



Poultry Slaughter

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

Poultry certified wholesome during November 2013 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.49 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the amount certified in November 2012. The October 2013 revised certified total at 4.05 billion pounds, was up 2 percent from October 2012. The October revision represented an increase of 1.6 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during November 2013 was 4.60 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 4.73 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.94 billion pounds, down 2 percent from November 2012. Mature chickens, at 55.7 million pounds, were down 7 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 597 million pounds, down 7 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 12.9 million pounds, down 8 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during November 2013 averaged 6.01 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from November 2012. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.19 pounds per bird, up 8 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during November 2013 averaged 28.6 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from November 2012.

Ante-mortem condemnations during November 2013 totaled 9.67 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 33.8 million pounds, were 0.96 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.92 percent a year earlier.

November 2012 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

November 2013 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2012	October 2013	November 2013	November 2013 as % of		January to November		2013 as percent of 2012
				November 2012	October 2013	2012	2013	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Number slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	674,146	768,311	655,431	97	85	7,786,040	7,817,129	100
Mature	10,408	12,373	9,003	87	73	135,711	133,310	98
Light	5,116	5,730	3,586	70	63	68,364	68,473	100
Heavy	5,292	6,643	5,417	102	82	67,347	64,837	96
Total	684,554	780,684	664,434	97	85	7,921,751	7,950,439	100
Turkeys								
Young	22,084	21,466	20,816	94	97	230,896	220,770	96
Old	114	160	92	81	58	1,449	1,319	91
Total	22,198	21,626	20,908	94	97	232,345	222,089	96
Ducks	2,071	2,189	1,876	91	86	22,071	22,286	101
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,011,475	4,613,761	3,938,168	98	85	45,548,519	46,233,932	102
Mature	59,658	73,289	55,708	93	76	756,455	748,700	99
Light	17,180	18,911	11,724	68	62	220,813	224,248	102
Heavy	42,478	54,378	43,984	104	81	535,642	524,452	98
Total	4,071,133	4,687,050	3,993,876	98	85	46,304,974	46,982,632	101
Turkeys								
Young	639,047	641,687	594,809	93	93	6,875,032	6,691,812	97
Old	3,110	4,562	2,446	79	54	38,489	35,771	93
Total	642,157	646,249	597,255	93	92	6,913,521	6,727,583	97
Ducks	14,050	15,101	12,895	92	85	149,946	152,441	102
Other ¹	236	1,279	212	90	17	4,256	3,214	76
Total	4,727,576	5,349,679	4,604,238	97	86	53,372,697	53,865,870	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.95	6.01	6.01	101	100	5.85	5.91	101
Mature	5.73	5.92	6.19	108	105	5.57	5.62	101
Light	3.36	3.30	3.27	97	99	3.23	3.27	101
Heavy	8.03	8.19	8.12	101	99	7.95	8.09	102
Total	5.95	6.00	6.01	101	100	5.85	5.91	101
Turkeys								
Young	28.94	29.89	28.57	99	96	29.78	30.31	102
Old	27.28	28.51	26.59	97	93	26.56	27.12	102
Total	28.93	29.88	28.57	99	96	29.76	30.29	102
Ducks	6.78	6.90	6.87	101	100	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	November 2012	October 2013	November 2013	November 2013 as % of		January to November		2013 as percent of 2012
				November 2012	October 2013	2012	2013	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,733,796	3,173,554	2,699,803	99	85	31,020,500	31,663,347	102
Mature	37,649	46,712	35,895	95	77	479,739	482,821	101
Light	9,551	9,689	6,070	64	63	118,891	125,947	106
Heavy	28,098	37,023	29,825	106	81	360,848	356,874	99
Total	2,771,445	3,220,266	2,735,698	99	85	31,500,239	32,146,168	102
Turkeys								
