



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down Slightly from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during April 2014 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.74 billion pounds, down slightly from the amount certified in April 2013. The March 2014 revised certified total at 3.61 billion pounds, was up 2 percent from March 2013. The March revision represented an increase of 5.03 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during April 2014 was 4.93 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 4.97 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.26 billion pounds, up slightly from April 2013. Mature chickens, at 70.6 million pounds, were down 2 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 588 million pounds, down 7 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.7 million pounds, up 7 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during April 2014 averaged 5.99 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from April 2013. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.58 pounds per bird, up 8 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during April 2014 averaged 30.8 pounds per bird, down slightly from April 2013.

Ante-mortem condemnations during April 2014 totaled 11.1 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 38.5 million pounds, were 1.02 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.01 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	April 2013	March 2014	April 2014	April 2014 as % of		January to April		2014 as percent of 2013
				April 2013	March 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	719,688	689,189	710,998	99	103	2,783,357	2,769,209	99
Mature	13,931	11,761	12,662	91	108	50,201	48,515	97
Light	8,312	6,147	6,626	80	108	28,634	25,638	90
Heavy	5,619	5,614	6,036	107	108	21,567	22,877	106
Total	733,619	700,950	723,660	99	103	2,833,558	2,817,724	99
Turkeys								
Young	20,384	18,322	18,990	93	104	78,342	72,374	92
Old	110	97	129	117	133	498	440	88
Total	20,494	18,419	19,119	93	104	78,840	72,814	92
Ducks	2,134	2,012	2,288	107	114	8,258	8,491	103
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,252,051	4,120,110	4,260,016	100	103	16,434,094	16,599,153	101
Mature	72,311	65,527	70,593	98	108	265,953	268,704	101
Light	26,630	19,821	21,104	79	106	92,659	82,469	89
Heavy	45,681	45,706	49,489	108	108	173,294	186,235	107
Total	4,324,362	4,185,637	4,330,609	100	103	16,700,047	16,867,857	101
Turkeys								
Young	629,939	569,468	584,598	93	103	2,444,078	2,243,740	92
Old	3,003	2,752	3,548	118	129	13,475	12,086	90
Total	632,942	572,220	588,146	93	103	2,457,553	2,255,826	92
Ducks	14,710	13,881	15,733	107	113	56,323	58,413	104
Other ¹	180	161	172	96	107	716	656	92
Total	4,972,194	4,771,899	4,934,660	99	103	19,214,639	19,182,752	100
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.91	5.98	5.99	101	100	5.90	5.99	102
Mature	5.19	5.57	5.58	108	100	5.30	5.54	105
Light	3.20	3.22	3.19	100	99	3.24	3.22	99
Heavy	8.13	8.14	8.20	101	101	8.04	8.14	101
Total	5.89	5.97	5.98	102	100	5.89	5.99	102
Turkeys								
Young	30.90	31.08	30.78	100	99	31.20	31.00	99
Old	27.30	28.37	27.50	101	97	27.06	27.47	102
Total	30.88	31.07	30.76	100	99	31.17	30.98	99
Ducks	6.89	6.90	6.88	100	100	6.82	6.88	101

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	April 2013	March 2014	April 2014	April 2014 as % of		January to April		2014 as percent of 2013
				April 2013	March 2014	2013	2014	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,894,110	2,835,822	2,932,037	101	103	11,201,467	11,403,103	102
Mature	45,502	41,456	44,405	98	107	169,287	168,766	100
Light	14,375	11,008	11,362	79	103	51,851	44,321	85
Heavy	31,127	30,448	33,043	106	109	117,436	124,445	106
Total	2,939,612	2,877,278	2,976,442	101	103	11,370,754	11,571,869	102
Turkeys								
Young	302,036	243,704	262,904	87	108	1,204,828	1,007,584	84
Old	2,109	1,856	2,429	115	131	9,394	8,420	90
Total	304,145	245,560	265,333	87	108	1,214,222	1,016,004	84
Ducks	3,873	3,999	4,304	111	108	15,497	16,510	107
Other ¹	115	105	109	95	104	475	429	90
Total	3,247,745	3,126,942	3,246,188	100	104	12,600,948	12,604,812	100
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	299,958	262,755	278,784	93	106	1,136,742	1,091,013	96
Mature	15	8	1	7	13	21	14	67
Light	7	8	1	14	13	9	9	100
Heavy	8	-	-	(X)	(X)	12	5	42
Total	299,973	262,763	278,785	93	106	1,136,763	1,091,027	96
Turkeys								
Young	200,240	211,286	206,044	103	98	748,511	787,334	105
Old	167	254	271	162	107	839	761	91
Total	200,407	211,540	206,315	103	98	749,350	788,095	105
Ducks	6,690	6,061	7,071	106	117	25,310	25,714	102
Other ¹	9	7	11	122	157	29	30	103
Total	507,079	480,371	492,182	97	102	1,911,452	1,904,866	100
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,194,068	3,098,577	3,210,821	101	104	12,338,209	12,494,116	101
Mature	45,517	41,464	44,406	98	107	169,308	168,780	100
Light	14,382	11,016	11,363	79	103	51,860	44,330	85
Heavy	31,135	30,448	33,043	106	109	117,448	124,450	106
Total	3,239,585	3,140,041	3,255,227	100	104	12,507,517	12,662,896	101
Turkeys								
Young	502,276	454,990	468,948	93	103	1,953,339	1,794,918	92
Old	2,276	2,110	2,700	119	128	10,233	9,181	90
Total	504,552	457,100	471,648	93	103	1,963,572	1,804,099	92
Ducks	10,563	10,060	11,375	108	113	40,807	42,224	103
Other ¹	124	112	120	97	107	504	459	91
Total	3,754,824	3,607,313	3,738,370	100	104	14,512,400	14,509,678	100

