



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 5 Percent from Last Year

**Poultry certified wholesome** during September 2013 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.60 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the amount certified in September 2012. The August 2013 revised certified total at 3.84 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from August 2012. The August revision represented an increase of 477 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during September 2013 was 4.76 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 4.55 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.13 billion pounds, up 6 percent from September 2012. Mature chickens, at 69.0 million pounds, were down slightly from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 551 million pounds, down 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.4 million pounds, up 11 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during September 2013 averaged 5.95 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from September 2012. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.88 pounds per bird, down slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during September 2013 averaged 30.2 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from September 2012.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during September 2013 totaled 9.59 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.20 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.20 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 31.9 million pounds, were 0.88 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.85 percent a year earlier.

**September 2012** contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

**September 2013** contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2012	August 2013	September 2013	September 2013 as % of		January to September		2013 as percent of 2012
				September 2012	August 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 .....	663,470	742,973	693,965	105	93	6,365,913	6,393,248	100
Mature .....	11,737	13,575	11,730	100	86	113,341	111,934	99
Light .....	5,387	6,807	5,498	102	81	57,651	59,157	103
Heavy .....	6,350	6,768	6,232	98	92	55,690	52,777	95
Total .....	675,207	756,548	705,695	105	93	6,479,254	6,505,182	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	19,207	20,254	18,140	94	90	184,010	178,486	97
Old .....	110	125	120	109	96	1,159	1,067	92
Total .....	19,317	20,379	18,260	95	90	185,169	179,553	97
Ducks .....	1,791	2,018	1,969	110	98	17,892	18,221	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 .....	3,899,244	4,383,333	4,126,873	106	94	37,101,299	37,680,949	102
Mature .....	69,123	77,760	68,953	100	89	627,472	619,703	99
Light .....	17,927	23,062	17,981	100	78	185,684	193,613	104
Heavy .....	51,196	54,698	50,972	100	93	441,788	426,090	96
Total .....	3,968,367	4,461,093	4,195,826	106	94	37,728,771	38,300,652	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	563,484	601,523	547,493	97	91	5,516,229	5,455,245	99
Old .....	3,090	3,371	3,343	108	99	30,576	28,763	94
Total .....	566,574	604,894	550,836	97	91	5,546,805	5,484,008	99
Ducks .....	12,118	13,909	13,432	111	97	121,606	124,445	102
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	765	232	183	24	79	2,651	1,723	65
Total .....	4,547,824	5,080,128	4,760,277	105	94	43,399,833	43,910,828	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	5.88	5.90	5.95	101	101	5.83	5.89	101
Mature .....	5.89	5.73	5.88	100	103	5.54	5.54	100
Light .....	3.33	3.39	3.27	98	96	3.22	3.27	102
Heavy .....	8.06	8.08	8.18	101	101	7.93	8.07	102
Total .....	5.88	5.90	5.95	101	101	5.82	5.89	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	29.34	29.70	30.18	103	102	29.98	30.56	102
Old .....	28.09	26.97	27.86	99	103	26.38	26.96	102
Total .....	29.33	29.68	30.17	103	102	29.96	30.54	102
Ducks .....	6.77	6.89	6.82	101	99	6.80	6.83	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	September 2012	August 2013	September 2013	September 2013 as % of		January to September		2013 as percent of 2012
				September 2012	August 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 .....	2,660,298	3,016,790	2,841,090	107	94	25,269,996	25,789,208	102
Mature .....	43,634	50,295	44,660	102	89	398,277	400,214	100
Light .....	9,646	12,961	9,898	103	76	99,585	110,188	111
Heavy .....	33,988	37,334	34,762	102	93	298,692	290,026	97
Total .....	2,703,932	3,067,085	2,885,750	107	94	25,668,273	26,189,422	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	270,862	276,486	257,097	95	93	2,669,440	2,619,077	98
Old .....	2,333	2,252	2,292	98	102	22,633	19,557	86
Total .....	273,195	278,738	259,389	95	93	2,692,073	2,638,634	98
Ducks .....	3,340	3,598	3,647	109	101	32,224	33,389	104
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	153	149	121	79	81	1,403	1,128	80
Total .....	2,980,620	3,349,570	3,148,907	106	94	28,393,973	28,862,573	102
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	266,781	279,405	265,496	100	95	2,571,693	2,501,819	97
Mature .....	19	-	35	184	(X)	426	229	54
Light .....	16	-	28	175	(X)	350	119	34
Heavy .....	3	-	7	233	(X)	76	110	145
Total .....	266,800	279,405	265,531	100	95	2,572,119	2,502,048	97
Turkeys								
Young .....	179,808	205,887	180,957	101	88	1,737,810	1,743,968	100
Old .....	70	308	243	347	79	682	2,321	340
Total .....	179,878	206,195	181,200	101	88	1,738,492	1,746,289	100
Ducks .....	5,385	6,400	6,056	112	95	55,678	56,477	101
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	332	8	7	2	88	392	68	17
Total .....	452,395	492,008	452,794	100	92	4,366,681	4,304,882	99
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	2,927,079	3,296,195	3,106,586	106	94	27,841,689	28,291,027	102
Mature .....	43,653	50,295	44,695	102	89	398,703	400,443	100
Light .....	9,662	12,961	9,926	103	77	99,935	110,307	110
Heavy .....	33,991	37,334	34,769	102	93	298,768	290,136	97
Total .....	2,970,732	3,346,490	3,151,281	106	94	28,240,392	28,691,470	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	450,670	482,373	438,054	97	91	4,407,250	4,363,045	99
Old .....	2,403	2,560	2,535	105	99	23,315	21,878	94
Total .....	453,073	484,933	440,589	97	91	4,430,565	4,384,923	99
Ducks .....	8,725	9,998	9,703	111	97	87,902	89,866	102
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	485	157	128	26	82	1,795	1,196	67
Total .....	3,433,015	3,841,578	3,601,701	105	94	32,760,654	33,167,455	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2012	August 2013	September 2013	September 2013 as % of		January to September		2013 as percent of 2012
				September 2012	August 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 .....	7,420	8,888	7,864	106	88	72,680	73,943	102
Mature .....	597	819	589	99	72	7,055	6,072	86
Light .....	210	309	197	94	64	2,743	2,435	89
Heavy .....	387	510	392	101	77	4,312	3,637	84
Total .....	8,017	9,707	8,453	105	87	79,735	80,015	100
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,228	1,333	1,052	86	79	13,212	12,473	94
Old .....	22	46	34	155	74	323	315	98
Total .....	1,250	1,379	1,086	87	79	13,535	12,788	94
Ducks .....	42	53	46	110	87	392	419	107
Total .....	9,311	11,140	9,585	103	86	93,667	93,225	100
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.19	0.20	0.19	100	95	0.20	0.20	100
Mature .....	0.86	1.05	0.85	99	81	1.12	0.98	88
Light .....	1.17	1.34	1.10	94	82	1.48	1.26	85
Heavy .....	0.76	0.93	0.77	101	83	0.98	0.85	87
Total .....	0.20	0.22	0.20	100	91	0.21	0.21	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.22	0.22	0.19	86	86	0.24	0.23	96
Old .....	0.71	1.36	1.02	144	75	1.06	1.10	104
Total .....	0.22	0.23	0.20	91	87	0.24	0.23	96
Ducks .....	0.35	0.38	0.34	97	89	0.32	0.34	106
Total .....	0.20	0.22	0.20	100	91	0.22	0.21	95

