



Poultry Slaughter

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

Poultry certified wholesome during May 2014 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.73 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the amount certified in May 2013. The April 2014 revised certified total at 3.74 billion pounds, was down slightly from April 2013. The April revision represented an increase of 134 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during May 2014 was 4.93 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 5.09 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.25 billion pounds, down 3 percent from May 2013. Mature chickens, at 72.1 million pounds, were down slightly from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 588 million pounds, down 8 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.0 million pounds, up 8 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during May 2014 averaged 5.97 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from May 2013. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.48 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2014 averaged 30.5 pounds per bird, down slightly from May 2013.

Ante-mortem condemnations during May 2014 totaled 10.9 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.20 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 38.0 million pounds, were 1.01 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.95 percent a year earlier.

May 2013 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

May 2014 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	May 2014 as % of		January to May		2014 as percent of 2013
				May 2013	April 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	743,372	711,014	712,045	96	100	3,526,729	3,481,270	99
Mature	13,317	12,662	13,165	99	104	63,518	61,680	97
Light	7,213	6,626	7,059	98	107	35,847	32,697	91
Heavy	6,104	6,036	6,106	100	101	27,671	28,983	105
Total	756,689	723,676	725,210	96	100	3,590,247	3,542,950	99
Turkeys								
Young	20,721	18,990	19,203	93	101	99,063	91,577	92
Old	108	129	78	72	60	606	518	85
Total	20,829	19,119	19,281	93	101	99,669	92,095	92
Ducks	2,014	2,288	2,188	109	96	10,272	10,679	104
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,366,772	4,260,061	4,253,445	97	100	20,800,866	20,852,643	100
Mature	72,233	70,593	72,087	100	102	338,186	340,791	101
Light	23,343	21,104	22,261	95	105	116,002	104,730	90
Heavy	48,890	49,489	49,826	102	101	222,184	236,061	106
Total	4,439,005	4,330,654	4,325,532	97	100	21,139,052	21,193,434	100
Turkeys								
Young	633,530	584,702	585,807	92	100	3,077,608	2,829,651	92
Old	2,918	3,548	2,139	73	60	16,393	14,225	87
Total	636,448	588,250	587,946	92	100	3,094,001	2,843,876	92
Ducks	13,860	15,733	15,010	108	95	70,183	73,423	105
Other ¹	188	172	182	97	106	904	838	93
Total	5,089,501	4,934,809	4,928,670	97	100	24,304,140	24,111,571	99
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.87	5.99	5.97	102	100	5.90	5.99	102
Mature	5.42	5.58	5.48	101	98	5.32	5.53	104
Light	3.24	3.19	3.15	97	99	3.24	3.20	99
Heavy	8.01	8.20	8.16	102	100	8.03	8.14	101
Total	5.87	5.98	5.96	102	100	5.89	5.98	102
Turkeys								
Young	30.57	30.79	30.51	100	99	31.07	30.90	99
Old	27.02	27.50	27.42	101	100	27.05	27.46	102
Total	30.56	30.77	30.49	100	99	31.04	30.88	99
Ducks	6.88	6.88	6.86	100	100	6.83	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	May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	May 2014 as % of		January to May		2014 as percent of 2013
				May 2013	April 2014	2013	2014	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,990,053	2,932,079	2,924,084	98	100	14,191,520	14,327,229	101
Mature	46,102	44,405	45,927	100	103	215,389	214,693	100
Light	12,677	11,362	12,089	95	106	64,528	56,410	87
Heavy	33,425	33,043	33,838	101	102	150,861	158,283	105
Total	3,036,155	2,976,484	2,970,011	98	100	14,406,909	14,541,922	101
Turkeys								
Young	300,729	262,930	268,975	89	102	1,505,557	1,276,585	85
Old	2,011	2,429	1,502	75	62	11,405	9,922	87
Total	302,740	265,359	270,477	89	102	1,516,962	1,286,507	85
Ducks	3,838	4,304	3,950	103	92	19,335	20,460	106
Other ¹	124	109	117	94	107	599	546	91
Total	3,342,857	3,246,256	3,244,555	97	100	15,943,805	15,849,435	99
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	280,007	278,784	276,339	99	99	1,416,749	1,367,352	97
Mature	83	1	8	10	800	104	22	21
Light	1	1	1	100	100	10	10	100
Heavy	82	-	7	9	(X)	94	12	13
Total	280,090	278,785	276,347	99	99	1,416,853	1,367,374	97
Turkeys								
Young	205,025	206,110	200,294	98	97	953,536	987,694	104
Old	227	271	130	57	48	1,066	891	84
Total	205,252	206,381	200,424	98	97	954,602	988,585	104
Ducks	6,118	7,071	6,914	113	98	31,428	32,628	104
Other ¹	8	11	8	100	73	37	38	103
Total	491,468	492,248	483,693	98	98	2,402,920	2,388,625	99
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,270,060	3,210,863	3,200,423	98	100	15,608,269	15,694,581	101
Mature	46,185	44,406	45,935	99	103	215,493	214,715	100
Light	12,678	11,363	12,090	95	106	64,538	56,420	87
Heavy	33,507	33,043	33,845	101	102	150,955	158,295	105
Total	3,316,245	3,255,269	3,246,358	98	100	15,823,762	15,909,296	101
Turkeys								
Young	505,754	469,040	469,269	93	100	2,459,093	2,264,279	92
Old	2,238	2,700	1,632	73	60	12,471	10,813	87
Total	507,992	471,740	470,901	93	100	2,471,564	2,275,092	92
Ducks	9,956	11,375	10,864	109	96	50,763	53,088	105
Other ¹	132	120	125	95	104	636	584	92
Total	3,834,325	3,738,504	3,728,248	97	100	18,346,725	18,238,060	99

