.1 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.1 million pounds, were 0.88 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.87 percent a year earlier.

August 2012 contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

August 2013 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2012	July 2013	August 2013	August 2013 as % of		January to August		2013 as percent of 2012
				August 2012	July 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	760,582	748,382	742,811	98	99	5,702,443	5,699,121	100
Mature	13,716	11,660	13,575	99	116	101,604	100,204	99
Light	6,004	5,604	6,807	113	121	52,264	53,659	103
Heavy	7,712	6,056	6,768	88	112	49,340	46,545	94
Total	774,298	760,042	756,386	98	100	5,804,047	5,799,325	100
Turkeys								
Young	22,745	21,460	20,254	89	94	164,803	160,346	97
Old	188	119	125	66	105	1,049	947	90
Total	22,933	21,579	20,379	89	94	165,852	161,293	97
Ducks	2,092	2,137	2,018	96	94	16,101	16,252	101
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,419,889	4,370,339	4,382,835	99	100	33,202,055	33,553,578	101
Mature	80,674	68,281	77,760	96	114	558,349	550,750	99
Light	19,164	18,952	23,062	120	122	167,757	175,632	105
Heavy	61,510	49,329	54,698	89	111	390,592	375,118	96
Total	4,500,563	4,438,620	4,460,595	99	100	33,760,404	34,104,328	101
Turkeys								
Young	657,119	639,035	601,523	92	94	4,952,745	4,907,752	99
Old	4,921	3,142	3,371	69	107	27,486	25,420	92
Total	662,040	642,177	604,894	91	94	4,980,231	4,933,172	99
Ducks	14,265	14,316	13,909	98	97	109,488	111,013	101
Other ¹	370	256	232	63	91	1,886	1,540	82
Total	5,177,238	5,095,369	5,079,630	98	100	38,852,009	39,150,053	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.81	5.84	5.90	102	101	5.82	5.89	101
Mature	5.88	5.86	5.73	97	98	5.50	5.50	100
Light	3.19	3.38	3.39	106	100	3.21	3.27	102
Heavy	7.98	8.15	8.08	101	99	7.92	8.06	102
Total	5.81	5.84	5.90	102	101	5.82	5.88	101
Turkeys								
Young	28.89	29.78	29.70	103	100	30.05	30.61	102
Old	26.18	26.40	26.97	103	102	26.20	26.84	102
Total	28.87	29.76	29.68	103	100	30.03	30.59	102
Ducks	6.82	6.70	6.89	101	103	6.80	6.83	100