Young	307,128	304,813	292,771	95	96	3,325,691	3,216,718	97
Old	2,031	3,067	1,784	88	58	28,215	24,408	87
Total	309,159	307,880	294,555	95	96	3,353,906	3,241,126	97
Ducks	3,886	4,051	5,291	136	131	39,954	42,731	107
Other ¹	164	164	146	89	89	1,795	1,438	80
Total	3,084,654	3,532,361	3,035,690	98	86	34,895,894	35,431,463	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	274,674	300,595	266,428	97	89	3,165,170	3,068,842	97
Mature	64	109	53	83	49	495	391	79
Light	38	109	53	139	49	388	281	72
Heavy	26	-	-	(X)	(X)	107	110	103
Total	274,738	300,704	266,481	97	89	3,165,665	3,069,233	97
Turkeys								
Young	205,803	209,368	183,603	89	88	2,170,755	2,136,939	98
Old	296	300	57	19	19	1,079	2,678	248
Total	206,099	209,668	183,660	89	88	2,171,834	2,139,617	99
Ducks	6,279	6,742	3,994	64	59	68,390	67,213	98
Other ¹	8	613	8	100	1	1,033	689	67
Total	487,124	517,727	454,143	93	88	5,406,922	5,276,752	98
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,008,470	3,474,149	2,966,231	99	85	34,185,670	34,732,189	102
Mature	37,713	46,821	35,948	95	77	480,234	483,212	101
Light	9,589	9,798	6,123	64	62	119,279	126,228	106
Heavy	28,124	37,023	29,825	106	81	360,955	356,984	99
Total	3,046,183	3,520,970	3,002,179	99	85	34,665,904	35,215,401	102
Turkeys								
Young	512,931	514,181	476,374	93	93	5,496,446	5,353,657	97
Old	2,327	3,367	1,841	79	55	29,294	27,086	92
Total	515,258	517,548	478,215	93	92	5,525,740	5,380,743	97
Ducks	10,165	10,793	9,285	91	86	108,344	109,944	101
Other ¹	172	777	154	90	20	2,828	2,127	75
Total	3,571,778	4,050,088	3,489,833	98	86	40,302,816	40,708,215	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2012	October 2013	November 2013	November 2013 as % of		January to November		2013 as percent of 2012
				November 2012	October 2013	2012	2013	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	7,831	8,992	8,113	104	90	88,646	91,049	103
Mature	486	576	499	103	87	8,098	7,147	88
Light	181	192	114	63	59	3,108	2,741	88
Heavy	305	384	385	126	100	4,990	4,406	88
Total	8,317	9,568	8,612	104	90	96,744	98,196	102
Turkeys								
Young	1,251	1,047	984	79	94	15,854	14,504	91
Old	38	32	38	100	119	392	385	98
Total	1,289	1,079	1,022	79	95	16,246	14,889	92
Ducks	29	40	30	103	75	461	489	106
Total	9,635	10,690	9,665	100	90	113,457	113,581	100
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.20	0.19	0.21	105	111	0.19	0.20	105
Mature	0.81	0.79	0.90	111	114	1.07	0.95	89
Light	1.05	1.02	0.97	92	95	1.41	1.22	87
Heavy	0.72	0.71	0.88	122	124	0.93	0.84	90
Total	0.20	0.20	0.22	110	110	0.21	0.21	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.20	0.16	0.17	85	106	0.23	0.22	96
Old	1.22	0.70	1.55	127	221	1.02	1.08	106
Total	0.20	0.17	0.17	85	100	0.23	0.22	96
Ducks	0.21	0.26	0.23	110	88	0.31	0.32	103
Total	0.20	0.20	0.21	105	105	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	November 2012	October 2013	November 2013	November 2013 as % of		January to November		2013 as percent of 2012
				November 2012	October 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	24,320	27,718	25,312	104	91	270,595	289,158	107
Mature	1,705	2,304	2,093	123	91	22,966	22,620	98
Light	726	882	604	83	68	10,148	9,328	92
Heavy	979	1,422	1,489	152	105	12,818	13,292	104
Total	26,025	30,022	27,405	105	91	293,561	311,778	106
Turkeys								
Young	6,709	6,785	6,020	90	89	72,679	73,430	101
Old	141	144	116	82	81	1,200	1,493	124
Total	6,850	6,929	6,136	90	89	73,879	74,923	101
Ducks	291	324	290	100	90	2,922	3,114	107
Other	2	6	2	100	33	29	20	69
Total	33,168	37,281	33,833	102	91	370,391	389,835	105
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.80	0.79	0.85	106	108	0.79	0.83	105
Mature	4.33	4.69	5.50	127	117	4.56	4.47	98
Light	7.04	8.26	8.98	128	109	7.84	6.88	88
Heavy	3.36	3.70	4.76	142	129	3.43	3.59	105
Total	0.85	0.85	0.90	106	106	0.84	0.88	105
Turkeys								
Young	1.29	1.30	1.25	97	96	1.31	1.35	103
Old	5.71	4.10	5.93	104	145	3.94	5.22	132
Total	1.31	1.32	1.27	97	96	1.32	1.37	104
Ducks	2.78	2.91	3.03	109	104	2.63	2.75	105
Other	1.15	0.77	1.28	111	166	1.02	0.93	91
Total	0.92	0.91	0.96	104	105	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: October and November 2013

