



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 3 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during February 2014 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.48 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the amount certified in February 2013. The January 2014 revised certified total at 3.68 billion pounds, was down 4 from January 2013. The January revision represented an increase of 1.15 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during February 2014 was 4.60 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 4.49 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.99 billion pounds, up 4 percent from February 2013. Mature chickens, at 63.2 million pounds, were up 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 528 million pounds, down 9 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.0 million pounds, up 5 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during February 2014 averaged 6.01 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from February 2013. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.56 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2014 averaged 31.0 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from February 2013.

Ante-mortem condemnations during February 2014 totaled 10.9 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 36.5 million pounds, were 1.04 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.07 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	February 2013	January 2014	February 2014	February 2014 as % of		January to February		2014 as percent of 2013
				February 2013	January 2014	2013	2014	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Number slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	649,727	704,432	664,530	102	94	1,384,366	1,368,962	99
Mature	11,077	12,721	11,371	103	89	24,983	24,092	96
Light	6,198	7,008	5,857	94	84	13,828	12,865	93
Heavy	4,879	5,713	5,514	113	97	11,155	11,227	101
Total	660,804	717,153	675,901	102	94	1,409,349	1,393,054	99
Turkeys								
Young	18,366	18,118	16,944	92	94	38,950	35,062	90
Old	142	133	81	57	61	263	214	81
Total	18,508	18,251	17,025	92	93	39,213	35,276	90
Ducks	1,960	2,158	2,033	104	94	4,125	4,191	102
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	3,839,339	4,226,487	3,992,059	104	94	8,189,556	8,218,546	100
Mature	59,645	69,402	63,182	106	91	134,276	132,584	99
Light	20,729	22,875	18,669	90	82	45,126	41,544	92
Heavy	38,916	46,527	44,513	114	96	89,150	91,040	102
Total	3,898,984	4,295,889	4,055,241	104	94	8,323,832	8,351,130	100
Turkeys								
Young	574,067	564,262	525,412	92	93	1,225,779	1,089,674	89
Old	3,781	3,504	2,282	60	65	7,092	5,786	82
Total	577,848	567,766	527,694	91	93	1,232,871	1,095,460	89
Ducks	13,297	14,826	13,973	105	94	27,851	28,799	103
Other ¹	172	180	143	83	79	392	323	82
Total	4,490,301	4,878,661	4,597,051	102	94	9,584,946	9,475,712	99
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.91	6.00	6.01	102	100	5.92	6.00	101
Mature	5.38	5.46	5.56	103	102	5.37	5.50	102
Light	3.34	3.26	3.19	96	98	3.26	3.23	99
Heavy	7.98	8.14	8.07	101	99	7.99	8.11	102
Total	5.90	5.99	6.00	102	100	5.91	5.99	101
Turkeys								
Young	31.26	31.14	31.01	99	100	31.47	31.08	99
Old	26.63	26.35	28.17	106	107	26.97	27.04	100
Total	31.22	31.11	31.00	99	100	31.44	31.05	99
Ducks	6.78	6.87	6.87	101	100	6.75	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	February 2013	January 2014	February 2014	February 2014 as % of		January to February		2014 as percent of 2013
				February 2013	January 2014	2013	2014	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,620,410	2,902,307	2,732,573	104	94	5,581,227	5,634,880	101
Mature	39,178	43,208	39,697	101	92	85,775	82,905	97
Light	12,834	12,011	9,940	77	83	25,756	21,951	85
Heavy	26,344	31,197	29,757	113	95	60,019	60,954	102
Total	2,659,588	2,945,515	2,772,270	104	94	5,667,002	5,717,785	101
Turkeys								
Young	284,973	264,309	236,667	83	90	606,791	500,976	83
Old	2,771	2,428	1,707	62	70	5,097	4,135	81
Total	287,744	266,737	238,374	83	89	611,888	505,111	83
Ducks	3,793	4,499	3,708	98	82	7,792	8,207	105
Other ¹	114	122	93	82	76	265	215	81
Total	2,951,239	3,216,873	3,014,445	102	94	6,286,947	6,231,318	99
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	257,237	273,595	275,879	107	101	563,684	549,474	97
Mature	-	-	5	(X)	(X)	2	5	250
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	2	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	5	(X)	(X)	-	5	(X)
Total	257,237	273,595	275,884	107	101	563,686	549,479	97
Turkeys								
Young	173,821	187,035	182,969	105	98	374,120	370,004	99
Old	124	206	30	24	15	285	236	83
Total	173,945	187,241	182,999	105	98	374,405	370,240	99
Ducks	5,902	6,257	6,325	107	101	12,458	12,582	101
Other ¹	6	6	6	100	100	13	12	92
Total	437,090	467,099	465,214	106	100	950,562	932,313	98
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	2,877,647	3,175,902	3,008,452	105	95	6,144,911	6,184,354	101
Mature	39,178	43,208	39,702	101	92	85,777	82,910	97
Light	12,834	12,011	9,940	77	83	25,758	21,951	85
Heavy	26,344	31,197	29,762	113	95	60,019	60,959	102
Total	2,916,825	3,219,110	3,048,154	105	95	6,230,688	6,267,264	101
Turkeys								
Young	458,794	451,344	419,636	91	93	980,911	870,980	89
Old	2,895	2,634	1,737	60	66	5,382	4,371	81
Total	461,689	453,978	421,373	91	93	986,293	875,351	89
Ducks	9,695	10,756	10,033	103	93	20,250	20,789	103
Other ¹	120	128	99	83	77	278	227	82
Total	3,388,329	3,683,972	3,479,659	103	94	7,237,509	7,163,631	99

