



# Poultry Slaughter

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

**Poultry certified wholesome** during March 2014 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.60 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in March 2013. The February 2014 revised certified total at 3.48 billion pounds, was up 3 percent from February 2013. The February revision represented an increase of 364 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during March 2014 was 4.77 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 4.66 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.11 billion pounds, up 3 percent from March 2013. Mature chickens, at 65.5 million pounds, were up 10 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 572 million pounds, down 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.9 million pounds, up 1 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during March 2014 averaged 5.98 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from March 2013. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.57 pounds per bird, up 6 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during March 2014 averaged 31.1 pounds per bird, up slightly from March 2013.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during March 2014 totaled 11.0 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.23 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 37.8 million pounds, were 1.04 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.06 percent a year earlier.

**March 2013** contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	March 2014 as % of		January to March		2014 as percent of 2013
				March 2013	February 2014	2013	2014	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Number slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	679,303	664,590	688,139	101	104	2,063,669	2,057,161	100
Mature .....	11,287	11,371	11,760	104	103	36,270	35,852	99
Light .....	6,494	5,857	6,146	95	105	20,322	19,011	94
Heavy .....	4,793	5,514	5,614	117	102	15,948	16,841	106
Total .....	690,590	675,961	699,899	101	104	2,099,939	2,093,013	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	19,008	16,944	18,322	96	108	57,958	53,384	92
Old .....	125	81	97	78	120	388	311	80
Total .....	19,133	17,025	18,419	96	108	58,346	53,695	92
Ducks .....	1,999	2,033	2,012	101	99	6,124	6,203	101
	(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 .....	3,992,487	3,992,540	4,113,563	103	103	12,182,043	12,332,590	101
Mature .....	59,366	63,182	65,526	110	104	193,642	198,110	102
Light .....	20,903	18,669	19,820	95	106	66,029	61,364	93
Heavy .....	38,463	44,513	45,706	119	103	127,613	136,746	107
Total .....	4,051,853	4,055,722	4,179,089	103	103	12,375,685	12,530,700	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	588,360	525,412	569,468	97	108	1,814,139	1,659,142	91
Old .....	3,380	2,282	2,752	81	121	10,472	8,538	82
Total .....	591,740	527,694	572,220	97	108	1,824,611	1,667,680	91
Ducks .....	13,762	13,973	13,881	101	99	41,613	42,680	103
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	144	143	161	112	113	536	484	90
Total .....	4,657,499	4,597,532	4,765,351	102	104	14,242,445	14,241,544	100
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	5.88	6.01	5.98	102	100	5.90	5.99	102
Mature .....	5.26	5.56	5.57	106	100	5.34	5.53	104
Light .....	3.22	3.19	3.22	100	101	3.25	3.23	99
Heavy .....	8.02	8.07	8.14	101	101	8.00	8.12	102
Total .....	5.87	6.00	5.97	102	100	5.89	5.99	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	30.95	31.01	31.08	100	100	31.30	31.08	99
Old .....	27.04	28.17	28.37	105	101	26.99	27.45	102
Total .....	30.93	31.00	31.07	100	100	31.27	31.06	99
Ducks .....	6.88	6.87	6.90	100	100	6.80	6.88	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	March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	March 2014 as % of		January to March		2014 as percent of 2013
				March 2013	February 2014	2013	2014	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	2,726,130	2,732,937	2,830,837	104	104	8,307,357	8,466,081	102
Mature .....	38,010	39,697	41,456	109	104	123,785	124,361	100
Light .....	11,720	9,940	11,008	94	111	37,476	32,959	88
Heavy .....	26,290	29,757	30,448	116	102	86,309	91,402	106
Total .....	2,764,140	2,772,634	2,872,293	104	104	8,431,142	8,590,442	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	296,001	236,667	243,704	82	103	902,792	744,680	82
Old .....	2,188	1,707	1,856	85	109	7,285	5,991	82
Total .....	298,189	238,374	245,560	82	103	910,077	750,671	82
Ducks .....	3,832	3,708	3,999	104	108	11,624	12,206	105
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	95	93	105	111	113	360	320	89
Total .....	3,066,256	3,014,809	3,121,957	102	104	9,353,203	9,353,639	100
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	273,100	275,879	262,713	96	95	836,784	812,187	97
Mature .....	4	5	5	125	100	6	10	167
Light .....	-	-	5	(X)	(X)	2	5	250
Heavy .....	4	5	-	(X)	(X)	4	5	125
Total .....	273,104	275,884	262,718	96	95	836,790	812,197	97
Turkeys								
Young .....	174,151	182,969	211,286	121	115	548,271	581,290	106
Old .....	387	30	254	66	847	672	490	73
Total .....	174,538	182,999	211,540	121	116	548,943	581,780	106
Ducks .....	6,162	6,325	6,061	98	96	18,620	18,643	100
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	7	6	7	100	117	20	19	95
Total .....	453,811	465,214	480,326	106	103	1,404,373	1,412,639	101
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	2,999,230	3,008,816	3,093,550	103	103	9,144,141	9,278,268	101
Mature .....	38,014	39,702	41,461	109	104	123,791	124,371	100
Light .....	11,720	9,940	11,013	94	111	37,478	32,964	88
Heavy .....	26,294	29,762	30,448	116	102	86,313	91,407	106
Total .....	3,037,244	3,048,518	3,135,011	103	103	9,267,932	9,402,639	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	470,152	419,636	454,990	97	108	1,451,063	1,325,970	91
Old .....	2,575	1,737	2,110	82	121	7,957	6,481	81
Total .....	472,727	421,373	457,100	97	108	1,459,020	1,332,451	91
Ducks .....	9,994	10,033	10,060	101	100	30,244	30,849	102
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	102	99	112	110	113	380	339	89
Total .....	3,520,067	3,480,023	3,602,283	102	104	10,757,576	10,766,278	100