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

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2012	August 2013	September 2013	September 2013 as % of		January to September		2013 as percent of 2012
				September 2012	August 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>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	21,188	24,486	23,791	112	97	221,463	236,121	107
Mature .....	1,803	2,425	1,755	97	72	19,060	18,223	96
Light .....	637	925	674	106	73	8,524	7,842	92
Heavy .....	1,166	1,500	1,081	93	72	10,536	10,381	99
Total .....	22,991	26,911	25,546	111	95	240,523	254,344	106
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	6,114	6,676	5,903	97	88	58,490	60,625	104
Old .....	88	136	148	168	109	934	1,233	132
Total .....	6,202	6,812	6,051	98	89	59,424	61,858	104
Ducks .....	256	337	282	110	84	2,319	2,500	108
Other .....	6	2	1	17	50	21	12	57
Total .....	29,455	34,062	31,880	108	94	302,287	318,714	105
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.72	0.74	0.76	106	103	0.79	0.83	105
Mature .....	3.97	4.60	3.78	95	82	4.56	4.35	95
Light .....	6.19	6.66	6.36	103	95	7.86	6.64	84
Heavy .....	3.32	3.86	3.02	91	78	3.41	3.45	101
Total .....	0.77	0.80	0.80	104	100	0.84	0.88	105
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.34	1.37	1.33	99	97	1.31	1.37	105
Old .....	3.53	5.04	5.52	156	110	3.85	5.34	139
Total .....	1.35	1.39	1.35	100	97	1.32	1.39	105
Ducks .....	2.85	3.26	2.82	99	87	2.57	2.71	105
Other .....	1.22	1.26	0.78	64	62	1.16	0.99	85
Total .....	0.85	0.88	0.88	104	100	0.91	0.95	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: August and September 2013

