



Poultry Slaughter

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

Poultry certified wholesome during August 2014 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.74 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the amount certified in August 2013. The July 2014 revised certified total at 3.89 billion pounds, was up 1 percent from July 2013. The July revision represented an increase of 572 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during August 2014 was 4.94 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 5.08 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.24 billion pounds, down 3 percent from August 2013. Mature chickens, at 72.6 million pounds, were down 7 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 604 million pounds, down slightly from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.5 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during August 2014 averaged 5.98 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from August 2013. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.77 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2014 averaged 30.0 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from August 2013.

Ante-mortem condemnations during August 2014 totaled 11.0 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 35.8 million pounds, were 0.95 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.88 percent a year earlier.

August 2013 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

August 2014 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2013	July 2014	August 2014	August 2014 as % of		January to August		2014 as percent of 2013
				August 2013	July 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	742,973	743,158	709,908	96	96	5,697,968	5,647,038	99
Mature	13,575	11,746	12,583	93	107	100,204	98,008	98
Light	6,807	5,321	6,131	90	115	53,659	50,219	94
Heavy	6,768	6,425	6,452	95	100	46,545	47,789	103
Total	756,548	754,904	722,491	95	96	5,798,172	5,745,046	99
Turkeys								
Young	20,255	20,669	19,980	99	97	160,347	152,286	95
Old	125	114	159	127	139	947	878	93
Total	20,380	20,783	20,139	99	97	161,294	153,164	95
Ducks	2,018	2,284	2,121	105	93	16,252	17,140	105
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,383,333	4,418,499	4,244,340	97	96	33,554,983	33,782,291	101
Mature	77,760	69,515	72,561	93	104	550,750	551,350	100
Light	23,062	17,057	19,763	86	116	175,632	161,519	92
Heavy	54,698	52,458	52,798	97	101	375,118	389,831	104
Total	4,461,093	4,488,014	4,316,901	97	96	34,105,733	34,333,641	101
Turkeys								
Young	601,549	622,421	599,835	100	96	4,908,207	4,655,948	95
Old	3,371	3,231	4,244	126	131	25,420	24,004	94
Total	604,920	625,652	604,079	100	97	4,933,627	4,679,952	95
Ducks	13,909	15,696	14,490	104	92	111,014	117,738	106
Other ¹	232	194	182	78	94	1,606	1,405	87
Total	5,080,154	5,129,556	4,935,652	97	96	39,151,980	39,132,736	100
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.90	5.95	5.98	101	101	5.89	5.98	102
Mature	5.73	5.92	5.77	101	97	5.50	5.63	102
Light	3.39	3.21	3.22	95	100	3.27	3.22	98
Heavy	8.08	8.16	8.18	101	100	8.06	8.16	101
Total	5.90	5.95	5.98	101	101	5.88	5.98	102
Turkeys								
Young	29.70	30.11	30.02	101	100	30.61	30.57	100
Old	26.97	28.34	26.69	99	94	26.84	27.34	102
Total	29.68	30.10	30.00	101	100	30.59	30.56	100
Ducks	6.89	6.87	6.83	99	99	6.83	6.87	101

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	August 2013	July 2014	August 2014	August 2014 as % of		January to August		2014 as percent of 2013
				August 2013	July 2014	2013	2014	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,016,790	3,033,351	2,923,493	97	96	22,948,994	23,208,389	101
Mature	50,295	44,166	45,913	91	104	355,554	348,289	98
Light	12,961	9,012	10,769	83	119	100,290	87,186	87
Heavy	37,334	35,154	35,144	94	100	255,264	261,103	102
Total	3,067,085	3,077,517	2,969,406	97	96	23,304,548	23,556,678	101
Turkeys								
Young	276,506	282,941	276,150	100	98	2,362,310	2,107,630	89
Old	2,252	2,326	2,944	131	127	17,265	16,749	97
Total	278,758	285,267	279,094	100	98	2,379,575	2,124,379	89
Ducks	3,598	4,078	4,079	113	100	29,743	32,509	109
Other ¹	149	124	117	79	94	1,054	905	86
Total	3,349,590	3,366,986	3,252,696	97	97	25,714,920	25,714,471	100
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	279,405	297,781	274,046	98	92	2,236,323	2,221,215	99
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	194	23	12
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	91	11	12
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	103	12	12
Total	279,405	297,781	274,046	98	92	2,236,517	2,221,238	99
Turkeys								
Young	205,887	215,020	204,419	99	95	1,562,773	1,619,485	104
Old	308	140	293	95	209	2,078	1,488	72
Total	206,195	215,160	204,712	99	95	1,564,851	1,620,973	104
Ducks	6,400	7,241	6,454	101	89	50,421	52,669	104
Other ¹	8	10	7	88	70	61	63	103
Total	492,008	520,192	485,219	99	93	3,851,850	3,894,943	101
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,296,195	3,331,132	3,197,539	97	96	25,185,317	25,429,604	101
Mature	50,295	44,166	45,913	91	104	355,748	348,312	98
Light	12,961	9,012	10,769	83	119	100,381	87,197	87
Heavy	37,334	35,154	35,144	94	100	255,367	261,115	102
Total	3,346,490	3,375,298	3,243,452	97	96	25,541,065	25,777,916	101
Turkeys								
Young	482,393	497,961	480,569	100	97	3,925,083	3,727,115	95
Old	2,560	2,466	3,237	126	131	19,343	18,237	94
Total	484,953	500,427	483,806	100	97	3,944,426	3,745,352	95
Ducks	9,998	11,319	10,533	105	93	80,164	85,178	106
Other ¹	157	134	124	79	93	1,115	968	87
Total	3,841,598	3,887,178	3,737,915	97	96	29,566,770	29,609,414	100

