



Poultry Slaughter

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

Poultry certified wholesome during October 2013 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.05 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in October 2012. The September 2013 revised certified total at 3.60 billion pounds, was up 5 percent from September 2012. The September revision represented an increase of 839 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during October 2013 was 5.35 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 5.25 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.61 billion pounds, up 4 percent from October 2012. Mature chickens, at 73.3 million pounds, were up 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 646 million pounds, down 11 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.1 million pounds, up 6 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during October 2013 averaged 6.00 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from October 2012. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.92 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during October 2013 averaged 29.9 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from October 2012.

Ante-mortem condemnations during October 2013 totaled 10.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.20 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.19 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 37.3 million pounds, were 0.91 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.87 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2012	September 2013	October 2013	October 2013 as % of		January to October		2013 as percent of 2012
				October 2012	September 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	745,981	694,104	768,220	103	111	7,111,894	7,161,607	101
Mature	11,962	11,730	12,373	103	105	125,303	124,307	99
Light	5,597	5,498	5,730	102	104	63,248	64,887	103
Heavy	6,365	6,232	6,643	104	107	62,055	59,420	96
Total	757,943	705,834	780,593	103	111	7,237,197	7,285,914	101
Turkeys								
Young	24,802	18,142	21,461	87	118	208,812	199,949	96
Old	176	120	160	91	133	1,335	1,227	92
Total	24,978	18,262	21,621	87	118	210,147	201,176	96
Ducks	2,108	1,969	2,189	104	111	20,000	20,410	102
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,435,745	4,127,927	4,611,919	104	112	41,537,044	42,293,922	102
Mature	69,325	68,953	73,289	106	106	696,797	692,992	99
Light	17,949	17,981	18,911	105	105	203,633	212,524	104
Heavy	51,376	50,972	54,378	106	107	493,164	480,468	97
Total	4,505,070	4,196,880	4,685,208	104	112	42,233,841	42,986,914	102
Turkeys								
Young	719,756	547,564	641,571	89	117	6,235,985	6,096,887	98
Old	4,803	3,343	4,562	95	136	35,379	33,325	94
Total	724,559	550,907	646,133	89	117	6,271,364	6,130,212	98
Ducks	14,290	13,432	15,101	106	112	135,896	139,546	103
Other ¹	1,369	183	1,279	93	699	4,020	3,002	75
Total	5,245,288	4,761,402	5,347,721	102	112	48,645,121	49,259,674	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.95	5.95	6.00	101	101	5.84	5.91	101
Mature	5.80	5.88	5.92	102	101	5.56	5.57	100
Light	3.21	3.27	3.30	103	101	3.22	3.28	102
Heavy	8.07	8.18	8.19	101	100	7.95	8.09	102
Total	5.94	5.95	6.00	101	101	5.84	5.90	101
Turkeys								
Young	29.02	30.18	29.89	103	99	29.86	30.49	102
Old	27.29	27.86	28.51	104	102	26.50	27.16	102
Total	29.01	30.17	29.88	103	99	29.84	30.47	102
Ducks	6.78	6.82	6.90	102	101	6.79	6.84	101