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2013	March 2014	April 2014	April 2014 as % of		January to April		2014 as percent of 2013
				April 2013	March 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	8,236	8,933	8,980	109	101	33,063	35,766	108
Mature	767	699	760	99	109	2,685	2,981	111
Light	362	257	286	79	111	1,168	1,173	100
Heavy	405	442	474	117	107	1,517	1,808	119
Total	9,003	9,632	9,740	108	101	35,748	38,747	108
Turkeys								
Young	1,458	1,295	1,309	90	101	5,958	5,484	92
Old	35	31	52	149	168	154	166	108
Total	1,493	1,326	1,361	91	103	6,112	5,650	92
Ducks	39	29	29	74	100	154	154	100
Total	10,535	10,987	11,130	106	101	42,015	44,551	106
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.19	0.22	0.21	111	95	0.20	0.22	110
Mature	1.06	1.07	1.08	102	101	1.01	1.11	110
Light	1.36	1.30	1.36	100	105	1.26	1.42	113
Heavy	0.89	0.97	0.96	108	99	0.88	0.97	110
Total	0.21	0.23	0.22	105	96	0.21	0.23	110
Turkeys								
Young	0.23	0.23	0.22	96	96	0.24	0.24	100
Old	1.17	1.13	1.47	126	130	1.14	1.37	120
Total	0.24	0.23	0.23	96	100	0.25	0.25	100
Ducks	0.27	0.21	0.18	67	86	0.27	0.26	96
Total	0.21	0.23	0.23	110	100	0.22	0.23	105

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

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2013	March 2014	April 2014	April 2014 as % of		January to April		2014 as percent of 2013
				April 2013	March 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	28,784	29,089	29,319	102	101	114,193	115,578	101
Mature	2,276	2,309	2,317	102	100	7,682	8,829	115
Light	1,120	934	824	74	88	3,709	3,515	95
Heavy	1,156	1,375	1,493	129	109	3,973	5,314	134
Total	31,060	31,398	31,636	102	101	121,875	124,407	102
Turkeys								
Young	6,848	6,133	6,436	94	105	27,199	24,536	90
Old	139	123	118	85	96	556	465	84
Total	6,987	6,256	6,554	94	105	27,755	25,001	90
Ducks	285	253	312	109	123	1,038	1,100	106
Other	1	1	2	200	200	4	5	125
Total	38,333	37,908	38,504	100	102	150,672	150,513	100
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.89	0.93	0.90	101	97	0.92	0.92	100
Mature	4.76	5.27	4.96	104	94	4.34	4.97	115
Light	7.22	7.82	6.76	94	86	6.67	7.35	110
Heavy	3.58	4.32	4.32	121	100	3.27	4.10	125
Total	0.95	0.99	0.96	101	97	0.97	0.97	100
Turkeys								
Young	1.35	1.33	1.35	100	102	1.37	1.35	99
Old	5.76	5.51	4.19	73	76	5.15	4.82	94
Total	1.37	1.35	1.37	100	101	1.39	1.37	99
Ducks	2.63	2.45	2.67	102	109	2.48	2.54	102
Other	0.80	0.88	1.64	205	186	0.79	1.08	137
Total	1.01	1.04	1.02	101	98	1.03	1.03	100