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	5,363	3,802	850,128	745,088
Mature	-	-	632	320	108,632	104,075
Light	-	-	502	217	63,682	64,436
Heavy	-	-	130	103	44,950	39,639
Total	-	-	5,995	4,122	958,760	849,163
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	84	103	36,159	34,918
Old	-	-	3	4	772	759
Total	-	-	87	107	36,931	35,677
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	332,891	371,786	4,871	3,163	26,288	24,487
Mature	15,497	10,362	186	219	35,956	22,762
Light	6,912	2,511	97	90	29,118	17,645
Heavy	8,585	7,851	89	129	6,838	5,117
Total	348,388	382,148	5,057	3,382	62,244	47,249
Turkeys						
Young	5,487	5,938	893	834	280	131
Old	363	229	18	20	164	79
Total	5,850	6,167	911	854	444	210
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	11,395	10,037	54,614	50,039	99,516	84,392
Mature	14,961	9,754	2,217	1,453	80,517	68,259
Light	14,647	9,437	1,368	596	69,301	57,509
Heavy	314	317	849	857	11,216	10,750
Total	26,356	19,791	56,831	51,492	180,033	152,651
Turkeys						
Young	119	180	1,110	1,015	1,700	1,891
Old	9	16	38	9	32	35
Total	128	196	1,148	1,024	1,732	1,926
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	22,583	15,555	799,998	741,946	2,207,647	2,050,295
Mature	596	594	115,585	85,490	374,716	303,288
Light	278	240	43,319	28,220	229,166	180,901
Heavy	318	354	72,266	57,270	145,550	122,387
Total	23,179	16,149	915,583	827,436	2,582,363	2,353,583
Turkeys						
Young	816	401	14,616	14,987	61,264	60,398
Old	4	4	404	241	1,807	1,396
Total	820	405	15,020	15,228	63,071	61,794

- 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: October and November 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	92,151	76,423	527,946	436,966	5.73	5.72
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	79,138	67,504	487,045	422,286	6.15	6.26
California	23,599	20,398	143,330	123,887	6.07	6.07
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	27,760	24,908	201,312	179,553	7.25	7.21
Florida	5,557	4,915	33,077	29,507	5.95	6.00
Georgia	112,624	96,360	653,652	556,024	5.80	5.77
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,129	4,322	22,940	19,400	4.47	4.49
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	28,268	23,138	150,976	122,546	5.34	5.30
Louisiana	17,344	15,027	105,596	87,933	6.09	5.85
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	13,084	11,360	71,091	61,415	5.43	5.41
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,606	3,774	27,760	22,380	6.03	5.93
Mississippi	63,822	53,375	397,362	326,732	6.23	6.12
Missouri	39,712	34,478	189,191	164,089	4.76	4.76
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	149	97	731	475	4.90	4.92
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,979	1,656	9,907	8,431	5.01	5.09
North Carolina	65,908	57,345	498,348	438,853	7.56	7.65
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	6,221	5,512	35,030	31,087	5.63	5.64
Oklahoma	12,736	10,773	82,545	67,329	6.48	6.25
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11,400	9,591	64,290	53,762	5.64	5.61
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	25,116	21,819	177,763	155,256	7.08	7.12
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	26,703	23,021	140,726	122,313	5.27	5.31
Texas	55,278	46,169	334,644	283,931	6.05	6.15
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	28,491	24,664	157,863	136,375	5.54	5.53
Washington	4,630	3,926	28,278	23,483	6.11	5.98
West Virginia	10,113	9,023	39,892	35,799	3.94	3.97
Wisconsin	4,471	4,015	18,251	17,162	4.08	4.27
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	768,311	655,431	4,613,761	3,938,168	6.01	6.01

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: October and November 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	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	401,484	332,615	3,290	2,816	0.81	0.84
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	370,833	321,516	3,522	2,924	0.94	0.90
California	106,692	92,323	864	621	0.80	0.67
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	145,870	130,196	1,321	1,533	0.90	1.16
Florida	24,587	22,156	138	148	0.56	0.67
Georgia	493,493	422,146	3,204	2,757	0.65	0.65
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	16,663	14,219	86	76	0.51	0.53
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	110,256	89,776	632	765	0.57	0.85
Louisiana	79,958	66,039	568	438	0.71	0.66
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	51,251	44,591	583	636	1.13	1.41
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	23,306	18,781	213	176	0.91	0.93
Mississippi	302,182	248,176	2,656	2,438	0.87	0.97
Missouri	142,810	123,710	1,190	1,137	0.83	0.91
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	503	345	7	7	1.34	2.09
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,107	5,335	176	131	2.80	2.39
North Carolina	393,304	342,310	3,327	3,253	0.84	0.94
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	26,306	23,159	242	192	0.91	0.82
Oklahoma	62,301	50,704	362	289	0.58	0.57
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	43,869	37,149	704	641	1.58	1.70
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	133,611	116,882	768	728	0.57	0.62
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	103,326	89,970	1,009	815	0.97	0.90
Texas	249,706	213,718	1,689	1,524	0.67	0.71
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	112,636	97,104	554	727	0.49	0.74
Washington	21,091	17,381	125	102	0.59	0.59
West Virginia	28,550	25,459	72	63	0.25	0.25
Wisconsin	13,327	12,535	183	159	1.35	1.25
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,474,149	2,966,231	27,718	25,312	0.79	0.85

- Represents zero.