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	October 2012	September 2013	October 2013	October 2013 as % of		January to October		2013 as percent of 2012
				October 2012	September 2013	2012	2013	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,016,708	2,841,872	3,172,047	105	112	28,286,704	28,962,037	102
Mature	43,813	44,660	46,712	107	105	442,090	446,926	101
Light	9,755	9,898	9,689	99	98	109,340	119,877	110
Heavy	34,058	34,762	37,023	109	107	332,750	327,049	98
Total	3,060,521	2,886,532	3,218,759	105	112	28,728,794	29,408,963	102
Turkeys								
Young	349,123	257,154	304,713	87	118	3,018,563	2,923,847	97
Old	3,551	2,292	3,067	86	134	26,184	22,624	86
Total	352,674	259,446	307,780	87	119	3,044,747	2,946,471	97
Ducks	3,844	3,647	4,051	105	111	36,068	37,440	104
Other ¹	228	121	164	72	136	1,631	1,292	79
Total	3,417,267	3,149,746	3,530,754	103	112	31,811,240	32,394,166	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	318,803	265,496	300,595	94	113	2,890,496	2,802,414	97
Mature	5	35	109	2,180	311	431	338	78
Light	-	28	109	(X)	389	350	228	65
Heavy	5	7	-	(X)	(X)	81	110	136
Total	318,808	265,531	300,704	94	113	2,890,927	2,802,752	97
Turkeys								
Young	227,142	180,957	209,368	92	116	1,964,952	1,953,336	99
Old	101	243	300	297	123	783	2,621	335
Total	227,243	181,200	209,668	92	116	1,965,735	1,955,957	100
Ducks	6,433	6,056	6,742	105	111	62,111	63,219	102
Other ¹	633	7	613	97	8,757	1,025	681	66
Total	553,117	452,794	517,727	94	114	4,919,798	4,822,609	98
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,335,511	3,107,368	3,472,642	104	112	31,177,200	31,764,451	102
Mature	43,818	44,695	46,821	107	105	442,521	447,264	101
Light	9,755	9,926	9,798	100	99	109,690	120,105	109
Heavy	34,063	34,769	37,023	109	106	332,831	327,159	98
Total	3,379,329	3,152,063	3,519,463	104	112	31,619,721	32,211,715	102
Turkeys								
Young	576,265	438,111	514,081	89	117	4,983,515	4,877,183	98
Old	3,652	2,535	3,367	92	133	26,967	25,245	94
Total	579,917	440,646	517,448	89	117	5,010,482	4,902,428	98
Ducks	10,277	9,703	10,793	105	111	98,179	100,659	103
Other ¹	861	128	777	90	607	2,656	1,973	74
Total	3,970,384	3,602,540	4,048,481	102	112	36,731,038	37,216,775	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2012	September 2013	October 2013	October 2013 as % of		January to October		2013 as percent of 2012
				October 2012	September 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	8,135	7,865	8,986	110	114	80,815	82,930	103
Mature	557	589	576	103	98	7,612	6,648	87
Light	184	197	192	104	97	2,927	2,627	90
Heavy	373	392	384	103	98	4,685	4,021	86
Total	8,692	8,454	9,562	110	113	88,427	89,578	101
Turkeys								
Young	1,391	1,052	1,047	75	100	14,603	13,520	93
Old	31	34	32	103	94	354	347	98
Total	1,422	1,086	1,079	76	99	14,957	13,867	93
Ducks	40	46	40	100	87	432	459	106
Total	10,155	9,586	10,684	105	111	103,822	103,910	100
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.18	0.19	0.19	106	100	0.19	0.20	105
Mature	0.80	0.85	0.79	99	93	1.09	0.96	88
Light	1.03	1.10	1.02	99	93	1.44	1.24	86
Heavy	0.73	0.77	0.71	97	92	0.95	0.84	88
Total	0.19	0.20	0.20	105	100	0.21	0.21	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.19	0.19	0.16	84	84	0.23	0.22	96
Old	0.65	1.02	0.70	108	69	1.00	1.04	104
Total	0.20	0.20	0.17	85	85	0.24	0.23	96
Ducks	0.28	0.34	0.26	93	76	0.32	0.33	103
Total	0.19	0.20	0.20	105	100	0.21	0.21	100

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

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2012	September 2013	October 2013	October 2013 as % of		January to October		2013 as percent of 2012
				October 2012	September 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	24,812	23,798	27,706	112	116	246,275	263,834	107
Mature	2,201	1,755	2,304	105	131	21,261	20,527	97
Light	898	674	882	98	131	9,422	8,724	93
Heavy	1,303	1,081	1,422	109	132	11,839	11,803	100
Total	27,013	25,553	30,010	111	117	267,536	284,361	106
Turkeys								
Young	7,480	5,903	6,785	91	115	65,970	67,410	102
Old	125	148	144	115	97	1,059	1,377	130
Total	7,605	6,051	6,929	91	115	67,029	68,787	103
Ducks	312	282	324	104	115	2,631	2,824	107
Other	6	1	6	100	600	27	18	67
Total	34,936	31,887	37,269	107	117	337,223	355,990	106
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.74	0.76	0.79	107	104	0.78	0.82	105
Mature	4.78	3.78	4.69	98	124	4.58	4.39	96
Light	8.43	6.36	8.26	98	130	7.91	6.77	86
Heavy	3.68	3.02	3.70	101	123	3.43	3.48	101
Total	0.79	0.80	0.85	108	106	0.84	0.88	105
Turkeys								
Young	1.28	1.33	1.30	102	98	1.31	1.36	104
Old	3.31	5.52	4.10	124	74	3.78	5.17	137
Total	1.29	1.35	1.32	102	98	1.32	1.38	105
Ducks	2.95	2.82	2.91	99	103	2.61	2.73	105
Other	0.69	0.78	0.77	112	99	1.01	0.90	89
Total	0.87	0.88	0.91	105	103	0.91	0.95	104

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

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States: September and October 2013