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2013	January 2014	February 2014	February 2014 as % of		January to February		2014 as percent of 2013
				February 2013	January 2014	2013	2014	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	7,875	9,236	8,617	109	93	16,740	17,853	107
Mature	578	732	790	137	108	1,324	1,522	115
Light	241	322	308	128	96	585	630	108
Heavy	337	410	482	143	118	739	892	121
Total	8,453	9,968	9,407	111	94	18,064	19,375	107
Turkeys								
Young	1,426	1,509	1,371	96	91	3,075	2,880	94
Old	39	43	40	103	93	77	83	108
Total	1,465	1,552	1,411	96	91	3,152	2,963	94
Ducks	37	44	52	141	118	76	96	126
Total	9,955	11,564	10,870	109	94	21,293	22,434	105
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.21	0.22	0.22	105	100	0.20	0.22	110
Mature	0.97	1.05	1.25	129	119	0.99	1.15	116
Light	1.16	1.41	1.65	142	117	1.30	1.52	117
Heavy	0.87	0.88	1.08	124	123	0.83	0.98	118
Total	0.22	0.23	0.23	105	100	0.22	0.23	105
Turkeys								
Young	0.25	0.27	0.26	104	96	0.25	0.26	104
Old	1.03	1.23	1.75	170	142	1.09	1.43	131
Total	0.25	0.27	0.27	108	100	0.26	0.27	104
Ducks	0.28	0.30	0.37	132	123	0.27	0.33	122
Total	0.22	0.24	0.24	109	100	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	February 2013	January 2014	February 2014	February 2014 as % of		January to February		2014 as percent of 2013
				February 2013	January 2014	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	27,822	28,829	28,340	102	98	57,031	57,169	100
Mature	1,867	1,985	2,218	119	112	3,421	4,203	123
Light	845	909	848	100	93	1,551	1,757	113
Heavy	1,022	1,076	1,370	134	127	1,870	2,446	131
Total	29,689	30,814	30,558	103	99	60,452	61,372	102
Turkeys								
Young	6,449	6,401	5,566	86	87	13,569	11,967	88
Old	140	140	84	60	60	275	224	81
Total	6,589	6,541	5,650	86	86	13,844	12,191	88
Ducks	237	265	270	114	102	505	535	106
Other	1	1	1	100	100	2	2	100
Total	36,516	37,621	36,479	100	97	74,803	74,100	99
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.96	0.90	0.93	97	103	0.92	0.92	100
Mature	4.55	4.39	5.29	116	121	3.84	4.82	126
Light	6.18	7.04	7.86	127	112	5.68	7.41	130
Heavy	3.73	3.33	4.40	118	132	3.02	3.86	128
Total	1.01	0.95	0.99	98	104	0.96	0.97	101
Turkeys								
Young	1.39	1.40	1.31	94	94	1.36	1.36	100
Old	4.61	5.05	4.61	100	91	4.86	4.87	100
Total	1.41	1.42	1.32	94	93	1.38	1.37	99
Ducks	2.39	2.40	2.62	110	109	2.43	2.51	103
Other	0.83	0.78	1.00	120	128	0.71	0.87	123
Total	1.07	1.01	1.04	97	103	1.02	1.02	100