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	May 2014 as % of		January to May		2014 as percent of 2013
				May 2013	April 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	7,994	8,981	8,769	110	98	41,057	44,536	108
Mature	664	760	770	116	101	3,349	3,751	112
Light	261	286	330	126	115	1,429	1,503	105
Heavy	403	474	440	109	93	1,920	2,248	117
Total	8,658	9,741	9,539	110	98	44,406	48,287	109
Turkeys								
Young	1,288	1,309	1,320	102	101	7,246	6,804	94
Old	21	52	32	152	62	175	198	113
Total	1,309	1,361	1,352	103	99	7,421	7,002	94
Ducks	50	29	31	62	107	204	185	91
Total	10,017	11,131	10,922	109	98	52,032	55,474	107
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.18	0.21	0.21	117	100	0.20	0.21	105
Mature	0.92	1.08	1.07	116	99	0.99	1.10	111
Light	1.12	1.36	1.48	132	109	1.23	1.44	117
Heavy	0.82	0.96	0.88	107	92	0.86	0.95	110
Total	0.20	0.22	0.22	110	100	0.21	0.23	110
Turkeys								
Young	0.20	0.22	0.23	115	105	0.24	0.24	100
Old	0.72	1.47	1.50	208	102	1.07	1.39	130
Total	0.21	0.23	0.23	110	100	0.24	0.25	104
Ducks	0.36	0.18	0.21	58	117	0.29	0.25	86
Total	0.20	0.23	0.22	110	96	0.21	0.23	110

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

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	May 2014 as % of		January to May		2014 as percent of 2013
				May 2013	April 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	26,804	29,317	28,926	108	99	140,997	144,502	102
Mature	2,412	2,317	2,513	104	108	10,094	11,342	112
Light	1,092	824	974	89	118	4,801	4,489	94
Heavy	1,320	1,493	1,539	117	103	5,293	6,853	129
Total	29,216	31,634	31,439	108	99	151,091	155,844	103
Turkeys								
Young	7,120	6,436	6,185	87	96	34,319	30,721	90
Old	148	118	90	61	76	704	555	79
Total	7,268	6,554	6,275	86	96	35,023	31,276	89
Ducks	313	312	262	84	84	1,351	1,362	101
Other	1	2	1	100	50	5	6	120
Total	36,798	38,502	37,977	103	99	187,470	188,488	101
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.81	0.90	0.90	111	100	0.90	0.91	101
Mature	4.96	4.96	5.19	105	105	4.47	5.02	112
Light	7.93	6.76	7.46	94	110	6.92	7.37	107
Heavy	3.79	4.32	4.35	115	101	3.39	4.15	122
Total	0.87	0.96	0.96	110	100	0.95	0.97	102
Turkeys								
Young	1.39	1.35	1.30	94	96	1.38	1.34	97
Old	6.20	4.19	5.23	84	125	5.34	4.88	91
Total	1.41	1.37	1.32	94	96	1.40	1.36	97
Ducks	3.05	2.67	2.35	77	88	2.59	2.50	97
Other	0.75	1.64	0.79	105	48	0.78	1.02	131
Total	0.95	1.02	1.01	106	99	1.01	1.02	101