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	August 2012	July 2013	August 2013	August 2013 as % of		January to August		2013 as percent of 2012
				August 2012	July 2013	2012	2013	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,008,382	2,993,670	3,016,313	100	101	22,609,698	22,947,641	101
Mature	50,969	47,011	50,295	99	107	354,643	355,554	100
Light	10,524	13,209	12,961	123	98	89,939	100,290	112
Heavy	40,445	33,802	37,334	92	110	264,704	255,264	96
Total	3,059,351	3,040,681	3,066,608	100	101	22,964,341	23,303,195	101
Turkeys								
Young	314,590	300,582	276,486	88	92	2,398,578	2,361,980	98
Old	3,643	1,943	2,252	62	116	20,300	17,265	85
Total	318,233	302,525	278,738	88	92	2,418,878	2,379,245	98
Ducks	3,569	3,537	3,598	101	102	28,884	29,742	103
Other ¹	246	165	149	61	90	1,250	1,007	81
Total	3,381,399	3,346,908	3,349,093	99	100	25,413,353	25,713,189	101
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	309,135	285,168	279,405	90	98	2,304,912	2,236,323	97
Mature	39	81	-	(X)	(X)	407	194	48
Light	11	81	-	(X)	(X)	334	91	27
Heavy	28	-	-	(X)	(X)	73	103	141
Total	309,174	285,249	279,405	90	98	2,305,319	2,236,517	97
Turkeys								
Young	211,728	211,477	205,887	97	97	1,558,002	1,563,011	100
Old	142	462	308	217	67	612	2,078	340
Total	211,870	211,939	206,195	97	97	1,558,614	1,565,089	100
Ducks	6,655	6,743	6,400	96	95	50,293	50,421	100
Other ¹	7	8	8	114	100	60	61	102
Total	527,706	503,939	492,008	93	98	3,914,286	3,852,088	98
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,317,517	3,278,838	3,295,718	99	101	24,914,610	25,183,964	101
Mature	51,008	47,092	50,295	99	107	355,050	355,748	100
Light	10,535	13,290	12,961	123	98	90,273	100,381	111
Heavy	40,473	33,802	37,334	92	110	264,777	255,367	96
Total	3,368,525	3,325,930	3,346,013	99	101	25,269,660	25,539,712	101
Turkeys								
Young	526,318	512,059	482,373	92	94	3,956,580	3,924,991	99
Old	3,785	2,405	2,560	68	106	20,912	19,343	92
Total	530,103	514,464	484,933	91	94	3,977,492	3,944,334	99
Ducks	10,224	10,280	9,998	98	97	79,177	80,163	101
Other ¹	253	173	157	62	91	1,310	1,068	82
Total	3,909,105	3,850,847	3,841,101	98	100	29,327,639	29,565,277	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2012	July 2013	August 2013	August 2013 as % of		January to August		2013 as percent of 2012
				August 2012	July 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	9,159	8,517	8,887	97	104	65,260	66,078	101
Mature	1,186	692	819	69	118	6,458	5,483	85
Light	363	241	309	85	128	2,533	2,238	88
Heavy	823	451	510	62	113	3,925	3,245	83
Total	10,345	9,209	9,706	94	105	71,718	71,561	100
Turkeys								
Young	1,843	1,496	1,333	72	89	11,984	11,421	95
Old	60	33	46	77	139	301	281	93
Total	1,903	1,529	1,379	72	90	12,285	11,702	95
Ducks	65	66	53	82	80	350	373	107
Total	12,313	10,804	11,139	90	103	84,356	83,639	99
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.21	0.19	0.20	95	105	0.20	0.20	100
Mature	1.47	1.01	1.05	71	104	1.16	1.00	86
Light	1.89	1.27	1.34	71	106	1.51	1.27	84
Heavy	1.34	0.91	0.93	69	102	1.00	0.87	87
Total	0.23	0.21	0.22	96	105	0.21	0.21	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.28	0.23	0.22	79	96	0.24	0.23	96
Old	1.22	1.05	1.36	111	130	1.10	1.11	101
Total	0.29	0.24	0.23	79	96	0.25	0.24	96
Ducks	0.46	0.46	0.38	83	83	0.32	0.34	106
Total	0.24	0.21	0.22	92	105	0.22	0.21	95

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

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2012	July 2013	August 2013	August 2013 as % of		January to August		2013 as percent of 2012
				August 2012	July 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	24,422	24,295	24,483	100	101	200,275	212,327	106
Mature	2,132	2,079	2,425	114	117	17,257	16,468	95
Light	716	748	925	129	124	7,887	7,168	91
Heavy	1,416	1,331	1,500	106	113	9,370	9,300	99
Total	26,554	26,374	26,908	101	102	217,532	228,795	105
Turkeys								
Young	7,123	7,122	6,676	94	94	52,376	54,722	104
Old	137	123	136	99	111	846	1,085	128
Total	7,260	7,245	6,812	94	94	53,222	55,807	105
Ducks	305	271	337	110	124	2,063	2,218	108
Other	3	2	2	67	100	15	11	73
Total	34,122	33,892	34,059	100	100	272,832	286,831	105
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.73	0.74	0.74	101	100	0.80	0.84	105
Mature	4.01	4.23	4.60	115	109	4.64	4.42	95
Light	6.36	5.33	6.66	105	125	8.03	6.66	83
Heavy	3.38	3.79	3.86	114	102	3.42	3.51	103
Total	0.78	0.79	0.80	103	101	0.85	0.89	105
Turkeys								
Young	1.34	1.37	1.37	102	100	1.31	1.38	105
Old	3.49	4.87	5.04	144	103	3.89	5.31	137
Total	1.35	1.39	1.39	103	100	1.32	1.40	106
Ducks	2.90	2.57	3.26	112	127	2.54	2.69	106
Other	1.17	1.14	1.26	108	111	1.13	1.02	90
Total	0.87	0.87	0.88	101	101	0.92	0.96	104

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

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States: July and August 2013