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	March 2014 as % of		January to March		2014 as percent of 2013
				March 2013	February 2014	2013	2014	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	8,087	8,617	8,918	110	103	24,827	26,771	108
Mature .....	594	790	699	118	88	1,918	2,221	116
Light .....	221	308	257	116	83	806	887	110
Heavy .....	373	482	442	118	92	1,112	1,334	120
Total .....	8,681	9,407	9,617	111	102	26,745	28,992	108
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,425	1,371	1,295	91	94	4,500	4,175	93
Old .....	42	40	31	74	78	119	114	96
Total .....	1,467	1,411	1,326	90	94	4,619	4,289	93
Ducks .....	39	52	29	74	56	115	125	109
Total .....	10,187	10,870	10,972	108	101	31,480	33,406	106
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.20	0.22	0.22	110	100	0.20	0.22	110
Mature .....	1.00	1.25	1.07	107	86	0.99	1.12	113
Light .....	1.06	1.65	1.30	123	79	1.22	1.45	119
Heavy .....	0.97	1.08	0.97	100	90	0.87	0.98	113
Total .....	0.21	0.23	0.23	110	100	0.22	0.23	105
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.24	0.26	0.23	96	88	0.25	0.25	100
Old .....	1.24	1.75	1.13	91	65	1.14	1.34	118
Total .....	0.25	0.27	0.23	92	85	0.25	0.26	104
Ducks .....	0.28	0.37	0.21	75	57	0.28	0.29	104
Total .....	0.22	0.24	0.23	105	96	0.22	0.23	105

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

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	March 2014 as % of		January to March		2014 as percent of 2013
				March 2013	February 2014	2013	2014	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Carcass and parts</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	28,378	28,341	29,029	102	102	85,409	86,199	101
Mature .....	1,985	2,218	2,309	116	104	5,406	6,512	120
Light .....	1,038	848	934	90	110	2,589	2,691	104
Heavy .....	947	1,370	1,375	145	100	2,817	3,821	136
Total .....	30,363	30,559	31,338	103	103	90,815	92,711	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	6,782	5,566	6,133	90	110	20,351	18,100	89
Old .....	142	84	123	87	146	417	347	83
Total .....	6,924	5,650	6,256	90	111	20,768	18,447	89
Ducks .....	248	270	253	102	94	753	788	105
Other .....	1	1	1	100	100	3	3	100
Total .....	37,536	36,480	37,848	101	104	112,339	111,949	100
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.94	0.93	0.93	99	100	0.93	0.92	99
Mature .....	4.96	5.29	5.28	106	100	4.18	4.98	119
Light .....	8.14	7.86	7.82	96	99	6.46	7.55	117
Heavy .....	3.48	4.40	4.32	124	98	3.16	4.01	127
Total .....	0.99	0.99	0.99	100	100	0.97	0.98	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	1.42	1.31	1.33	94	102	1.38	1.35	98
Old .....	5.23	4.61	5.51	105	120	4.98	5.08	102
Total .....	1.44	1.32	1.35	94	102	1.40	1.37	98
Ducks .....	2.42	2.62	2.45	101	94	2.43	2.49	102
Other .....	0.97	1.00	0.88	91	88	0.78	0.88	113
Total .....	1.06	1.04	1.04	98	100	1.03	1.03	100