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

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

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	7,166	7,359	920,195	926,628
Mature	-	-	573	328	141,529	149,875
Light	-	-	463	218	104,370	113,529
Heavy	-	-	110	110	37,159	36,346
Total	-	-	7,739	7,687	1,061,724	1,076,503
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	55	63	37,007	31,364
Old	-	-	4	1	754	637
Total	-	-	59	64	37,761	32,001
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	643,063	587,769	2,675	3,327	21,779	20,601
Mature	18,047	17,488	139	168	33,585	36,436
Light	6,271	5,305	60	104	27,972	30,509
Heavy	11,776	12,183	79	64	5,613	5,927
Total	661,110	605,257	2,814	3,495	55,364	57,037
Turkeys						
Young	4,783	3,421	439	495	121	157
Old	442	178	6	10	83	63
Total	5,225	3,599	445	505	204	220
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	11,201	10,976	52,560	52,247	95,590	91,654
Mature	8,824	10,264	1,820	2,036	59,368	56,576
Light	8,466	9,950	1,208	1,318	53,999	51,305
Heavy	358	314	612	718	5,369	5,271
Total	20,025	21,240	54,380	54,283	154,958	148,230
Turkeys						
Young	140	128	895	996	1,419	1,225
Old	16	12	7	2	27	21
Total	156	140	902	998	1,446	1,246
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	20,422	19,650	802,453	802,554	2,577,104	2,522,765
Mature	294	465	97,436	104,933	361,615	378,569
Light	174	156	45,445	43,257	248,428	255,651
Heavy	120	309	51,991	61,676	113,187	122,918
Total	20,716	20,115	899,889	907,487	2,938,719	2,901,334
Turkeys						
Young	408	413	10,144	9,764	55,411	48,026
Old	3	3	297	162	1,639	1,089
Total	411	416	10,441	9,926	57,050	49,115

- 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: April and May 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	85,500	84,717	483,330	478,575	5.65	5.65
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	71,802	70,109	443,493	436,424	6.18	6.22
California	20,087	19,715	122,866	119,038	6.12	6.04
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	27,536	28,435	192,577	195,785	6.99	6.89
Florida	5,302	5,253	30,195	30,213	5.69	5.75
Georgia	104,235	104,698	598,386	598,606	5.74	5.72
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,201	5,141	22,920	22,537	4.41	4.38
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,071	24,588	138,501	136,148	5.52	5.54
Louisiana	16,952	16,919	100,388	100,689	5.92	5.95
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	11,945	12,368	62,687	63,951	5.25	5.17
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,342	4,060	26,171	24,033	6.03	5.92
Mississippi	59,613	58,976	367,804	365,657	6.17	6.20
Missouri	37,634	37,807	182,957	181,507	4.86	4.80
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	107	114	522	560	4.86	4.90
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,744	1,916	8,721	9,727	5.00	5.08
North Carolina	62,042	64,132	474,551	479,331	7.65	7.47
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	6,145	6,448	34,864	36,203	5.67	5.62
Oklahoma	11,507	10,553	74,407	67,833	6.47	6.43
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	8,696	8,786	48,322	49,168	5.56	5.60
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	23,164	22,870	166,923	163,558	7.21	7.15
South Dakota	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Tennessee	25,703	25,619	134,631	134,217	5.24	5.24
Texas	49,510	48,700	302,393	298,152	6.11	6.12
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	26,863	29,421	147,660	164,241	5.50	5.58
Washington	4,258	4,494	26,465	27,834	6.21	6.19
West Virginia	9,749	9,741	38,307	37,862	3.93	3.89
Wisconsin	4,337	4,374	18,376	18,751	4.24	4.29
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	711,014	712,045	4,260,061	4,253,445	5.99	5.97

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: April and May 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	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	368,521	362,714	3,217	2,906	0.87	0.79
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	337,184	330,745	3,235	3,220	0.95	0.96
California	91,719	88,595	774	855	0.84	0.96
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	139,473	141,692	1,750	1,825	1.24	1.27
Florida	22,682	22,708	187	156	0.82	0.68
Georgia	447,936	450,254	3,970	4,105	0.88	0.90
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	16,763	16,389	113	128	0.67	0.78
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	100,489	98,679	1,102	1,020	1.08	1.02
Louisiana	75,478	76,427	443	468	0.58	0.61
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	45,381	46,266	880	735	1.90	1.56
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	21,927	20,365	236	194	1.06	0.94
Mississippi	285,827	282,259	2,276	2,252	0.79	0.79
Missouri	138,571	137,016	1,318	1,202	0.94	0.87
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	387	411	14	17	3.38	3.91
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,386	6,030	163	165	2.94	2.67
North Carolina	370,292	372,244	3,695	3,798	0.99	1.01
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	25,989	27,008	243	255	0.92	0.94
Oklahoma	55,995	51,081	418	367	0.74	0.71
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	33,025	33,768	553	589	1.65	1.71
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	125,733	123,183	699	653	0.55	0.53
South Dakota	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Tennessee	98,576	98,196	1,051	1,000	1.05	1.01
Texas	229,040	226,555	1,725	1,655	0.75	0.73
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	105,717	116,930	760	884	0.71	0.75
Washington	19,769	20,817	111	99	0.56	0.47
West Virginia	27,247	27,166	63	61	0.23	0.23
Wisconsin	13,420	13,694	145	164	1.07	1.19
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,210,863	3,200,423	29,317	28,926	0.90	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: April and May 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	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	274	232	91,680	93,527
Arkansas	-	-	355	258	71,374	71,677
Delaware	-	-	2,260	1,808	62,241	66,903
Georgia	-	-	117	69	93,760	96,557
Mississippi	-	-	338	196	36,730	36,134
Missouri	-	-	40	52	67,250	56,522
North Carolina	-	-	307	234	94,640	93,738
Texas	-	-	68	146	61,674	66,127
Virginia	-	-	74	118	19,384	22,372
United States	-	-	7,166	7,359	920,195	926,628

