



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 6 Percent from Last Year

**Poultry certified wholesome** during December 2013 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.56 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the amount certified in December 2012. The November 2013 revised certified total at 3.49 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from November 2012. The November 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 December 2013 was 4.71 billion pounds, up 7 percent from 4.42 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.11 billion pounds, up 8 percent from December 2012. Mature chickens, at 63.5 million pounds, were up 7 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 529 million pounds, down 4 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.8 million pounds, up 9 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during December 2013 averaged 5.99 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from December 2012. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.43 pounds per bird, up 7 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during December 2013 averaged 30.7 pounds per bird, down slightly from December 2012.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during December 2013 totaled 11.0 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.23 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.21 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 36.1 million pounds, were 1.00 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.95 percent a year earlier.

**December 2012** contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

**December 2013** contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	December 2012	November 2013	December 2013	December 2013 as % of		January to December		2013 as percent of 2012
				December 2012	November 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 .....	642,807	655,651	684,815	107	104	8,428,847	8,502,164	101
Mature .....	11,636	9,003	11,696	101	130	147,347	145,006	98
Light .....	7,037	3,586	6,450	92	180	75,401	74,923	99
Heavy .....	4,599	5,417	5,246	114	97	71,946	70,083	97
Total .....	654,443	664,654	696,511	106	105	8,576,194	8,647,170	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	17,694	20,834	17,128	97	82	248,590	237,916	96
Old .....	153	92	121	79	132	1,602	1,440	90
Total .....	17,847	20,926	17,249	97	82	250,192	239,356	96
Ducks .....	2,112	1,876	2,289	108	122	24,183	24,575	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 .....	3,801,045	3,939,558	4,105,160	108	104	49,349,564	50,340,482	102
Mature .....	59,051	55,708	63,467	107	114	815,506	812,167	100
Light .....	22,092	11,724	21,400	97	183	242,905	245,648	101
Heavy .....	36,959	43,984	42,067	114	96	572,601	566,519	99
Total .....	3,860,096	3,995,266	4,168,627	108	104	50,165,070	51,152,649	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	545,558	595,608	525,639	96	88	7,420,590	7,218,250	97
Old .....	4,077	2,446	3,576	88	146	42,566	39,347	92
Total .....	549,635	598,054	529,215	96	88	7,463,156	7,257,597	97
Ducks .....	14,442	12,895	15,781	109	122	164,388	168,222	102
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	226	212	229	101	108	4,482	3,443	77
Total .....	4,424,399	4,606,427	4,713,852	107	102	57,797,096	58,581,911	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	5.91	6.01	5.99	101	100	5.85	5.92	101
Mature .....	5.07	6.19	5.43	107	88	5.53	5.60	101
Light .....	3.14	3.27	3.32	106	102	3.22	3.28	102
Heavy .....	8.04	8.12	8.02	100	99	7.96	8.08	102
Total .....	5.90	6.01	5.99	102	100	5.85	5.92	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	30.83	28.59	30.69	100	107	29.85	30.34	102
Old .....	26.65	26.59	29.55	111	111	26.57	27.32	103
Total .....	30.80	28.58	30.68	100	107	29.83	30.32	102
Ducks .....	6.84	6.87	6.89	101	100	6.80	6.85	101