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2013	July 2014	August 2014	August 2014 as % of		January to August		2014 as percent of 2013
				August 2013	July 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	8,888	9,105	8,737	98	96	66,081	71,263	108
Mature	819	742	832	102	112	5,483	6,063	111
Light	309	255	299	97	117	2,238	2,347	105
Heavy	510	487	533	105	109	3,245	3,716	115
Total	9,707	9,847	9,569	99	97	71,564	77,326	108
Turkeys								
Young	1,333	1,402	1,348	101	96	11,423	10,851	95
Old	46	50	54	117	108	281	336	120
Total	1,379	1,452	1,402	102	97	11,704	11,187	96
Ducks	53	52	53	100	102	373	331	89
Total	11,140	11,351	11,024	99	97	83,644	88,844	106
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.20	0.21	0.21	105	100	0.20	0.21	105
Mature	1.05	1.07	1.15	110	107	1.00	1.10	110
Light	1.34	1.49	1.51	113	101	1.27	1.45	114
Heavy	0.93	0.93	1.01	109	109	0.87	0.95	109
Total	0.22	0.22	0.22	100	100	0.21	0.23	110
Turkeys								
Young	0.22	0.23	0.22	100	96	0.23	0.23	100
Old	1.36	1.55	1.27	93	82	1.11	1.40	126
Total	0.23	0.23	0.23	100	100	0.24	0.24	100
Ducks	0.38	0.33	0.37	97	112	0.34	0.28	82
Total	0.22	0.22	0.22	100	100	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	August 2013	July 2014	August 2014	August 2014 as % of		January to August		2014 as percent of 2013
				August 2013	July 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	24,486	27,594	26,484	108	96	212,333	225,746	106
Mature	2,425	2,325	2,455	101	106	16,468	18,429	112
Light	925	777	849	92	109	7,168	6,903	96
Heavy	1,500	1,548	1,606	107	104	9,300	11,526	124
Total	26,911	29,919	28,939	108	97	228,801	244,175	107
Turkeys								
Young	6,676	6,602	6,404	96	97	54,735	49,817	91
Old	136	115	144	106	125	1,085	906	84
Total	6,812	6,717	6,548	96	97	55,820	50,723	91
Ducks	337	270	275	82	102	2,218	2,146	97
Other	2	2	1	50	50	11	10	91
Total	34,062	36,908	35,763	105	97	286,850	297,054	104
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.74	0.82	0.82	111	100	0.84	0.88	105
Mature	4.60	5.00	5.08	110	102	4.42	5.03	114
Light	6.66	7.94	7.31	110	92	6.66	7.34	110
Heavy	3.86	4.22	4.37	113	104	3.51	4.23	121
Total	0.80	0.88	0.88	110	100	0.89	0.94	106
Turkeys								
Young	1.37	1.31	1.32	96	101	1.38	1.32	96
Old	5.04	4.46	4.26	85	96	5.31	4.73	89
Total	1.39	1.32	1.34	96	102	1.40	1.34	96
Ducks	3.26	2.33	2.54	78	109	2.69	2.46	91
Other	1.26	1.47	0.80	63	54	0.98	1.02	104
Total	0.88	0.94	0.95	108	101	0.96	0.99	103

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

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States: July and August 2014