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

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

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	5,145	6,974	921,404	918,227
Mature	-	-	543	337	138,992	129,420
Light	-	-	425	255	96,398	89,767
Heavy	-	-	118	82	42,594	39,653
Total	-	-	5,688	7,311	1,060,396	1,047,647
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	52	39	38,918	30,874
Old	-	-	2	-	1,030	620
Total	-	-	54	39	39,948	31,494
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	672,927	668,406	4,098	3,323	26,100	22,148
Mature	17,558	17,765	163	148	39,742	38,530
Light	7,879	8,496	107	75	32,766	31,858
Heavy	9,679	9,269	56	73	6,976	6,672
Total	690,485	686,171	4,261	3,471	65,842	60,678
Turkeys						
Young	5,562	5,634	761	560	125	97
Old	311	243	22	18	118	23
Total	5,873	5,877	783	578	243	120
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	11,259	11,438	60,686	61,746	98,609	87,801
Mature	7,274	12,962	2,608	2,405	59,123	68,867
Light	6,872	12,688	1,762	1,672	52,817	62,405
Heavy	402	274	846	733	6,306	6,462
Total	18,533	24,400	63,294	64,151	157,732	156,668
Turkeys						
Young	130	118	1,355	1,091	1,993	1,203
Old	12	18	19	9	47	27
Total	142	136	1,374	1,100	2,040	1,230
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	21,843	19,124	890,870	867,974	2,712,941	2,667,161
Mature	679	476	106,430	99,447	373,112	370,357
Light	338	313	44,636	38,390	244,000	245,919
Heavy	341	163	61,794	61,057	129,112	124,438
Total	22,522	19,600	997,300	967,421	3,086,053	3,037,518
Turkeys						
Young	683	701	12,937	9,442	62,516	49,759
Old	4	6	354	685	1,919	1,649
Total	687	707	13,291	10,127	64,435	51,408

- 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: January and February 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	79,831	81,569	457,198	460,599	5.73	5.65
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Arkansas	73,629	66,382	459,949	406,531	6.25	6.12
California	20,384	19,094	126,683	117,090	6.21	6.13
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	29,384	26,624	205,668	186,456	7.00	7.00
Florida	5,719	4,980	33,596	28,425	5.87	5.71
Georgia	101,150	95,709	580,340	545,246	5.74	5.70
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,950	4,727	22,207	20,678	4.49	4.37
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,159	23,465	137,503	129,718	5.47	5.53
Louisiana	16,367	15,330	95,502	92,710	5.84	6.05
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	12,112	11,004	64,726	60,028	5.34	5.46
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,157	3,781	24,027	22,456	5.78	5.94
Mississippi	56,944	57,137	355,239	356,090	6.24	6.23
Missouri	38,285	34,152	184,131	161,862	4.81	4.74
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	102	87	496	409	4.86	4.69
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,848	1,621	9,352	8,057	5.06	4.97
North Carolina	60,189	60,430	442,046	466,936	7.34	7.73
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	6,270	5,799	36,246	32,526	5.78	5.61
Oklahoma	11,995	10,428	78,206	67,616	6.52	6.48
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11,256	9,287	63,161	51,552	5.61	5.55
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	22,443	20,722	166,757	151,352	7.43	7.30
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	24,078	23,704	130,113	127,125	5.40	5.36
Texas	49,131	45,482	298,777	278,083	6.08	6.11
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	28,145	25,924	156,363	141,489	5.56	5.46
Washington	4,913	3,796	29,758	22,564	6.06	5.94
West Virginia	9,502	7,605	37,238	29,418	3.92	3.87
Wisconsin	4,370	3,812	18,698	16,103	4.28	4.22
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	704,432	664,530	4,226,487	3,992,059	6.00	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: January and February 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
	January	February	Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
			January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	348,236	352,245	3,105	3,119	0.88	0.88
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Arkansas	351,529	309,512	3,074	2,874	0.87	0.92
California	93,987	87,075	804	865	0.85	0.98
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	148,781	135,117	1,894	1,815	1.26	1.33
Florida	25,198	21,320	182	161	0.72	0.75
Georgia	430,893	411,642	3,485	3,450	0.80	0.83
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	16,073	15,097	115	104	0.71	0.69
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	99,882	94,430	959	947	0.95	0.99
Louisiana	71,987	70,215	465	458	0.64	0.65
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	46,917	43,493	714	665	1.50	1.51
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	20,200	18,792	205	210	1.00	1.10
Mississippi	276,121	275,354	2,109	2,488	0.76	0.90
Missouri	138,540	122,271	1,334	1,134	0.95	0.92
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	369	303	8	9	2.23	2.80
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,873	4,987	146	140	2.42	2.72
North Carolina	342,567	360,824	3,782	3,709	1.09	1.02
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	26,961	24,193	237	223	0.87	0.91
Oklahoma	58,749	50,832	381	392	0.64	0.76
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	43,531	35,281	744	599	1.68	1.67
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	125,502	113,727	714	735	0.57	0.64
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	95,365	93,270	1,031	1,190	1.07	1.26
Texas	226,468	210,450	1,804	1,698	0.79	0.80
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	110,920	100,907	934	833	0.84	0.82
Washington	22,240	16,892	121	89	0.54	0.53
West Virginia	26,761	20,759	81	65	0.30	0.31
Wisconsin	13,486	11,761	177	172	1.30	1.44
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,175,902	3,008,452	28,829	28,340	0.90	0.93

