



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 4 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during January 2014 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.68 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the amount certified in January 2013. The December 2013 revised certified total at 3.57 billion pounds, was up 7 percent from December 2012. The December revision represented an increase of 11 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during January 2014 was 4.88 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 5.09 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.23 billion pounds, down 3 percent from January 2013. Mature chickens, at 69.4 million pounds, were down 7 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 567 million pounds, down 13 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.8 million pounds, up 2 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during January 2014 averaged 6.00 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from January 2013. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.46 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during January 2014 averaged 31.1 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from January 2013.

Ante-mortem condemnations during January 2014 totaled 11.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 37.6 million pounds, were 1.01 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.98 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	January 2013	December 2013	January 2014	January 2014 as % of		January to January		2014 as percent of 2013
				January 2013	December 2013	2013	2014	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Number slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	734,639	687,163	704,449	96	103	734,639	704,449	96
Mature	13,906	11,696	12,721	91	109	13,906	12,721	91
Light	7,630	6,450	7,008	92	109	7,630	7,008	92
Heavy	6,276	5,246	5,713	91	109	6,276	5,713	91
Total	748,545	698,859	717,170	96	103	748,545	717,170	96
Turkeys								
Young	20,584	17,142	18,104	88	106	20,584	18,104	88
Old	121	121	133	110	110	121	133	110
Total	20,705	17,263	18,237	88	106	20,705	18,237	88
Ducks	2,165	2,289	2,158	100	94	2,165	2,158	100
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,350,217	4,117,659	4,225,699	97	103	4,350,217	4,225,699	97
Mature	74,631	63,467	69,402	93	109	74,631	69,402	93
Light	24,397	21,400	22,875	94	107	24,397	22,875	94
Heavy	50,234	42,067	46,527	93	111	50,234	46,527	93
Total	4,424,848	4,181,126	4,295,101	97	103	4,424,848	4,295,101	97
Turkeys								
Young	651,712	526,148	563,567	86	107	651,712	563,567	86
Old	3,311	3,576	3,504	106	98	3,311	3,504	106
Total	655,023	529,724	567,071	87	107	655,023	567,071	87
Ducks	14,554	15,781	14,826	102	94	14,554	14,826	102
Other ¹	220	238	172	78	72	220	172	78
Total	5,094,645	4,726,869	4,877,170	96	103	5,094,645	4,877,170	96
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.92	5.99	6.00	101	100	5.92	6.00	101
Mature	5.37	5.43	5.46	102	101	5.37	5.46	102
Light	3.20	3.32	3.26	102	98	3.20	3.26	102
Heavy	8.00	8.02	8.14	102	101	8.00	8.14	102
Total	5.91	5.98	5.99	101	100	5.91	5.99	101
Turkeys								
Young	31.66	30.69	31.13	98	101	31.66	31.13	98
Old	27.36	29.55	26.35	96	89	27.36	26.35	96
Total	31.64	30.69	31.09	98	101	31.64	31.09	98
Ducks	6.72	6.89	6.87	102	100	6.72	6.87	102

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	January 2013	December 2013	January 2014	January 2014 as % of		January to January		2014 as percent of 2013
				January 2013	December 2013	2013	2014	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,960,817	2,827,669	2,901,742	98	103	2,960,817	2,901,742	98
Mature	46,597	39,626	43,208	93	109	46,597	43,208	93
Light	12,922	11,370	12,011	93	106	12,922	12,011	93
Heavy	33,675	28,256	31,197	93	110	33,675	31,197	93
Total	3,007,414	2,867,295	2,944,950	98	103	3,007,414	2,944,950	98
Turkeys								
Young	321,818	250,594	263,732	82	105	321,818	263,732	82
Old	2,326	2,486	2,428	104	98	2,326	2,428	104
Total	324,144	253,080	266,160	82	105	324,144	266,160	82
Ducks	3,999	4,763	4,499	113	94	3,999	4,499	113
Other ¹	151	163	115	76	71	151	115	76
Total	3,335,708	3,125,301	3,215,724	96	103	3,335,708	3,215,724	96
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	306,447	265,679	273,595	89	103	306,447	273,595	89
Mature	2	494	-	(X)	(X)	2	-	(X)
Light	2	30	-	(X)	(X)	2	-	(X)
Heavy	-	464	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total	306,449	266,173	273,595	89	103	306,449	273,595	89
Turkeys								
Young	200,299	169,786	187,035	93	110	200,299	187,035	93
Old	161	153	206	128	135	161	206	128
Total	200,460	169,939	187,241	93	110	200,460	187,241	93
Ducks	6,556	6,690	6,257	95	94	6,556	6,257	95
Other ¹	7	9	6	86	67	7	6	86
Total	513,472	442,811	467,099	91	105	513,472	467,099	91
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,267,264	3,093,348	3,175,337	97	103	3,267,264	3,175,337	97
Mature	46,599	40,120	43,208	93	108	46,599	43,208	93
Light	12,924	11,400	12,011	93	105	12,924	12,011	93
Heavy	33,675	28,720	31,197	93	109	33,675	31,197	93
Total	3,313,863	3,133,468	3,218,545	97	103	3,313,863	3,218,545	97
Turkeys								
Young	522,117	420,380	450,767	86	107	522,117	450,767	86
Old	2,487	2,639	2,634	106	100	2,487	2,634	106
Total	524,604	423,019	453,401	86	107	524,604	453,401	86
Ducks	10,555	11,453	10,756	102	94	10,555	10,756	102
Other ¹	158	172	121	77	70	158	121	77
Total	3,849,180	3,568,112	3,682,823	96	103	3,849,180	3,682,823	96