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	5,711	3,761	803,043	749,393
Mature .....	-	-	325	469	145,272	104,767
Light .....	-	-	201	290	108,964	70,287
Heavy .....	-	-	124	179	36,308	34,480
Total .....	-	-	6,036	4,230	948,315	854,160
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	39	35	30,870	24,720
Old .....	-	-	-	1	897	842
Total .....	-	-	39	36	31,767	25,562
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	258,851	246,119	4,056	4,046	24,771	21,689
Mature .....	18,754	14,009	248	225	42,816	19,794
Light .....	8,177	7,993	113	132	36,272	13,959
Heavy .....	10,577	6,016	135	93	6,544	5,835
Total .....	277,605	260,128	4,304	4,271	67,587	41,483
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	4,547	3,743	569	718	111	84
Old .....	400	427	15	9	88	93
Total .....	4,947	4,170	584	727	199	177
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	11,049	10,856	54,775	46,572	100,237	92,377
Mature .....	17,151	6,185	2,328	1,821	70,618	25,624
Light .....	16,788	5,891	1,357	1,149	66,071	20,468
Heavy .....	363	294	971	672	4,547	5,156
Total .....	28,200	17,041	57,103	48,393	170,855	118,001
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	98	121	1,144	883	1,354	1,535
Old .....	8	7	38	24	49	31
Total .....	106	128	1,182	907	1,403	1,566
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	15,676	17,909	603,990	631,373	1,882,159	1,824,095
Mature .....	576	425	100,112	101,530	398,200	274,849
Light .....	156	36	39,721	35,074	277,820	155,279
Heavy .....	420	389	60,391	66,456	120,380	119,570
Total .....	16,252	18,334	704,102	732,903	2,280,359	2,098,944
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	821	764	13,458	11,363	53,011	43,966
Old .....	1	9	173	616	1,669	2,059
Total .....	822	773	13,631	11,979	54,680	46,025

- 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: August and September 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	88,461	82,575	492,007	466,847	5.56	5.65
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	76,205	72,058	450,119	430,657	5.91	5.98
California .....	23,517	20,885	140,931	127,228	5.99	6.09
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	28,054	24,989	200,707	180,894	7.15	7.24
Florida .....	5,569	5,408	34,008	32,529	6.11	6.02
Georgia .....	106,934	102,386	608,512	587,569	5.69	5.74
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	5,295	4,761	23,459	20,969	4.43	4.40
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	27,061	24,449	149,947	131,587	5.54	5.38
Louisiana .....	16,330	15,320	96,481	91,092	5.91	5.95
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	12,432	11,367	66,078	62,022	5.32	5.46
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,182	3,956	25,084	23,683	6.00	5.99
Mississippi .....	62,648	56,943	382,406	345,153	6.10	6.06
Missouri .....	38,672	35,299	185,539	166,623	4.80	4.72
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	103	99	502	469	4.88	4.72
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	1,942	1,557	9,779	7,832	5.03	5.03
North Carolina .....	64,429	59,023	480,811	452,200	7.46	7.66
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	6,350	5,770	36,973	32,984	5.82	5.72
Oklahoma .....	11,836	12,123	77,494	80,148	6.55	6.61
Oregon .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	11,141	9,965	63,079	56,041	5.66	5.62
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	23,209	22,816	158,882	158,760	6.85	6.96
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	26,025	25,521	135,802	132,991	5.22	5.21
Texas .....	52,541	51,145	310,104	306,538	5.90	5.99
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	28,791	25,999	153,628	141,484	5.34	5.44
Washington .....	4,917	4,115	30,355	24,977	6.17	6.07
West Virginia .....	9,900	9,498	40,047	37,844	4.05	3.98
Wisconsin .....	4,340	4,073	17,884	16,808	4.12	4.13
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	742,973	693,965	4,383,333	4,126,873	5.90	5.95

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 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>	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	374,237	354,524	3,102	2,867	0.82	0.80
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	341,566	328,751	2,991	3,045	0.87	0.92
California .....	104,895	94,856	736	668	0.70	0.70
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	145,555	131,162	1,148	1,069	0.78	0.81
Florida .....	25,501	24,409	185	144	0.72	0.59
Georgia .....	452,418	439,738	2,749	2,779	0.60	0.63
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	17,212	15,199	83	73	0.48	0.48
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	108,626	96,425	585	523	0.54	0.54
Louisiana .....	73,049	69,257	488	515	0.66	0.74
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	47,775	44,743	381	400	0.79	0.89
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	21,094	19,946	217	190	1.02	0.94
Mississippi .....	295,040	263,455	2,235	2,288	0.75	0.86
Missouri .....	140,285	126,228	1,095	982	0.77	0.77
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	359	341	7	8	1.84	2.38
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	6,110	4,816	146	154	2.33	3.09
North Carolina .....	375,686	354,564	2,983	3,014	0.79	0.84
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	27,458	24,596	188	222	0.68	0.90
Oklahoma .....	58,102	60,033	412	355	0.70	0.59
Oregon .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	43,520	38,570	738	593	1.67	1.51
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	119,673	119,717	645	650	0.54	0.54
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	100,155	97,703	856	935	0.85	0.95
Texas .....	235,046	230,847	1,474	1,433	0.62	0.62
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	109,311	100,705	526	432	0.48	0.43
Washington .....	22,565	18,664	131	115	0.58	0.61
West Virginia .....	28,698	27,159	67	64	0.23	0.24
Wisconsin .....	13,068	12,277	139	142	1.05	1.14
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,296,195	3,106,586	24,486	23,791	0.74	0.76