- 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: January and February 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	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	109	120	87,871	88,814
Arkansas	-	-	245	278	79,197	73,793
Delaware	-	-	1,570	1,140	65,264	58,924
Georgia	-	-	107	94	91,588	86,783
Mississippi	-	-	164	543	30,974	33,051
Missouri	-	-	32	12	70,137	57,317
North Carolina	-	-	251	232	103,072	100,845
Texas	-	-	247	371	63,164	62,328
Virginia	-	-	69	75	22,572	20,115
United States	-	-	5,145	6,974	921,404	918,227

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	65,261	61,199	323	266	1,101	1,157
Arkansas	31,037	32,409	1,256	1,176	995	731
Delaware	83,269	82,126	129	129	3,885	3,281
Georgia	91,035	74,136	363	129	3,847	3,725
Mississippi	20,618	21,316	97	80	363	336
Missouri	50,839	41,587	135	47	559	480
North Carolina	70,946	61,917	49	69	4,811	3,845
Texas	39,326	30,760	57	91	766	571
Virginia	34,936	39,218	5	7	931	720
United States	672,927	668,406	4,098	3,323	26,100	22,148

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,206	1,214	8,055	7,173	15,510	15,153
Arkansas	539	556	4,987	4,338	6,771	5,374
Delaware	1,181	1,218	2,002	1,915	3,178	3,030
Georgia	792	893	15,180	14,354	8,372	7,737
Mississippi	415	539	1,532	1,658	1,403	1,583
Missouri	313	234	1,238	1,109	4,190	4,046
North Carolina	990	791	10,546	12,545	4,416	4,871
Texas	435	332	1,957	1,562	6,927	4,253
Virginia	637	604	588	553	1,784	1,714
United States	11,259	11,438	60,686	61,746	98,609	87,801

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,526	958	91,015	106,171	271,977	282,225
Arkansas	1,370	1,098	117,742	103,992	244,139	223,745
Delaware	1,712	1,865	24,000	28,625	186,190	182,253
Georgia	2,844	3,555	122,202	148,199	336,330	339,605
Mississippi	571	129	46,200	65,395	102,337	124,630
Missouri	57	81	27,443	20,901	154,943	125,814
North Carolina	3,071	2,695	97,277	78,305	295,429	266,115
Texas	1,343	866	49,591	36,836	163,813	137,970
Virginia	741	581	24,673	19,736	86,936	83,323
United States	21,843	19,124	890,870	867,974	2,712,941	2,667,161

- 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: January and February 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,790	2,657	56,045	53,388	20.09	20.09
California	685	626	19,744	19,357	28.82	30.92
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,750	1,513	71,821	59,802	41.03	39.52
Iowa	1,180	990	50,363	42,138	42.69	42.55
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	-	-	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,222	2,974	85,553	77,001	26.55	25.89
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	974	831	31,775	27,408	32.61	32.98
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	1,571	1,852	58,214	70,046	37.06	37.82
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	361	377	16,710	16,911	46.22	44.86
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	428	438	10,888	11,035	25.41	25.21
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	484	525	7,209	7,267	14.88	13.84
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,244	1,941	59,050	51,438	26.32	26.50
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	18,118	16,944	564,262	525,412	31.14	31.01

- Represents zero.

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

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
	January	February	Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
			January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	46,990	43,958	282	262	0.60	0.59
California	15,824	15,494	216	138	1.34	0.88
Colorado	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(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	58,208	48,251	896	768	1.52	1.57
Iowa	39,229	33,159	625	510	1.57	1.51
Kansas	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	67,973	61,387	1,413	1,128	2.04	1.80
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	25,713	22,313	196	152	0.76	0.67
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	45,445	54,986	399	539	0.87	0.97
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	13,354	13,515	278	293	2.04	2.12
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	8,553	8,706	162	141	1.86	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	6,032	5,999	41	44	0.67	0.73
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	47,129	41,079	657	477	1.37	1.15
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	451,344	419,636	6,401	5,566	1.40	1.31

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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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