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2013	December 2013	January 2014	January 2014 as % of		January to January		2014 as percent of 2013
				January 2013	December 2013	2013	2014	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	8,865	8,983	9,235	104	103	8,865	9,235	104
Mature	746	697	732	98	105	746	732	98
Light	344	293	322	94	110	344	322	94
Heavy	402	404	410	102	101	402	410	102
Total	9,611	9,680	9,967	104	103	9,611	9,967	104
Turkeys								
Young	1,649	1,219	1,501	91	123	1,649	1,501	91
Old	38	49	43	113	88	38	43	113
Total	1,687	1,268	1,544	92	122	1,687	1,544	92
Ducks	39	42	44	113	105	39	44	113
Total	11,338	10,990	11,555	102	105	11,338	11,555	102
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.20	0.22	0.22	110	100	0.20	0.22	110
Mature	1.00	1.10	1.05	105	95	1.00	1.05	105
Light	1.41	1.37	1.41	100	103	1.41	1.41	100
Heavy	0.80	0.96	0.88	110	92	0.80	0.88	110
Total	0.22	0.23	0.23	105	100	0.22	0.23	105
Turkeys								
Young	0.25	0.23	0.27	108	117	0.25	0.27	108
Old	1.15	1.37	1.23	107	90	1.15	1.23	107
Total	0.26	0.24	0.27	104	113	0.26	0.27	104
Ducks	0.27	0.27	0.30	111	111	0.27	0.30	111
Total	0.22	0.23	0.24	109	104	0.22	0.24	109

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

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2013	December 2013	January 2014	January 2014 as % of		January to January		2014 as percent of 2013
				January 2013	December 2013	2013	2014	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	29,209	27,527	28,824	99	105	29,209	28,824	99
Mature	1,554	2,223	1,985	128	89	1,554	1,985	128
Light	706	929	909	129	98	706	909	129
Heavy	848	1,294	1,076	127	83	848	1,076	127
Total	30,763	29,750	30,809	100	104	30,763	30,809	100
Turkeys								
Young	7,120	5,964	6,390	90	107	7,120	6,390	90
Old	135	147	140	104	95	135	140	104
Total	7,255	6,111	6,530	90	107	7,255	6,530	90
Ducks	268	277	265	99	96	268	265	99
Other	1	2	1	100	50	1	1	100
Total	38,287	36,140	37,605	98	104	38,287	37,605	98
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.89	0.88	0.90	101	102	0.89	0.90	101
Mature	3.23	5.25	4.39	136	84	3.23	4.39	136
Light	5.18	7.54	7.04	136	93	5.18	7.04	136
Heavy	2.46	4.31	3.33	135	77	2.46	3.33	135
Total	0.92	0.94	0.95	103	101	0.92	0.95	103
Turkeys								
Young	1.35	1.40	1.40	104	100	1.35	1.40	104
Old	5.15	5.28	5.05	98	96	5.15	5.05	98
Total	1.36	1.42	1.42	104	100	1.36	1.42	104
Ducks	2.48	2.36	2.40	97	102	2.48	2.40	97
Other	0.63	1.15	0.82	130	71	0.63	0.82	130
Total	0.98	1.00	1.01	103	101	0.98	1.01	103