- 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: August and September 2013

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	291	138	98,228	83,869
Arkansas .....	-	-	269	282	79,620	73,577
Delaware .....	-	-	1,554	898	39,763	38,864
Georgia .....	-	-	353	103	61,860	62,721
Mississippi .....	-	-	172	196	34,093	33,409
Missouri .....	-	-	58	135	51,035	41,651
North Carolina .....	-	-	545	292	96,006	94,686
Texas .....	-	-	94	49	54,418	47,599
Virginia .....	-	-	129	96	13,793	14,343
United States .....	-	-	5,711	3,761	803,043	749,393

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	32,958	30,644	549	410	1,075	1,002
Arkansas .....	20,018	19,514	1,029	1,272	670	687
Delaware .....	19,202	18,743	47	42	3,377	2,716
Georgia .....	26,470	27,431	100	260	3,534	3,548
Mississippi .....	10,713	10,091	94	101	324	318
Missouri .....	18,958	15,773	122	152	539	453
North Carolina .....	23,357	21,730	187	72	4,526	3,813
Texas .....	17,297	15,791	93	106	861	776
Virginia .....	9,824	9,763	1	28	1,232	1,051
United States .....	258,851	246,119	4,056	4,046	24,771	21,689

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,685	1,396	6,741	5,183	24,513	21,521
Arkansas .....	527	551	5,002	4,102	5,081	5,743
Delaware .....	956	885	1,269	1,093	3,620	3,890
Georgia .....	746	1,030	12,521	10,797	6,089	6,186
Mississippi .....	376	379	1,979	1,851	1,840	1,742
Missouri .....	322	253	1,170	789	4,531	4,145
North Carolina .....	1,042	979	10,347	9,643	5,175	5,035
Texas .....	535	481	1,874	1,334	5,882	5,334
Virginia .....	536	461	582	504	1,655	1,338
United States .....	11,049	10,856	54,775	46,572	100,237	92,377

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,805	1,653	84,345	91,823	252,190	237,639
Arkansas .....	310	328	78,353	75,453	190,879	181,509
Delaware .....	1,482	1,275	17,520	16,112	88,790	84,518
Georgia .....	2,773	3,761	84,384	98,564	198,830	214,401
Mississippi .....	406	406	28,650	69,136	78,647	117,629
Missouri .....	214	210	28,222	27,407	105,171	90,968
North Carolina .....	2,588	2,473	43,702	35,617	187,475	174,340
Texas .....	647	997	34,023	30,286	115,724	102,753
Virginia .....	611	624	12,169	9,731	40,532	37,939
United States .....	15,676	17,909	603,990	631,373	1,882,159	1,824,095

- 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: August and September 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Arkansas .....	3,234	2,471	62,610	48,373	19.36	19.58
California .....	920	832	25,018	23,914	27.18	28.73
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	1,683	1,518	63,329	56,274	37.62	37.08
Iowa .....	1,239	1,115	49,572	44,302	40.03	39.73
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 .....	3,798	3,602	95,214	92,269	25.07	25.61
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	1,013	949	31,758	30,340	31.36	31.96
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	1,911	1,711	69,076	63,088	36.15	36.88
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	422	383	18,482	17,106	43.84	44.67
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	515	522	12,686	12,509	24.61	23.95
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	599	569	11,987	12,510	20.01	21.98
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	2,221	2,021	58,694	53,707	26.42	26.57
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	20,254	18,140	601,523	547,493	29.70	30.18

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## Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 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>	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Arkansas .....	53,560	40,598	309	210	0.57	0.51
California .....	20,131	19,168	203	215	1.00	1.11
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 .....	50,985	45,532	882	766	1.70	1.65
Iowa .....	38,899	34,814	695	537	1.76	1.52
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	76,176	73,721	1,310	1,276	1.69	1.70
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	25,818	24,613	169	167	0.65	0.67
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	54,055	49,125	549	524	1.01	1.05
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	14,787	13,677	318	239	2.11	1.71
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	9,973	9,994	200	160	1.97	1.58
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	9,749	10,119	57	60	0.58	0.59
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	46,730	43,030	562	505	1.19	1.16
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	482,373	438,054	6,676	5,903	1.37	1.33

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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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