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

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States: March and April 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	6,091	7,166	909,579	920,177
Mature	-	-	396	573	144,328	141,529
Light	-	-	326	463	106,828	104,370
Heavy	-	-	70	110	37,500	37,159
Total	-	-	6,487	7,739	1,053,907	1,061,706
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	54	55	33,317	37,007
Old	-	-	-	4	797	754
Total	-	-	54	59	34,114	37,761
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	665,725	643,061	3,573	2,675	21,883	21,778
Mature	16,798	18,047	182	139	31,070	33,585
Light	6,813	6,271	113	60	25,225	27,972
Heavy	9,985	11,776	69	79	5,845	5,613
Total	682,523	661,108	3,755	2,814	52,953	55,363
Turkeys						
Young	4,693	4,783	580	439	90	121
Old	342	442	10	6	46	83
Total	5,035	5,225	590	445	136	204
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	11,258	11,200	61,761	52,560	95,893	95,587
Mature	10,717	8,824	2,127	1,820	55,144	59,368
Light	10,352	8,466	1,493	1,208	49,961	53,999
Heavy	365	358	634	612	5,183	5,369
Total	21,975	20,024	63,888	54,380	151,037	154,955
Turkeys						
Young	134	140	1,002	895	1,395	1,419
Old	21	16	9	7	30	27
Total	155	156	1,011	902	1,425	1,446
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	18,428	20,373	867,756	802,453	2,661,947	2,577,030
Mature	330	294	95,609	97,436	356,701	361,615
Light	169	174	41,273	45,445	242,553	248,428
Heavy	161	120	54,336	51,991	114,148	113,187
Total	18,758	20,667	963,365	899,889	3,018,648	2,938,645
Turkeys						
Young	422	408	10,985	10,144	52,672	55,411
Old	2	3	348	297	1,605	1,639
Total	424	411	11,333	10,441	54,277	57,050

- 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: March and April 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	81,684	85,500	465,203	483,330	5.70	5.65
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	71,017	71,808	431,652	443,552	6.08	6.18
California	19,561	20,065	116,704	122,762	5.97	6.12
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	25,767	27,536	182,208	192,577	7.07	6.99
Florida	5,055	5,302	29,364	30,195	5.81	5.69
Georgia	100,749	104,235	571,475	598,386	5.67	5.74
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,886	5,201	21,498	22,920	4.40	4.41
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	23,924	25,071	132,345	138,501	5.53	5.52
Louisiana	15,921	16,952	93,438	100,388	5.87	5.92
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	11,482	11,945	60,886	62,687	5.30	5.25
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,247	4,342	25,195	26,171	5.93	6.03
Mississippi	57,971	59,613	358,348	367,804	6.18	6.17
Missouri	36,139	37,634	171,794	182,957	4.75	4.86
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	96	107	441	522	4.59	4.86
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,873	1,744	9,283	8,721	4.95	5.00
North Carolina	61,321	62,042	475,418	474,551	7.75	7.65
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	6,194	6,145	35,578	34,864	5.74	5.67
Oklahoma	11,256	11,507	73,889	74,407	6.56	6.47
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,211	8,696	50,700	48,322	5.50	5.56
Rhode Island	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
South Carolina	22,705	23,164	161,746	166,923	7.12	7.21
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	23,905	25,703	124,621	134,631	5.21	5.24
Texas	48,145	49,510	292,228	302,393	6.07	6.11
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	25,991	26,863	142,856	147,660	5.50	5.50
Washington	4,172	4,258	25,338	26,465	6.07	6.21
West Virginia	9,777	9,749	38,597	38,307	3.95	3.93
Wisconsin	4,104	4,337	17,488	18,376	4.26	4.24
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	689,189	710,998	4,120,110	4,260,016	5.98	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: March and April 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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	354,991	368,521	3,097	3,217	0.86	0.87
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	326,595	337,224	3,164	3,237	0.96	0.95
California	86,726	91,637	749	774	0.86	0.84
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	131,747	139,473	1,764	1,750	1.32	1.24
Florida	22,025	22,682	174	187	0.78	0.82
Georgia	428,890	447,936	3,697	3,970	0.85	0.88
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	15,714	16,763	112	113	0.71	0.67
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	95,966	100,489	1,058	1,102	1.09	1.08
Louisiana	70,379	75,478	405	443	0.57	0.58
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	44,090	45,381	802	880	1.79	1.90
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	21,238	21,927	217	236	1.01	1.06
Mississippi	276,972	285,827	2,343	2,276	0.84	0.79
Missouri	129,940	138,571	1,214	1,318	0.93	0.94
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	327	387	14	14	4.18	3.38
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,766	5,386	176	163	2.96	2.94
North Carolina	366,813	370,292	3,787	3,695	1.02	0.99
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	26,494	25,989	223	243	0.83	0.92
Oklahoma	55,467	55,995	422	418	0.76	0.74
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	34,607	33,025	618	553	1.76	1.65
Rhode Island	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
South Carolina	121,660	125,733	708	699	0.58	0.55
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	91,381	98,576	1,142	1,051	1.23	1.05
Texas	221,282	229,040	1,796	1,725	0.81	0.75
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	101,866	105,717	840	760	0.82	0.71
Washington	18,934	19,769	115	111	0.61	0.56
West Virginia	27,587	27,247	67	63	0.24	0.23
Wisconsin	12,774	13,420	180	145	1.39	1.07
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,098,577	3,210,821	29,089	29,319	0.93	0.90