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	3,761	5,361	749,622	849,556
Mature	-	-	469	632	104,767	108,632
Light	-	-	290	502	70,287	63,682
Heavy	-	-	179	130	34,480	44,950
Total	-	-	4,230	5,993	854,389	958,188
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	35	84	24,720	36,159
Old	-	-	1	3	842	772
Total	-	-	36	87	25,562	36,931
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	246,217	332,828	4,047	4,872	21,691	26,280
Mature	14,009	15,497	225	186	19,794	35,956
Light	7,993	6,912	132	97	13,959	29,118
Heavy	6,016	8,585	93	89	5,835	6,838
Total	260,226	348,325	4,272	5,058	41,485	62,236
Turkeys						
Young	3,743	5,487	718	893	84	280
Old	427	363	9	18	93	164
Total	4,170	5,850	727	911	177	444
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	10,854	11,394	46,570	54,525	92,416	99,490
Mature	6,185	14,961	1,821	2,217	71,329	80,517
Light	5,891	14,647	1,149	1,368	66,173	69,301
Heavy	294	314	672	849	5,156	11,216
Total	17,039	26,355	48,391	56,742	163,745	180,007
Turkeys						
Young	121	119	883	1,110	1,535	1,700
Old	7	9	24	38	31	32
Total	128	128	907	1,148	1,566	1,732
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	17,909	22,576	631,373	799,674	1,824,460	2,206,556
Mature	425	596	101,530	115,585	320,554	374,716
Light	36	278	35,074	43,319	200,984	229,166
Heavy	389	318	66,456	72,266	119,570	145,550
Total	18,334	23,172	732,903	915,259	2,145,014	2,581,272
Turkeys						
Young	764	1,216	11,363	14,716	43,966	61,764
Old	9	4	616	404	2,059	1,807
Total	773	1,220	11,979	15,120	46,025	63,571

- 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: September and October 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	82,575	92,151	466,847	527,946	5.65	5.73
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	72,058	79,138	430,657	487,045	5.98	6.15
California	20,885	23,599	127,228	143,330	6.09	6.07
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	24,989	27,765	180,894	201,334	7.24	7.25
Florida	5,408	5,557	32,529	33,077	6.02	5.95
Georgia	102,386	112,510	587,569	652,899	5.74	5.80
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,761	5,129	20,973	22,940	4.40	4.47
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	24,449	28,268	131,587	150,976	5.38	5.34
Louisiana	15,320	17,344	91,092	105,596	5.95	6.09
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	11,367	13,084	62,022	71,091	5.46	5.43
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,956	4,606	23,683	27,760	5.99	6.03
Mississippi	56,943	63,822	345,153	397,362	6.06	6.23
Missouri	35,299	39,712	166,623	189,191	4.72	4.76
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	99	149	469	731	4.72	4.90
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,557	1,979	7,832	9,907	5.03	5.01
North Carolina	59,023	66,082	452,200	498,348	7.66	7.54
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	5,771	6,251	32,988	35,030	5.72	5.60
Oklahoma	12,256	12,736	81,166	82,545	6.62	6.48
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,965	11,400	56,041	64,290	5.62	5.64
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	22,816	24,935	158,760	176,682	6.96	7.09
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	25,521	26,703	132,991	140,726	5.21	5.27
Texas	51,145	55,278	306,538	334,644	5.99	6.05
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	25,999	28,491	141,484	157,863	5.44	5.54
Washington	4,115	4,630	24,977	28,278	6.07	6.11
West Virginia	9,498	10,113	37,844	39,892	3.98	3.94
Wisconsin	4,073	4,471	16,808	18,251	4.13	4.08
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	694,104	768,220	4,127,927	4,611,919	5.95	6.00

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: September and October 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	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	354,524	401,484	2,867	3,290	0.80	0.81
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	328,751	370,833	3,045	3,522	0.92	0.94
California	94,856	106,692	668	864	0.70	0.80
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	131,162	145,801	1,069	1,321	0.81	0.90
Florida	24,409	24,587	144	138	0.59	0.56
Georgia	439,738	492,886	2,779	3,198	0.63	0.64
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	15,202	16,663	73	86	0.48	0.51
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	96,425	110,256	523	632	0.54	0.57
Louisiana	69,257	79,958	515	568	0.74	0.71
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	44,743	51,251	400	583	0.89	1.13
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	19,946	23,306	190	213	0.94	0.91
Mississippi	263,455	302,182	2,288	2,656	0.86	0.87
Missouri	126,228	142,810	982	1,190	0.77	0.83
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	341	503	8	7	2.38	1.34
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	4,816	6,107	154	176	3.09	2.80
North Carolina	354,564	393,304	3,014	3,327	0.84	0.84
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	24,599	26,306	222	242	0.90	0.91
Oklahoma	60,790	62,301	362	362	0.59	0.58
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	38,570	43,869	593	704	1.51	1.58
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	119,717	132,802	650	762	0.54	0.57
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	97,703	103,326	935	1,009	0.95	0.97
Texas	230,847	249,706	1,433	1,689	0.62	0.67
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	100,705	112,636	432	554	0.43	0.49
Washington	18,664	21,091	115	125	0.61	0.59
West Virginia	27,159	28,550	64	72	0.24	0.25
Wisconsin	12,277	13,327	142	183	1.14	1.35
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,107,368	3,472,642	23,798	27,706	0.76	0.79