<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	December 2012	November 2013	December 2013	December 2013 as % of		January to December		2013 as percent of 2012
				December 2012	November 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 .....	2,579,598	2,700,746	2,824,009	109	105	33,600,098	34,488,299	103
Mature .....	36,760	35,895	39,626	108	110	516,499	522,447	101
Light .....	12,196	6,070	11,370	93	187	131,087	137,317	105
Heavy .....	24,564	29,825	28,256	115	95	385,412	385,130	100
Total .....	2,616,358	2,736,641	2,863,635	109	105	34,116,597	35,010,746	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	271,204	292,771	250,415	92	86	3,596,895	3,467,133	96
Old .....	2,928	1,784	2,486	85	139	31,143	26,894	86
Total .....	274,132	294,555	252,901	92	86	3,628,038	3,494,027	96
Ducks .....	4,008	5,291	4,763	119	90	43,962	47,494	108
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	154	146	154	100	105	1,949	1,592	82
Total .....	2,894,652	3,036,633	3,121,453	108	103	37,790,546	38,553,859	102
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	273,644	266,428	259,160	95	97	3,438,814	3,328,002	97
Mature .....	23	53	494	2,148	932	518	885	171
Light .....	-	53	30	(X)	57	388	311	80
Heavy .....	23	-	464	2,017	(X)	130	574	442
Total .....	273,667	266,481	259,654	95	97	3,439,332	3,328,887	97
Turkeys								
Young .....	167,317	184,244	169,565	101	92	2,338,072	2,307,145	99
Old .....	63	57	153	243	268	1,142	2,831	248
Total .....	167,380	184,301	169,718	101	92	2,339,214	2,309,976	99
Ducks .....	6,429	3,994	6,690	104	168	74,819	73,903	99
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	9	8	9	100	113	1,042	698	67
Total .....	447,485	454,784	436,071	97	96	5,854,407	5,713,464	98
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	2,853,242	2,967,174	3,083,169	108	104	37,038,912	37,816,301	102
Mature .....	36,783	35,948	40,120	109	112	517,017	523,332	101
Light .....	12,196	6,123	11,400	93	186	131,475	137,628	105
Heavy .....	24,587	29,825	28,720	117	96	385,542	385,704	100
Total .....	2,890,025	3,003,122	3,123,289	108	104	37,555,929	38,339,633	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	438,521	477,015	419,980	96	88	5,934,967	5,774,278	97
Old .....	2,991	1,841	2,639	88	143	32,285	29,725	92
Total .....	441,512	478,856	422,619	96	88	5,967,252	5,804,003	97
Ducks .....	10,437	9,285	11,453	110	123	118,781	121,397	102
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	163	154	163	100	106	2,991	2,290	77
Total .....	3,342,137	3,491,417	3,557,524	106	102	43,644,953	44,267,323	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	December 2012	November 2013	December 2013	December 2013 as % of		January to December		2013 as percent of 2012
				December 2012	November 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 .....	7,498	8,117	8,959	119	110	96,144	100,012	104
Mature .....	563	499	697	124	140	8,661	7,844	91
Light .....	268	114	293	109	257	3,376	3,034	90
Heavy .....	295	385	404	137	105	5,285	4,810	91
Total .....	8,061	8,616	9,656	120	112	104,805	107,856	103
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,222	985	1,218	100	124	17,076	15,723	92
Old .....	38	38	49	129	129	430	434	101
Total .....	1,260	1,023	1,267	101	124	17,506	16,157	92
Ducks .....	31	30	42	135	140	492	531	108
Total .....	9,352	9,670	10,965	117	113	122,809	124,551	101
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.20	0.21	0.22	110	105	0.19	0.20	105
Mature .....	0.95	0.90	1.10	116	122	1.06	0.97	92
Light .....	1.21	0.97	1.37	113	141	1.39	1.24	89
Heavy .....	0.80	0.88	0.96	120	109	0.92	0.85	92
Total .....	0.21	0.22	0.23	110	105	0.21	0.21	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.22	0.17	0.23	105	135	0.23	0.22	96
Old .....	0.93	1.55	1.37	147	88	1.01	1.10	109
Total .....	0.23	0.17	0.24	104	141	0.23	0.22	96
Ducks .....	0.21	0.23	0.27	129	117	0.30	0.32	107
Total .....	0.21	0.21	0.23	110	110	0.21	0.21	100