<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: February and March 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	6,974	6,091	918,616	908,856
Mature .....	-	-	337	396	129,420	144,328
Light .....	-	-	255	326	89,767	106,828
Heavy .....	-	-	82	70	39,653	37,500
Total .....	-	-	7,311	6,487	1,048,036	1,053,184
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	39	54	30,874	33,317
Old .....	-	-	-	-	620	797
Total .....	-	-	39	54	31,494	34,114
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	668,516	664,858	3,323	3,573	22,153	21,824
Mature .....	17,765	16,798	148	182	38,530	31,070
Light .....	8,496	6,813	75	113	31,858	25,225
Heavy .....	9,269	9,985	73	69	6,672	5,845
Total .....	686,281	681,656	3,471	3,755	60,683	52,894
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	5,634	4,693	560	580	97	90
Old .....	243	342	18	10	23	46
Total .....	5,877	5,035	578	590	120	136
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	11,438	11,250	61,791	61,617	87,821	95,848
Mature .....	12,962	10,717	2,405	2,127	68,867	55,144
Light .....	12,688	10,352	1,672	1,493	62,405	49,961
Heavy .....	274	365	733	634	6,462	5,183
Total .....	24,400	21,967	64,196	63,744	156,688	150,992
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	118	134	1,091	1,002	1,203	1,395
Old .....	18	21	9	9	27	30
Total .....	136	155	1,100	1,011	1,230	1,425
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	19,128	18,358	867,986	865,917	2,667,746	2,658,192
Mature .....	476	330	99,447	95,609	370,357	356,701
Light .....	313	169	38,390	41,273	245,919	242,553
Heavy .....	163	161	61,057	54,336	124,438	114,148
Total .....	19,604	18,688	967,433	961,526	3,038,103	3,014,893
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	701	422	9,442	10,985	49,759	52,672
Old .....	6	2	685	348	1,649	1,605
Total .....	707	424	10,127	11,333	51,408	54,277

- 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: February and March 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	81,569	81,565	460,599	464,463	5.65	5.69
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	66,393	70,949	406,699	431,073	6.13	6.08
California .....	19,144	19,561	117,372	116,704	6.13	5.97
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	26,624	25,610	186,456	180,911	7.00	7.06
Florida .....	4,980	5,055	28,425	29,364	5.71	5.81
Georgia .....	95,708	100,366	545,277	569,453	5.70	5.67
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	4,727	4,886	20,678	21,498	4.37	4.40
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	23,465	23,924	129,718	132,345	5.53	5.53
Louisiana .....	15,330	15,921	92,710	93,438	6.05	5.87
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	11,004	11,482	60,028	60,886	5.46	5.30
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,781	4,247	22,456	25,195	5.94	5.93
Mississippi .....	57,137	57,971	356,090	358,348	6.23	6.18
Missouri .....	34,152	36,139	161,862	171,794	4.74	4.75
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	87	96	409	441	4.69	4.59
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	1,621	1,873	8,057	9,283	4.97	4.95
North Carolina .....	60,430	60,998	466,936	473,509	7.73	7.76
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	5,799	6,194	32,526	35,578	5.61	5.74
Oklahoma .....	10,428	11,256	67,616	73,889	6.48	6.56
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	9,287	9,211	51,552	50,700	5.55	5.50
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	20,722	22,705	151,352	161,746	7.30	7.12
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	23,704	23,905	127,125	124,621	5.36	5.21
Texas .....	45,482	48,145	278,083	292,228	6.11	6.07
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	25,924	25,991	141,489	142,856	5.46	5.50
Washington .....	3,796	4,172	22,564	25,338	5.94	6.07
West Virginia .....	7,605	9,777	29,418	38,597	3.87	3.95
Wisconsin .....	3,812	4,104	16,103	17,488	4.22	4.26
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	664,590	688,139	3,992,540	4,113,563	6.01	5.98

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: February and March 2014

[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>	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	352,245	354,435	3,119	3,096	0.88	0.87
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	309,612	326,063	2,874	3,164	0.92	0.96
California .....	87,316	86,726	866	749	0.98	0.86
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	135,117	130,738	1,815	1,744	1.33	1.32
Florida .....	21,320	22,025	161	174	0.75	0.78
Georgia .....	411,665	427,377	3,450	3,677	0.83	0.85
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	15,097	15,714	104	112	0.69	0.71
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	94,430	95,965	947	1,058	0.99	1.09
Louisiana .....	70,215	70,379	458	405	0.65	0.57
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	43,493	44,090	665	802	1.51	1.79
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	18,792	21,238	210	217	1.10	1.01
Mississippi .....	275,354	276,972	2,488	2,343	0.90	0.84
Missouri .....	122,271	129,940	1,134	1,214	0.92	0.93
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	303	327	9	14	2.80	4.18
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	4,987	5,766	140	176	2.72	2.96
North Carolina .....	360,824	365,397	3,709	3,768	1.02	1.02
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	24,193	26,494	223	223	0.91	0.83
Oklahoma .....	50,832	55,467	392	422	0.76	0.76
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	35,281	34,607	599	618	1.67	1.76
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	113,727	121,660	735	708	0.64	0.58
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	93,270	91,381	1,190	1,142	1.26	1.23
Texas .....	210,450	221,282	1,698	1,796	0.80	0.81
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	100,907	101,866	833	840	0.82	0.82
Washington .....	16,892	18,934	89	115	0.53	0.61
West Virginia .....	20,759	27,587	65	67	0.31	0.24
Wisconsin .....	11,761	12,774	172	180	1.44	1.39
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,008,816	3,093,550	28,341	29,029	0.93	0.93