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	7,350	5,846	893,046	845,095
Mature	-	-	541	314	119,661	144,943
Light	-	-	445	208	84,795	110,734
Heavy	-	-	96	106	34,866	34,209
Total	-	-	7,891	6,160	1,012,707	990,038
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	63	50	32,226	28,822
Old	-	-	7	1	495	620
Total	-	-	70	51	32,721	29,442
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	392,624	344,249	3,666	3,343	18,727	18,179
Mature	17,184	18,088	129	126	31,541	31,011
Light	4,144	5,352	51	40	25,642	24,685
Heavy	13,040	12,736	78	86	5,899	6,326
Total	409,808	362,337	3,795	3,469	50,268	49,190
Turkeys						
Young	4,055	3,796	382	367	168	83
Old	360	522	5	5	110	129
Total	4,415	4,318	387	372	278	212
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	11,598	11,399	54,279	51,379	95,267	94,514
Mature	9,184	7,252	1,979	2,050	59,527	65,089
Light	8,836	6,847	1,306	1,411	54,675	59,739
Heavy	348	405	673	639	4,852	5,350
Total	20,782	18,651	56,258	53,429	154,794	159,603
Turkeys						
Young	124	92	890	1,105	1,357	1,454
Old	9	7	1	3	18	13
Total	133	99	891	1,108	1,375	1,467
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	18,232	21,014	733,362	728,120	2,228,151	2,123,138
Mature	295	251	105,100	107,207	345,141	376,331
Light	83	98	41,228	39,957	221,205	249,071
Heavy	212	153	63,872	67,250	123,936	127,260
Total	18,527	21,265	838,462	835,327	2,573,292	2,499,469
Turkeys						
Young	437	595	9,554	10,092	49,256	46,456
Old	1	3	260	251	1,266	1,554
Total	438	598	9,814	10,343	50,522	48,010

- 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: July and August 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	88,667	83,823	499,766	473,365	5.64	5.65
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	75,367	72,069	463,669	438,606	6.15	6.09
California	21,681	21,332	132,989	133,231	6.13	6.25
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	28,676	28,661	202,782	207,953	7.07	7.26
Florida	5,582	5,193	32,009	29,466	5.73	5.67
Georgia	110,605	103,415	630,087	599,343	5.70	5.80
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,555	5,267	24,774	22,788	4.46	4.33
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	26,195	25,553	148,072	145,234	5.65	5.68
Louisiana	16,924	16,290	97,377	94,495	5.75	5.80
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	12,938	12,440	69,492	68,087	5.37	5.47
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,357	4,190	26,408	25,073	6.06	5.98
Mississippi	60,655	58,136	369,665	354,687	6.09	6.10
Missouri	38,364	36,350	180,966	171,642	4.72	4.72
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	115	106	551	534	4.78	5.02
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,989	1,901	9,908	9,505	4.98	5.00
North Carolina	65,142	65,016	494,954	497,556	7.60	7.65
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	6,600	6,506	36,924	37,137	5.59	5.71
Oklahoma	11,783	10,336	75,841	67,347	6.44	6.52
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,290	8,573	51,050	47,821	5.50	5.58
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	23,900	22,534	166,836	158,073	6.98	7.01
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	26,113	23,916	136,600	122,455	5.23	5.12
Texas	51,909	49,224	308,917	289,202	5.95	5.88
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	29,513	28,486	160,569	155,267	5.44	5.45
Washington	4,439	4,359	27,178	26,899	6.12	6.17
West Virginia	9,988	9,658	38,716	37,303	3.88	3.86
Wisconsin	4,512	4,399	18,883	18,491	4.19	4.20
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	743,158	709,908	4,418,499	4,244,340	5.95	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: July and August 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	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	381,626	360,835	2,988	2,844	0.78	0.78
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	351,879	332,071	3,467	3,459	0.98	1.03
California	99,088	99,321	781	868	0.78	0.87
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	147,123	150,873	1,525	1,451	1.03	0.95
Florida	24,007	22,090	133	126	0.55	0.57
Georgia	476,006	451,546	3,643	3,569	0.76	0.78
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	18,121	16,606	132	119	0.72	0.71
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	107,497	105,369	1,124	1,116	1.03	1.05
Louisiana	73,084	70,848	498	519	0.68	0.73
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	50,367	49,441	521	479	1.02	0.96
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	22,384	21,142	208	193	0.92	0.90
Mississippi	286,068	273,642	2,200	1,972	0.76	0.72
Missouri	137,588	130,308	1,217	1,223	0.88	0.93
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	409	398	22	22	5.16	5.18
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,105	5,906	168	155	2.67	2.57
North Carolina	386,092	388,438	3,342	3,221	0.86	0.82
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	27,566	27,727	282	284	1.01	1.01
Oklahoma	57,062	50,617	402	374	0.70	0.73
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	34,923	32,612	563	500	1.59	1.51
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	125,634	118,991	634	648	0.50	0.54
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	100,121	89,712	818	745	0.81	0.82
Texas	232,475	218,848	1,611	1,421	0.69	0.64
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	114,355	110,626	755	656	0.66	0.59
Washington	20,289	20,065	120	138	0.59	0.68
West Virginia	27,754	26,808	71	60	0.26	0.22
Wisconsin	13,793	13,509	179	165	1.28	1.21
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,331,132	3,197,539	27,594	26,484	0.82	0.82