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

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States: December 2013 and January 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	5,415	5,145	843,768	920,858
Mature	-	-	437	543	132,780	138,992
Light	-	-	275	425	98,517	96,398
Heavy	-	-	162	118	34,263	42,594
Total	-	-	5,852	5,688	976,548	1,059,850
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	75	52	38,291	38,914
Old	-	-	2	2	1,003	1,030
Total	-	-	77	54	39,294	39,944
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	651,845	672,905	4,046	4,098	25,684	26,095
Mature	12,816	17,558	254	163	36,123	39,742
Light	5,045	7,879	201	107	30,633	32,766
Heavy	7,771	9,679	53	56	5,490	6,976
Total	664,661	690,463	4,300	4,261	61,807	65,837
Turkeys						
Young	4,017	5,561	770	761	78	125
Old	207	311	45	22	54	118
Total	4,224	5,872	815	783	132	243
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	10,807	11,259	53,779	60,682	90,434	98,601
Mature	14,853	7,274	2,736	2,608	94,752	59,123
Light	14,539	6,872	1,958	1,762	90,334	52,817
Heavy	314	402	778	846	4,418	6,306
Total	25,660	18,533	56,515	63,290	185,186	157,724
Turkeys						
Young	112	130	1,164	1,353	1,634	1,957
Old	27	12	4	19	38	47
Total	139	142	1,168	1,372	1,672	2,004
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	20,332	21,841	820,198	890,870	2,526,308	2,712,354
Mature	840	679	92,627	106,430	388,202	373,112
Light	492	338	36,309	44,636	278,287	244,000
Heavy	348	341	56,318	61,794	109,915	129,112
Total	21,172	22,520	912,825	997,300	2,914,510	3,085,466
Turkeys						
Young	668	683	13,772	12,937	60,581	62,473
Old	9	4	345	354	1,734	1,919
Total	677	687	14,117	13,291	62,315	64,392

- 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: December 2013 and January 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	79,253	79,973	450,954	457,198	5.69	5.72
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Arkansas	71,299	73,629	440,769	459,949	6.18	6.25
California	20,427	20,270	121,523	125,930	5.95	6.21
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	26,661	29,384	190,564	205,668	7.15	7.00
Florida	5,338	5,719	31,286	33,596	5.86	5.87
Georgia	101,024	101,150	579,705	580,340	5.74	5.74
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,690	4,950	20,397	22,207	4.35	4.49
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	23,703	25,159	129,223	137,503	5.45	5.47
Louisiana	15,407	16,367	90,637	95,502	5.88	5.84
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	11,889	12,112	64,047	64,726	5.39	5.34
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,002	4,157	23,294	24,027	5.82	5.78
Mississippi	55,843	56,944	341,282	355,239	6.11	6.24
Missouri	35,450	38,285	171,303	184,131	4.83	4.81
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	112	102	523	496	4.69	4.86
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,867	1,847	9,421	9,344	5.05	5.06
North Carolina	61,839	60,187	467,992	442,035	7.57	7.34
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	5,963	6,269	34,642	36,242	5.81	5.78
Oklahoma	11,503	11,995	74,575	78,206	6.48	6.52
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,286	11,256	57,905	63,161	5.63	5.61
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	23,123	22,436	165,513	166,745	7.16	7.43
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	21,895	24,078	114,912	130,113	5.25	5.40
Texas	48,498	49,131	293,313	298,777	6.05	6.08
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	27,321	28,145	151,018	156,363	5.53	5.56
Washington	4,211	4,913	25,544	29,758	6.07	6.06
West Virginia	9,247	9,502	36,810	37,238	3.98	3.92
Wisconsin	4,207	4,370	17,843	18,698	4.24	4.28
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	687,163	704,449	4,117,659	4,225,699	5.99	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: December 2013 and January 2014

[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	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	344,012	348,236	3,184	3,105	0.92	0.88
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Arkansas	334,989	351,529	3,036	3,074	0.90	0.87
California	90,508	93,445	773	799	0.85	0.85
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	138,271	148,781	1,777	1,894	1.27	1.26
Florida	23,554	25,198	173	182	0.73	0.72
Georgia	433,224	430,893	3,350	3,485	0.77	0.80
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	14,772	16,073	95	115	0.64	0.71
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	93,886	99,882	926	959	0.98	0.95
Louisiana	68,768	71,987	414	465	0.60	0.64
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	46,357	46,917	761	714	1.62	1.50
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	19,505	20,200	181	205	0.92	1.00
Mississippi	261,243	276,121	2,187	2,109	0.83	0.76
Missouri	129,807	138,540	1,228	1,334	0.94	0.95
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	385	369	13	8	3.15	2.23
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,892	5,867	159	146	2.63	2.42
North Carolina	361,491	342,561	3,374	3,782	0.92	1.09
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	25,859	26,958	275	237	1.05	0.87
Oklahoma	56,147	58,749	332	381	0.59	0.64
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	39,689	43,531	683	744	1.69	1.68
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	124,582	125,494	705	714	0.56	0.57
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	84,393	95,365	765	1,031	0.90	1.07
Texas	220,796	226,468	1,796	1,804	0.81	0.79
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	107,794	110,920	785	934	0.72	0.84
Washington	19,113	22,240	106	121	0.55	0.54
West Virginia	26,348	26,761	72	81	0.27	0.30
Wisconsin	13,032	13,486	153	177	1.16	1.30
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,093,348	3,175,337	27,527	28,824	0.88	0.90