- 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: February and March 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	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	120	139	88,814	84,609
Arkansas .....	-	-	278	287	73,909	76,854
Delaware .....	-	-	1,140	1,237	58,924	57,585
Georgia .....	-	-	94	70	86,726	90,927
Mississippi .....	-	-	543	297	33,051	34,246
Missouri .....	-	-	12	33	57,317	57,685
North Carolina .....	-	-	232	290	100,845	99,646
Texas .....	-	-	371	121	62,328	66,800
Virginia .....	-	-	75	74	20,115	20,296
United States .....	-	-	6,974	6,091	918,616	908,856

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	61,199	43,261	266	253	1,157	1,193
Arkansas .....	32,424	33,737	1,176	1,301	732	755
Delaware .....	82,126	83,193	129	44	3,281	2,342
Georgia .....	74,226	84,599	129	279	3,726	4,243
Mississippi .....	21,316	21,017	80	60	336	428
Missouri .....	41,587	37,316	47	51	480	524
North Carolina .....	61,917	72,750	69	102	3,845	3,938
Texas .....	30,760	35,890	91	56	571	671
Virginia .....	39,218	37,933	7	9	720	679
United States .....	668,516	664,858	3,323	3,573	22,153	21,824

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,214	1,222	7,173	7,875	15,153	14,132
Arkansas .....	556	545	4,367	4,507	5,377	6,098
Delaware .....	1,218	1,123	1,915	1,837	3,030	2,745
Georgia .....	893	809	14,369	14,909	7,749	9,237
Mississippi .....	539	479	1,658	1,444	1,583	1,881
Missouri .....	234	229	1,109	925	4,046	4,390
North Carolina .....	791	833	12,545	12,800	4,871	4,729
Texas .....	332	338	1,562	1,418	4,253	4,441
Virginia .....	604	534	553	611	1,714	1,811
United States .....	11,438	11,250	61,791	61,617	87,821	95,848

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	958	1,089	106,171	133,085	282,225	286,858
Arkansas .....	1,098	1,396	103,992	84,348	223,909	209,828
Delaware .....	1,865	956	28,625	21,793	182,253	172,855
Georgia .....	3,559	3,257	148,199	150,143	339,670	358,473
Mississippi .....	129	436	65,395	59,536	124,630	119,824
Missouri .....	81	151	20,901	24,489	125,814	125,793
North Carolina .....	2,695	2,985	78,305	73,414	266,115	271,487
Texas .....	866	1,046	36,836	40,754	137,970	151,535
Virginia .....	581	1,085	19,736	22,374	83,323	85,406
United States .....	19,128	18,358	867,986	865,917	2,667,746	2,658,192

- 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: February and March 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	2,657	2,936	53,388	59,219	20.09	20.17
California .....	626	658	19,357	20,464	30.92	31.11
Colorado .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	1,513	1,688	59,802	66,901	39.52	39.63
Iowa .....	990	903	42,138	38,937	42.55	43.11
Kansas .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Kentucky .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	2,974	3,406	77,001	87,855	25.89	25.79
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	831	889	27,408	30,192	32.98	33.98
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 .....	1,852	1,908	70,046	74,539	37.82	39.06
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	377	391	16,911	17,683	44.86	45.20
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	438	522	11,035	13,370	25.21	25.63
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	525	459	7,267	6,669	13.84	14.54
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia .....	1,941	2,085	51,438	55,479	26.50	26.60
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	16,944	18,322	525,412	569,468	31.01	31.08

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

[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>	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	43,958	48,503	262	276	0.59	0.57
California .....	15,494	16,376	138	180	0.88	1.09
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 .....	48,251	54,158	768	884	1.57	1.61
Iowa .....	33,159	30,534	510	443	1.51	1.43
Kansas .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kentucky .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	61,387	70,236	1,128	1,231	1.80	1.72
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	22,313	24,475	152	181	0.67	0.74
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 .....	54,986	58,286	539	645	0.97	1.09
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	13,515	14,127	293	314	2.12	2.18
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	8,706	10,571	141	180	1.60	1.67
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	5,999	5,731	44	40	0.73	0.70
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia .....	41,079	44,297	477	538	1.15	1.20
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	419,636	454,990	5,566	6,133	1.31	1.33

- 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.

## **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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