- 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: March and April 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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	139	274	84,609	91,680
Arkansas	-	-	287	355	76,854	71,374
Delaware	-	-	1,237	2,260	57,585	62,241
Georgia	-	-	70	117	91,360	93,760
Mississippi	-	-	297	338	34,246	36,730
Missouri	-	-	33	40	57,685	67,250
North Carolina	-	-	290	307	99,936	94,640
Texas	-	-	121	68	66,800	61,674
Virginia	-	-	74	74	20,296	19,384
United States	-	-	6,091	7,166	909,579	920,177
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	43,261	33,429	253	203	1,193	1,297
Arkansas	33,737	30,610	1,301	777	755	728
Delaware	83,193	88,214	44	73	2,342	2,295
Georgia	84,819	87,595	279	173	4,255	4,059
Mississippi	21,017	18,450	60	83	428	502
Missouri	37,316	28,201	51	56	524	563
North Carolina	73,397	73,507	102	145	3,985	3,810
Texas	35,890	27,777	56	57	671	705
Virginia	37,933	27,096	9	16	679	587
United States	665,725	643,061	3,573	2,675	21,883	21,778
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,222	1,121	7,875	5,754	14,132	15,499
Arkansas	545	504	4,507	3,578	6,098	5,136
Delaware	1,123	1,252	1,837	1,738	2,745	3,956
Georgia	811	989	15,014	13,405	9,263	10,097
Mississippi	479	421	1,444	1,392	1,881	2,196
Missouri	229	242	925	961	4,390	4,150
North Carolina	839	885	12,839	11,667	4,748	5,285
Texas	338	371	1,418	1,264	4,441	4,723
Virginia	534	595	611	621	1,811	2,092
United States	11,258	11,200	61,761	52,560	95,893	95,587
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,089	1,654	133,201	116,065	286,974	266,976
Arkansas	1,396	1,250	84,348	81,852	209,828	196,164
Delaware	956	1,359	21,793	15,993	172,855	179,381
Georgia	3,327	3,941	150,202	148,780	359,400	362,916
Mississippi	436	632	59,536	57,708	119,824	118,452
Missouri	151	108	24,489	25,858	125,793	127,429
North Carolina	2,985	2,507	75,078	56,274	274,199	249,027
Texas	1,046	950	40,754	39,705	151,535	137,294
Virginia	1,085	1,083	22,374	17,719	85,406	69,267
United States	18,428	20,373	867,756	802,453	2,661,947	2,577,030

- 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: March and April 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,936	3,130	59,219	64,014	20.17	20.45
California	658	832	20,464	23,876	31.11	28.70
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Indiana	1,688	2,020	66,901	81,377	39.63	40.28
Iowa	903	520	38,937	21,782	43.11	41.85
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kentucky	-	-	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,406	3,615	87,855	95,869	25.79	26.52
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	889	956	30,192	32,267	33.98	33.74
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
North Carolina	1,908	1,790	74,539	68,928	39.06	38.51
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	391	402	17,683	17,952	45.20	44.62
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	522	498	13,370	12,570	25.63	25.23
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	459	483	6,669	6,974	14.54	14.44
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,085	2,076	55,479	53,452	26.60	25.74
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	18,322	18,990	569,468	584,598	31.08	30.78

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: March and April 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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	48,503	53,672	276	324	0.57	0.60
California	16,376	19,055	180	179	1.09	0.93
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Indiana	54,158	65,742	884	1,060	1.61	1.59
Iowa	30,534	17,043	443	195	1.43	1.13
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Kentucky	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	70,236	76,516	1,231	1,400	1.72	1.80
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	24,475	26,120	181	234	0.74	0.89
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)	(X)
North Carolina	58,286	54,297	645	608	1.09	1.11
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	14,127	14,352	314	318	2.18	2.17
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	10,571	9,947	180	205	1.67	2.02
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	5,731	5,944	40	36	0.70	0.60
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	44,297	42,730	538	566	1.20	1.31
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	454,990	468,948	6,133	6,436	1.33	1.35

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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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