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	33,429	26,246	203	211	1,297	1,162
Arkansas	30,610	23,734	777	1,199	728	754
Delaware	88,214	85,063	73	75	2,295	2,255
Georgia	87,595	91,625	173	53	4,059	3,443
Mississippi	18,450	19,000	83	112	502	462
Missouri	28,201	24,583	56	41	563	494
North Carolina	73,507	98,422	145	178	3,810	3,864
Texas	27,777	19,264	57	115	705	651
Virginia	27,096	36,497	16	7	587	555
United States	643,063	587,769	2,675	3,327	21,779	20,601

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,121	981	5,754	5,966	15,499	13,411
Arkansas	504	617	3,578	3,813	5,136	4,948
Delaware	1,252	1,273	1,738	1,707	3,956	4,242
Georgia	989	930	13,405	12,931	10,097	9,619
Mississippi	421	354	1,392	1,435	2,196	1,499
Missouri	242	201	961	1,087	4,150	4,341
North Carolina	885	1,009	11,667	11,909	5,285	6,103
Texas	371	383	1,264	1,361	4,723	5,130
Virginia	595	664	621	505	2,092	2,489
United States	11,201	10,976	52,560	52,247	95,590	91,654

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,654	1,411	116,065	96,698	266,976	239,845
Arkansas	1,250	1,502	81,852	76,591	196,164	185,093
Delaware	1,359	1,585	15,993	16,096	179,381	181,007
Georgia	3,941	4,249	148,780	171,395	362,916	390,871
Mississippi	632	362	57,708	55,645	118,452	115,199
Missouri	108	204	25,858	31,665	127,429	119,190
North Carolina	2,507	2,283	56,274	69,968	249,027	287,708
Texas	950	948	39,705	38,998	137,294	133,123
Virginia	1,083	1,659	17,719	17,487	69,267	82,353
United States	20,422	19,650	802,453	802,554	2,577,104	2,522,765

- 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: April and May 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	3,130	3,004	64,118	61,882	20.49	20.60
California	832	816	23,876	23,095	28.70	28.29
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Indiana	2,020	1,966	81,377	77,457	40.28	39.40
Iowa	520	536	21,782	22,634	41.85	42.24
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,615	3,878	95,869	102,526	26.52	26.44
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	956	903	32,267	31,698	33.74	35.10
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
North Carolina	1,790	1,686	68,928	61,453	38.51	36.44
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	402	418	17,952	18,695	44.62	44.77
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	498	550	12,570	14,147	25.23	25.72
Rhode Island	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	483	477	6,974	6,945	14.44	14.56
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,076	2,173	53,452	56,271	25.74	25.90
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	18,990	19,203	584,702	585,807	30.79	30.51

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: April and May 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	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	53,764	51,430	324	285	0.60	0.55
California	19,055	18,452	179	212	0.93	1.13
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Indiana	65,742	62,287	1,060	964	1.59	1.52
Iowa	17,043	17,667	195	190	1.13	1.06
Kansas	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	76,516	81,948	1,400	1,439	1.80	1.73
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	26,120	25,679	234	202	0.89	0.78
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
North Carolina	54,297	48,208	608	537	1.11	1.10
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	14,352	14,944	318	322	2.17	2.11
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	9,947	11,208	205	183	2.02	1.60
Rhode Island	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	5,944	5,955	36	32	0.60	0.54
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	42,730	45,026	566	522	1.31	1.15
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	469,040	469,269	6,436	6,185	1.35	1.30

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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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