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

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	December 2012	November 2013	December 2013	December 2013 as % of		January to December		2013 as percent of 2012
				December 2012	November 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 .....	24,322	25,317	27,470	113	109	294,917	316,633	107
Mature .....	1,857	2,093	2,223	120	106	24,823	24,843	100
Light .....	1,207	604	929	77	154	11,355	10,257	90
Heavy .....	650	1,489	1,294	199	87	13,468	14,586	108
Total .....	26,179	27,410	29,693	113	108	319,740	341,476	107
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	5,554	6,027	5,957	107	99	78,233	79,394	101
Old .....	116	116	147	127	127	1,316	1,640	125
Total .....	5,670	6,143	6,104	108	99	79,549	81,034	102
Ducks .....	294	290	277	94	96	3,216	3,391	105
Other .....	1	2	2	200	100	30	22	73
Total .....	32,144	33,845	36,076	112	107	402,535	425,923	106
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.85	0.85	0.88	104	104	0.79	0.83	105
Mature .....	4.81	5.50	5.25	109	95	4.58	4.53	99
Light .....	9.01	8.98	7.54	84	84	7.95	6.94	87
Heavy .....	2.58	4.76	4.31	167	91	3.38	3.64	108
Total .....	0.90	0.90	0.94	104	104	0.84	0.88	105
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.25	1.25	1.40	112	112	1.30	1.36	105
Old .....	3.73	5.93	5.28	142	89	3.92	5.23	133
Total .....	1.27	1.27	1.42	112	112	1.32	1.38	105
Ducks .....	2.74	3.03	2.36	86	78	2.64	2.72	103
Other .....	0.61	1.28	1.21	198	95	0.99	0.95	96
Total .....	0.95	0.96	1.00	105	104	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: November and December 2013

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	3,802	5,415	745,214	842,170
Mature .....	-	-	320	437	104,075	132,780
Light .....	-	-	217	275	64,436	98,517
Heavy .....	-	-	103	162	39,639	34,263
Total .....	-	-	4,122	5,852	849,289	974,950
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	103	75	34,948	38,238
Old .....	-	-	4	2	759	1,003
Total .....	-	-	107	77	35,707	39,241
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	371,808	651,072	3,163	4,046	24,491	25,654
Mature .....	10,362	12,816	219	254	22,762	36,123
Light .....	2,511	5,045	90	201	17,645	30,633
Heavy .....	7,851	7,771	129	53	5,117	5,490
Total .....	382,170	663,888	3,382	4,300	47,253	61,777
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	5,938	3,998	834	763	131	78
Old .....	229	207	20	45	79	54
Total .....	6,167	4,205	854	808	210	132
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	10,041	10,785	50,068	53,655	84,402	90,340
Mature .....	9,754	14,853	1,453	2,736	68,259	94,752
Light .....	9,437	14,539	596	1,958	57,509	90,334
Heavy .....	317	314	857	778	10,750	4,418
Total .....	19,795	25,638	51,521	56,391	152,661	185,092
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	180	106	1,019	1,162	1,891	1,593
Old .....	16	27	9	4	35	38
Total .....	196	133	1,028	1,166	1,926	1,631
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	15,555	20,288	742,185	818,295	2,050,729	2,521,720
Mature .....	594	840	85,490	92,627	303,288	388,202
Light .....	240	492	28,220	36,309	180,901	278,287
Heavy .....	354	348	57,270	56,318	122,387	109,915
Total .....	16,149	21,128	827,675	910,922	2,354,017	2,909,922
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	401	655	14,988	13,771	60,433	60,439
Old .....	4	9	241	345	1,396	1,734
Total .....	405	664	15,229	14,116	61,829	62,173

- 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: November and December 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	76,423	77,581	436,966	442,817	5.72	5.71
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	67,504	71,299	422,286	440,769	6.26	6.18
California .....	20,398	20,427	123,887	121,523	6.07	5.95
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	24,908	26,657	179,553	190,266	7.21	7.14
Florida .....	4,915	5,338	29,507	31,286	6.00	5.86
Georgia .....	96,580	101,024	557,414	579,705	5.77	5.74
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	4,322	4,690	19,400	20,397	4.49	4.35
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	23,138	23,703	122,546	129,223	5.30	5.45
Louisiana .....	15,027	15,407	87,933	90,637	5.85	5.88
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	11,360	11,889	61,415	64,092	5.41	5.39
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,774	4,002	22,380	23,294	5.93	5.82
Mississippi .....	53,375	55,843	326,732	341,282	6.12	6.11
Missouri .....	34,478	35,450	164,089	171,303	4.76	4.83
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	97	112	475	523	4.92	4.69
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	1,656	1,867	8,431	9,421	5.09	5.05
North Carolina .....	57,345	61,778	438,853	467,457	7.65	7.57
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	5,512	5,963	31,087	34,642	5.64	5.81
Oklahoma .....	10,773	11,503	67,329	74,575	6.25	6.48
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	9,591	10,286	53,762	57,905	5.61	5.63
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	21,819	23,123	155,256	165,513	7.12	7.16
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	23,021	21,895	122,313	114,912	5.31	5.25
Texas .....	46,169	47,887	283,931	289,739	6.15	6.05
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	24,664	27,321	136,375	151,018	5.53	5.53
Washington .....	3,926	4,211	23,483	25,544	5.98	6.07
West Virginia .....	9,023	9,247	35,799	36,810	3.97	3.98
Wisconsin .....	4,015	4,207	17,162	17,843	4.27	4.24
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	655,651	684,815	3,939,558	4,105,160	6.01	5.99