- 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: September and October 2013

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	138	155	83,869	93,636
Arkansas	-	-	282	352	73,577	81,533
Delaware	-	-	898	1,033	38,864	48,721
Georgia	-	-	103	119	62,721	75,514
Mississippi	-	-	196	265	33,409	36,440
Missouri	-	-	135	171	41,651	53,216
North Carolina	-	-	292	313	94,686	95,099
Texas	-	-	49	52	47,599	49,830
Virginia	-	-	96	90	14,343	15,743
United States	-	-	3,761	5,361	749,622	849,556

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	30,644	37,077	410	394	1,002	1,264
Arkansas	19,514	21,641	1,272	1,297	687	717
Delaware	18,743	32,794	42	71	2,716	2,841
Georgia	27,431	33,524	260	197	3,548	4,732
Mississippi	10,091	11,379	101	181	318	366
Missouri	15,773	26,045	152	142	453	653
North Carolina	21,730	32,755	72	168	3,813	4,846
Texas	15,791	18,648	106	72	776	789
Virginia	9,763	12,531	28	4	1,051	1,158
United States	246,217	332,828	4,047	4,872	21,691	26,280

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,396	1,451	5,183	5,816	21,521	21,931
Arkansas	551	481	4,102	4,045	5,743	5,828
Delaware	885	886	1,093	1,094	3,890	3,800
Georgia	1,030	784	10,797	14,840	6,186	7,205
Mississippi	379	422	1,851	1,759	1,742	1,840
Missouri	253	331	789	968	4,145	4,285
North Carolina	979	913	9,643	11,862	5,035	4,900
Texas	481	479	1,334	1,416	5,334	6,017
Virginia	461	500	504	336	1,338	1,678
United States	10,854	11,394	46,570	54,525	92,416	99,490

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,653	1,792	91,823	115,013	237,639	278,529
Arkansas	328	453	75,453	96,658	181,509	213,005
Delaware	1,275	2,739	16,112	24,567	84,518	118,546
Georgia	3,761	4,444	98,564	116,010	214,401	257,369
Mississippi	406	431	69,136	49,389	117,629	102,472
Missouri	210	110	27,407	34,556	90,968	120,477
North Carolina	2,473	3,433	35,617	53,000	174,340	207,289
Texas	997	1,339	30,286	44,594	102,753	123,236
Virginia	624	753	9,731	15,264	37,939	48,057
United States	17,909	22,576	631,373	799,674	1,824,460	2,206,556

- 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: September and October 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Arkansas	2,471	2,813	48,373	57,498	19.58	20.44
California	832	1,765	23,914	44,840	28.73	25.40
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,518	1,677	56,274	61,282	37.08	36.55
Iowa	1,115	1,258	44,302	51,367	39.73	40.84
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,602	3,695	92,269	98,051	25.61	26.54
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	949	1,076	30,340	35,170	31.96	32.68
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,711	2,050	63,088	75,949	36.88	37.05
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	383	449	17,106	20,044	44.67	44.67
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	522	971	12,509	21,931	23.95	22.58
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	569	533	12,510	8,097	21.98	15.18
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,021	2,408	53,707	60,682	26.57	25.20
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	18,142	21,461	547,564	641,571	30.18	29.89

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: September and October 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	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Arkansas	40,598	48,085	210	261	0.51	0.54
California	19,168	36,189	215	352	1.11	0.96
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	45,532	49,599	766	856	1.65	1.70
Iowa	34,814	40,543	537	566	1.52	1.38
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	73,721	78,406	1,276	1,362	1.70	1.71
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	24,613	28,565	167	212	0.67	0.74
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	49,125	59,107	524	622	1.05	1.04
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	13,677	16,021	239	328	1.71	2.01
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,994	17,707	160	271	1.58	1.51
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	10,119	6,949	60	53	0.59	0.75
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	43,030	48,503	505	557	1.16	1.13
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	438,111	514,081	5,903	6,785	1.33	1.30

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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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