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(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: October and November 2013

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	155	98	93,636	73,523
Arkansas	-	-	352	145	81,533	71,402
Delaware	-	-	1,033	665	48,721	47,602
Georgia	-	-	119	97	75,962	67,984
Mississippi	-	-	265	182	36,440	25,231
Missouri	-	-	171	36	53,216	53,188
North Carolina	-	-	313	265	95,099	87,719
Texas	-	-	52	61	49,830	48,192
Virginia	-	-	90	65	15,743	14,873
United States	-	-	5,363	3,802	850,128	745,088

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	37,077	37,685	394	286	1,264	1,083
Arkansas	21,641	22,381	1,297	1,023	717	632
Delaware	32,794	51,137	71	17	2,841	3,377
Georgia	33,554	36,082	197	138	4,739	4,046
Mississippi	11,379	10,536	181	118	366	341
Missouri	26,045	26,330	142	71	653	584
North Carolina	32,755	40,024	168	96	4,846	4,913
Texas	18,648	16,969	72	45	789	593
Virginia	12,531	19,685	4	18	1,158	1,159
United States	332,891	371,786	4,871	3,163	26,288	24,487

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,451	1,262	5,816	5,892	21,931	16,689
Arkansas	481	436	4,045	3,598	5,828	5,023
Delaware	886	861	1,094	1,111	3,800	2,870
Georgia	784	766	14,859	11,427	7,209	5,668
Mississippi	422	410	1,759	1,291	1,840	1,531
Missouri	331	237	968	1,133	4,285	3,605
North Carolina	913	639	11,862	10,320	4,900	4,873
Texas	479	358	1,416	1,780	6,017	5,865
Virginia	500	425	336	386	1,678	1,468
United States	11,395	10,037	54,614	50,039	99,516	84,392

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,792	615	115,013	85,461	278,529	222,594
Arkansas	453	1,341	96,658	100,977	213,005	206,958
Delaware	2,739	2,194	24,567	18,067	118,546	127,901
Georgia	4,444	1,928	116,243	111,309	258,110	239,445
Mississippi	431	225	49,389	58,823	102,472	98,688
Missouri	110	85	34,556	27,744	120,477	113,013
North Carolina	3,433	1,653	53,000	59,117	207,289	209,619
Texas	1,339	756	44,594	36,833	123,236	111,452
Virginia	753	787	15,264	25,349	48,057	64,215
United States	22,583	15,555	799,998	741,946	2,207,647	2,050,295

- 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: October and November 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Arkansas	2,813	3,111	57,498	58,873	20.44	18.93
California	1,765	2,011	44,840	51,261	25.40	25.49
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,677	1,332	61,282	49,827	36.55	37.40
Iowa	1,258	1,052	51,367	43,110	40.84	40.97
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	3,695	3,797	98,051	94,291	26.54	24.83
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	1,076	966	35,170	30,789	32.68	31.88
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	2,050	1,888	75,949	65,567	37.05	34.72
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	449	458	20,044	18,307	44.67	39.94
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	971	943	21,931	20,328	22.58	21.55
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	533	593	8,097	11,071	15.18	18.68
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,408	2,279	60,682	58,627	25.20	25.72
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	21,466	20,816	641,687	594,809	29.89	28.57

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: October and November 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	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(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	48,085	49,782	261	299	0.54	0.60
California	36,189	40,663	352	385	0.96	0.94
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	49,599	40,241	856	673	1.70	1.65
Iowa	40,543	33,848	566	455	1.38	1.33
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	78,406	75,562	1,362	1,289	1.71	1.68
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	28,565	25,017	212	203	0.74	0.81
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	59,107	51,025	622	468	1.04	0.91
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	16,021	14,630	328	274	2.01	1.84
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	17,707	16,420	271	267	1.51	1.60
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	6,949	9,166	53	60	0.75	0.65
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	48,503	46,544	557	532	1.13	1.13
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	514,181	476,374	6,785	6,020	1.30	1.25

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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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Procedures and Reliability: Plant inspectors submit data electronically for each shift a plant operates. An edit provides checks for the detection of errors such as invalid plant information, duplication, and erroneous data. Data are accumulated to monthly totals for this release.

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