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: November and December 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>	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	332,615	337,206	2,816	3,159	0.84	0.93
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	321,516	334,989	2,924	3,036	0.90	0.90
California .....	92,323	90,508	621	773	0.67	0.85
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	130,196	138,063	1,533	1,775	1.16	1.27
Florida .....	22,156	23,554	148	173	0.67	0.73
Georgia .....	423,089	433,211	2,760	3,350	0.65	0.77
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	14,219	14,772	76	95	0.53	0.64
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	89,776	93,886	765	926	0.85	0.98
Louisiana .....	66,039	68,768	438	414	0.66	0.60
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	44,591	46,357	636	761	1.41	1.62
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	18,781	19,505	176	181	0.93	0.92
Mississippi .....	248,176	261,243	2,438	2,187	0.97	0.83
Missouri .....	123,710	129,807	1,137	1,228	0.91	0.94
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	345	385	7	13	2.09	3.15
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	5,335	5,892	131	159	2.39	2.63
North Carolina .....	342,310	361,097	3,253	3,371	0.94	0.92
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	23,159	25,859	192	275	0.82	1.05
Oklahoma .....	50,704	56,147	289	332	0.57	0.59
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	37,149	39,689	641	683	1.70	1.69
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	116,882	124,582	728	705	0.62	0.56
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	89,970	84,393	815	765	0.90	0.90
Texas .....	213,718	218,038	1,526	1,769	0.71	0.80
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	97,104	107,794	727	785	0.74	0.72
Washington .....	17,381	19,113	102	106	0.59	0.55
West Virginia .....	25,459	26,348	63	72	0.25	0.27
Wisconsin .....	12,535	13,032	159	153	1.25	1.16
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	2,967,174	3,083,169	25,317	27,470	0.85	0.88

- 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: November and December 2013

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	98	158	73,523	84,207
Arkansas .....	-	-	145	112	71,402	81,038
Delaware .....	-	-	665	1,023	47,602	55,501
Georgia .....	-	-	97	158	68,110	76,453
Mississippi .....	-	-	182	126	25,231	25,258
Missouri .....	-	-	36	36	53,188	59,487
North Carolina .....	-	-	265	384	87,719	92,988
Texas .....	-	-	61	233	48,192	51,547
Virginia .....	-	-	65	87	14,873	18,505
United States .....	-	-	3,802	5,415	745,214	842,170

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	37,685	74,685	286	393	1,083	1,146
Arkansas .....	22,381	29,481	1,023	1,574	632	873
Delaware .....	51,137	86,605	17	18	3,377	3,606
Georgia .....	36,104	58,264	138	284	4,050	4,000
Mississippi .....	10,536	11,677	118	116	341	308
Missouri .....	26,330	36,540	71	91	584	488
North Carolina .....	40,024	55,681	96	60	4,913	4,812
Texas .....	16,969	35,335	45	119	593	684
Virginia .....	19,685	32,559	18	16	1,159	1,322
United States .....	371,808	651,072	3,163	4,046	24,491	25,654

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,262	912	5,892	6,570	16,689	14,604
Arkansas .....	436	626	3,598	4,433	5,023	6,207
Delaware .....	861	985	1,111	1,499	2,870	2,876
Georgia .....	770	923	11,456	12,694	5,678	8,205
Mississippi .....	410	468	1,291	1,276	1,531	1,302
Missouri .....	237	249	1,133	917	3,605	3,030
North Carolina .....	639	831	10,320	9,923	4,873	4,514
Texas .....	358	392	1,780	1,740	5,865	6,400
Virginia .....	425	499	386	498	1,468	1,816
United States .....	10,041	10,785	50,068	53,655	84,402	90,340