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	9,976	5,711	818,101	802,843
Mature	-	-	401	325	102,765	145,272
Light	-	-	312	201	68,039	108,964
Heavy	-	-	89	124	34,726	36,308
Total	-	-	10,377	6,036	920,866	948,115
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	27	39	30,078	30,870
Old	-	-	9	-	749	897
Total	-	-	36	39	30,827	31,767
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	289,700	258,762	4,731	4,050	23,545	24,768
Mature	17,156	18,754	128	248	34,144	42,816
Light	5,774	8,177	57	113	27,808	36,272
Heavy	11,382	10,577	71	135	6,336	6,544
Total	306,856	277,516	4,859	4,298	57,689	67,584
Turkeys						
Young	4,094	4,547	398	569	103	111
Old	661	400	16	15	111	88
Total	4,755	4,947	414	584	214	199
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	10,964	11,031	53,632	54,763	98,615	100,116
Mature	7,712	17,151	1,719	2,328	60,882	70,618
Light	7,485	16,788	969	1,357	57,440	66,071
Heavy	227	363	750	971	3,442	4,547
Total	18,676	28,182	55,351	57,091	159,497	170,734
Turkeys						
Young	121	98	1,766	1,144	1,276	1,354
Old	2	8	65	38	17	49
Total	123	106	1,831	1,182	1,293	1,403
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	11,780	15,674	675,587	603,990	1,996,631	1,881,708
Mature	426	576	110,690	100,112	335,945	398,200
Light	45	156	42,182	39,721	210,033	277,820
Heavy	381	420	68,508	60,391	125,912	120,380
Total	12,206	16,250	786,277	704,102	2,332,576	2,279,908
Turkeys						
Young	763	821	14,141	13,458	52,767	53,011
Old	1	1	157	173	1,783	1,669
Total	764	822	14,298	13,631	54,550	54,680

- 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: July and August 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	89,124	88,299	497,830	491,509	5.59	5.57
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	78,466	76,205	456,808	450,119	5.82	5.91
California	22,520	23,517	130,917	140,931	5.81	5.99
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	27,617	28,054	192,183	200,707	6.96	7.15
Florida	5,246	5,569	31,885	34,008	6.08	6.11
Georgia	109,526	106,934	616,650	608,512	5.63	5.69
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,147	5,295	21,959	23,459	4.27	4.43
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	26,702	27,061	144,472	149,947	5.41	5.54
Louisiana	16,374	16,330	96,841	96,481	5.91	5.91
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	12,409	12,432	65,903	66,078	5.31	5.32
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,331	4,182	25,908	25,084	5.98	6.00
Mississippi	63,629	62,648	389,672	382,406	6.12	6.10
Missouri	38,829	38,672	184,026	185,539	4.74	4.80
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	131	103	612	502	4.66	4.88
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,823	1,942	9,093	9,779	4.99	5.03
North Carolina	63,561	64,429	468,718	480,811	7.37	7.46
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	6,161	6,350	34,872	36,973	5.66	5.82
Oklahoma	11,668	11,836	77,020	77,494	6.60	6.55
Oregon	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Pennsylvania	10,147	11,141	55,237	63,079	5.44	5.66
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	24,382	23,209	164,994	158,882	6.77	6.85
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	27,059	26,025	138,656	135,802	5.12	5.22
Texas	53,641	52,541	314,556	310,104	5.86	5.90
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	28,347	28,791	151,504	153,628	5.34	5.34
Washington	4,978	4,917	29,438	30,355	5.91	6.17
West Virginia	10,273	9,900	41,132	40,047	4.00	4.05
Wisconsin	4,228	4,340	17,131	17,884	4.05	4.12
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	748,382	742,811	4,370,339	4,382,835	5.84	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: July and August 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	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	379,614	373,760	3,001	3,099	0.78	0.82
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	346,102	341,566	2,979	2,991	0.85	0.87
California	97,536	104,895	655	736	0.67	0.70
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	139,399	145,555	1,209	1,148	0.86	0.78
Florida	23,914	25,501	161	185	0.67	0.72
Georgia	454,843	452,418	2,871	2,749	0.63	0.60
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	16,084	17,212	75	83	0.47	0.48
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	104,363	108,626	568	585	0.54	0.54
Louisiana	73,245	73,049	388	488	0.53	0.66
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	47,619	47,775	415	381	0.86	0.79
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	21,673	21,094	240	217	1.09	1.02
Mississippi	298,408	295,040	2,218	2,235	0.74	0.75
Missouri	138,631	140,285	1,151	1,095	0.82	0.77
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	453	359	11	7	2.31	1.84
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,666	6,110	133	146	2.30	2.33
North Carolina	366,518	375,686	2,946	2,983	0.80	0.79
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	26,008	27,458	188	188	0.72	0.68
Oklahoma	57,358	58,102	423	412	0.73	0.70
Oregon	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Pennsylvania	37,810	43,520	727	738	1.89	1.67
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	124,336	119,673	688	645	0.55	0.54
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	102,435	100,155	785	856	0.76	0.85
Texas	236,693	235,046	1,399	1,474	0.59	0.62
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	107,327	109,311	559	526	0.52	0.48
Washington	21,851	22,565	137	131	0.62	0.58
West Virginia	29,525	28,698	79	67	0.27	0.23
Wisconsin	12,514	13,068	137	139	1.08	1.05
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,278,838	3,295,718	24,295	24,483	0.74	0.74