- 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: December 2013 and January 2014

[Published States do not add to United States total to avoid disclosure. Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	158	109	84,452	87,871
Arkansas	-	-	112	245	81,098	79,197
Delaware	-	-	1,023	1,570	55,501	65,264
Georgia	-	-	158	107	76,453	91,588
Mississippi	-	-	126	164	25,258	30,974
Missouri	-	-	36	32	59,487	70,137
North Carolina	-	-	384	251	93,026	103,072
Texas	-	-	233	247	52,802	63,164
Virginia	-	-	87	69	18,505	22,572
United States	-	-	5,415	5,145	843,768	920,858

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	74,745	65,261	393	323	1,156	1,101
Arkansas	29,541	31,037	1,574	1,256	874	995
Delaware	86,605	83,269	18	129	3,606	3,885
Georgia	58,264	91,035	284	363	4,000	3,847
Mississippi	11,677	20,618	116	97	308	363
Missouri	36,540	50,839	91	135	488	559
North Carolina	55,691	70,946	60	49	4,814	4,811
Texas	35,978	39,326	119	57	701	766
Virginia	32,559	34,936	16	5	1,322	931
United States	651,845	672,905	4,046	4,098	25,684	26,095

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	912	1,206	6,621	8,055	14,617	15,510
Arkansas	627	539	4,434	4,987	6,216	6,771
Delaware	985	1,181	1,499	2,002	2,876	3,178
Georgia	923	792	12,694	15,180	8,205	8,372
Mississippi	468	415	1,276	1,532	1,302	1,403
Missouri	249	313	917	1,238	3,030	4,190
North Carolina	834	990	9,966	10,546	4,514	4,414
Texas	410	435	1,769	1,957	6,472	6,927
Virginia	499	637	498	588	1,816	1,784
United States	10,807	11,259	53,779	60,682	90,434	98,601

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,960	1,526	94,012	91,015	279,026	271,977
Arkansas	1,558	1,370	108,565	117,742	234,599	244,139
Delaware	1,623	1,712	21,135	24,000	174,871	186,190
Georgia	3,502	2,844	120,062	122,202	284,545	336,330
Mississippi	271	571	72,832	46,200	113,634	102,337
Missouri	57	57	29,094	27,443	129,989	154,943
North Carolina	2,075	3,070	72,669	97,277	244,033	295,426
Texas	1,293	1,343	44,284	49,591	144,061	163,813
Virginia	1,164	741	34,473	24,673	90,939	86,936
United States	20,332	21,841	820,198	890,870	2,526,308	2,712,354

- 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: December 2013 and January 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,481	2,790	48,834	56,045	19.68	20.09
California	1,070	685	28,431	19,744	26.56	28.82
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,437	1,736	55,547	71,126	38.64	40.98
Iowa	1,014	1,180	43,858	50,363	43.26	42.69
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kentucky	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	2,971	3,222	78,600	85,553	26.46	26.55
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	791	974	27,278	31,775	34.49	32.61
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,708	1,571	63,100	58,214	36.95	37.06
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	358	361	15,874	16,710	44.29	46.22
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	486	428	12,443	10,888	25.59	25.41
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	425	484	6,466	7,209	15.20	14.88
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Virginia	2,032	2,244	52,394	59,050	25.78	26.32
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	17,142	18,104	526,148	563,567	30.69	31.13

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2013 and January 2014

[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	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	41,040	46,990	239	282	0.58	0.60
California	22,791	15,824	242	216	1.05	1.34
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
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	44,823	57,631	836	885	1.83	1.51
Iowa	34,531	39,229	469	625	1.34	1.57
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	62,696	67,973	1,201	1,413	1.88	2.04
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	22,091	25,713	183	196	0.82	0.76
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	49,112	45,445	504	399	1.02	0.87
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	12,693	13,354	245	278	1.89	2.04
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	9,879	8,553	240	162	2.37	1.86
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	5,124	6,032	33	41	0.64	0.67
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Virginia	41,738	47,129	562	657	1.33	1.37
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	420,380	450,767	5,964	6,390	1.40	1.40

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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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