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	615	1,949	85,461	93,689	222,594	278,313
Arkansas .....	1,341	1,558	100,977	108,557	206,958	234,459
Delaware .....	2,194	1,623	18,067	21,135	127,901	174,871
Georgia .....	1,928	3,502	111,457	120,062	239,788	284,545
Mississippi .....	225	271	58,823	72,832	98,688	113,634
Missouri .....	85	57	27,744	29,094	113,013	129,989
North Carolina .....	1,653	2,075	59,117	72,651	209,619	243,919
Texas .....	756	1,260	36,924	42,730	111,543	140,440
Virginia .....	787	1,164	25,349	34,473	64,215	90,939
United States .....	15,555	20,288	742,185	818,295	2,050,729	2,521,720

- 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: November and December 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Arkansas .....	3,111	2,481	58,873	48,834	18.93	19.68
California .....	2,011	1,070	51,261	28,431	25.49	26.56
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 .....	1,332	1,437	49,827	55,547	37.40	38.64
Iowa .....	1,052	1,014	43,110	43,858	40.97	43.26
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 .....	3,797	2,971	94,291	78,600	24.83	26.46
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	984	791	31,588	27,278	32.09	34.49
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	1,888	1,708	65,567	63,100	34.72	36.95
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	458	358	18,307	15,874	39.94	44.29
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Pennsylvania .....	943	486	20,328	12,443	21.55	25.59
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	593	425	11,071	6,466	18.68	15.20
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	2,279	2,032	58,627	52,394	25.72	25.78
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	20,834	17,128	595,608	525,639	28.59	30.69

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## Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: November and December 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>	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(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 .....	49,782	41,040	299	239	0.60	0.58
California .....	40,663	22,791	385	242	0.94	1.05
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 .....	40,241	44,823	673	836	1.65	1.83
Iowa .....	33,848	34,531	455	469	1.33	1.34
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 .....	75,562	62,696	1,289	1,201	1.68	1.88
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	25,658	22,091	210	183	0.81	0.82
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 .....	51,025	49,112	468	504	0.91	1.02
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	14,630	12,693	274	245	1.84	1.89
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	16,420	9,879	267	240	1.60	2.37
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	9,166	5,124	60	33	0.65	0.64
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	46,544	41,738	532	562	1.13	1.33
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	477,015	419,980	6,027	5,957	1.25	1.40

- Represents zero.

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(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

## Terms and Definitions Used for Poultry Slaughter Estimates

**Ante-Mortem Condemnations:** Birds condemned prior to their entry into the slaughter plant.

**Average Live Weight:** The weight of the whole bird, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

**Certified Ready-to-Cook:** The weight of poultry certified wholesome by inspection after post-mortem condemnation pounds are removed. Ready-to-cook represents poultry meat ready for the marketing channel.

**Dressing Percent:** Usually expressed as a percentage yield of frozen and chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live bird.

**Ducks:** Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

**Federally Inspected (FI) Plants:** Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards.

**Mature Chickens:** Fowl from breeder and market egg flocks and stags and cocks.

**Number of Head:** Includes post-mortem condemnations.

**Old Turkeys:** Fully matured birds held for egg production, usually over 15 months of age.

**Plant, Slaughter:** An establishment where birds are killed and butchered.

**Post-Mortem Condemnations:** Carcasses or parts condemned by the inspector because of disease or mishandling and removed from the slaughter line and destroyed.

**Slaughter:** Killing and butchering of birds primarily for food.

**Total Live Weight:** The total weight of live birds, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

**Young Chickens:** Commercially grown broilers-fryers and other young immature birds such as roasters and capons.

**Young Turkeys:** Young birds grown to a matured market age, and other turkeys such as fryers/roasters and young breeders.

## Statistical Methodology

**Data Sources:** Data for poultry slaughter estimates are collected by inspectors of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA for all Federally Inspected plants. Over 99 percent of the total United States slaughter for any species is under Federal Inspection. The number of head slaughtered daily, by species and class, as well as condemnations and total live and dressed weights are obtained by shift for each plant. Approximately 300 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2012. Young chickens were slaughtered in 37 States, young turkeys in 28 States.

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