- 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: July and August 2013

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	393	291	100,467	98,028
Arkansas	-	-	332	269	80,820	79,620
Delaware	-	-	4,124	1,554	41,134	39,763
Georgia	-	-	267	353	71,210	61,860
Mississippi	-	-	261	172	33,882	34,093
Missouri	-	-	77	58	50,257	51,035
North Carolina	-	-	430	545	92,020	96,006
Texas	-	-	339	94	57,005	54,418
Virginia	-	-	215	129	13,032	13,793
United States	-	-	9,976	5,711	818,101	802,843
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	30,797	32,869	830	543	1,094	1,072
Arkansas	19,479	20,018	1,422	1,029	756	670
Delaware	25,798	19,202	32	47	3,049	3,377
Georgia	33,168	26,470	197	100	3,248	3,534
Mississippi	10,297	10,713	89	94	399	324
Missouri	19,957	18,958	175	122	573	539
North Carolina	29,947	23,357	275	187	4,682	4,526
Texas	22,090	17,297	112	93	904	861
Virginia	10,858	9,824	31	1	1,168	1,232
United States	289,700	258,762	4,731	4,050	23,545	24,768
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,409	1,667	7,220	6,729	21,922	24,392
Arkansas	510	527	5,263	5,002	5,847	5,081
Delaware	1,124	956	1,528	1,269	3,699	3,620
Georgia	867	746	12,070	12,521	6,727	6,089
Mississippi	493	376	2,111	1,979	1,656	1,840
Missouri	224	322	1,174	1,170	4,429	4,531
North Carolina	1,159	1,042	8,897	10,347	5,341	5,175
Texas	418	535	1,842	1,874	5,495	5,882
Virginia	558	536	599	582	1,889	1,655
United States	10,964	11,031	53,632	54,763	98,615	100,116
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,731	1,803	88,217	84,345	254,080	251,739
Arkansas	251	310	83,232	78,353	197,912	190,879
Delaware	1,012	1,482	21,546	17,520	103,046	88,790
Georgia	2,359	2,773	113,882	84,384	243,995	198,830
Mississippi	103	406	30,576	28,650	79,867	78,647
Missouri	185	214	44,896	28,222	121,947	105,171
North Carolina	1,687	2,588	56,600	43,702	201,038	187,475
Texas	844	647	31,199	34,023	120,248	115,724
Virginia	325	611	11,106	12,169	39,781	40,532
United States	11,780	15,674	675,587	603,990	1,996,631	1,881,708

- 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: July and August 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	3,174	3,234	63,514	62,610	20.01	19.36
California	1,006	920	29,704	25,018	29.54	27.18
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,818	1,683	65,254	63,329	35.89	37.62
Iowa	1,301	1,239	54,576	49,572	41.95	40.03
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,839	3,798	95,089	95,214	24.77	25.07
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	981	1,013	32,768	31,758	33.41	31.36
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	2,845	1,911	93,797	69,076	32.96	36.15
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	442	422	19,303	18,482	43.66	43.84
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	550	515	13,497	12,686	24.56	24.61
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	562	599	8,102	11,987	14.43	20.01
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,234	2,221	58,131	58,694	26.02	26.42
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	21,460	20,254	639,035	601,523	29.78	29.70

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: July and August 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	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	53,797	53,560	322	309	0.60	0.57
California	24,003	20,131	245	203	1.01	1.00
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(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	52,696	50,985	856	882	1.60	1.70
Iowa	42,759	38,899	757	695	1.74	1.76
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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	76,053	76,176	1,363	1,310	1.76	1.69
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	26,536	25,818	197	169	0.74	0.65
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	73,983	54,055	762	549	1.02	1.01
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	15,425	14,787	344	318	2.18	2.11
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	10,661	9,973	183	200	1.69	1.97
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	6,797	9,749	56	57	0.82	0.58
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	46,259	46,730	567	562	1.21	1.19
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	512,059	482,373	7,122	6,676	1.37	1.37

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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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