- 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: July and August 2014

[Published States do not add to United States total to avoid disclosure.]

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	339	312	96,600	84,938
Arkansas	-	-	399	410	76,054	76,880
Delaware	-	-	1,750	1,144	55,099	55,571
Georgia	-	-	78	78	80,984	73,609
Mississippi	-	-	92	73	31,869	29,198
Missouri	-	-	42	28	66,043	58,590
North Carolina	-	-	324	346	87,475	91,116
Texas	-	-	78	69	65,072	68,827
Virginia	-	-	101	92	21,900	17,435
United States	-	-	7,350	5,846	893,046	845,095
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	30,057	27,386	343	384	1,018	1,043
Arkansas	25,646	27,038	1,185	987	739	838
Delaware	45,604	34,170	55	55	1,888	1,843
Georgia	69,326	58,382	163	165	3,192	2,941
Mississippi	13,318	11,434	135	100	415	385
Missouri	22,960	22,271	70	83	425	397
North Carolina	30,745	30,952	135	144	3,504	3,451
Texas	16,249	15,780	63	76	588	592
Virginia	19,459	12,551	13	22	468	461
United States	392,624	344,249	3,666	3,343	18,727	18,179
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,217	1,246	6,625	5,423	15,221	16,275
Arkansas	593	526	4,340	4,189	5,953	6,167
Delaware	1,274	1,241	1,837	1,394	3,984	3,896
Georgia	923	693	11,856	12,058	9,046	7,713
Mississippi	520	773	1,496	1,418	1,407	1,468
Missouri	250	295	1,405	1,352	4,662	4,090
North Carolina	896	923	12,137	12,042	5,127	5,437
Texas	483	605	1,340	1,173	5,727	6,029
Virginia	680	713	494	463	2,792	2,462
United States	11,598	11,399	54,279	51,379	95,267	94,514
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,339	1,443	72,576	66,008	225,335	204,458
Arkansas	283	692	71,263	57,925	186,455	175,652
Delaware	1,874	1,939	14,830	13,816	128,195	115,069
Georgia	3,223	3,613	140,158	154,092	318,949	313,344
Mississippi	574	185	43,993	34,252	93,819	79,286
Missouri	67	90	29,894	24,475	125,818	111,671
North Carolina	1,653	3,362	62,811	58,838	204,807	206,611
Texas	945	1,062	37,448	36,768	127,993	130,981
Virginia	1,761	969	18,396	18,646	66,064	53,814
United States	18,232	21,014	733,362	728,120	2,228,151	2,123,138

- 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: July and August 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	3,015	2,789	61,197	57,366	20.30	20.57
California	907	1,027	26,543	28,492	29.26	27.75
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	2,051	2,074	83,153	82,854	40.53	39.95
Iowa	535	532	21,723	20,863	40.61	39.19
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,495	4,230	114,367	105,870	25.44	25.03
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	996	981	33,117	32,392	33.24	33.01
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	1,984	2,008	72,369	72,004	36.48	35.86
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	430	427	18,407	18,572	42.78	43.45
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	604	588	15,997	14,879	26.49	25.30
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	493	464	6,991	6,498	14.19	14.00
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Virginia	2,283	2,185	59,827	57,880	26.20	26.49
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	20,669	19,980	622,421	599,835	30.11	30.02

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: July and August 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	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	51,177	48,155	291	302	0.57	0.62
California	21,253	22,819	245	267	1.14	1.16
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	67,044	66,884	1,053	1,035	1.55	1.52
Iowa	16,930	16,214	171	191	1.00	1.16
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	91,129	84,474	1,645	1,544	1.77	1.79
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	26,799	26,262	246	219	0.91	0.83
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	56,386	56,264	527	494	0.93	0.87
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	14,709	14,844	328	285	2.18	1.89
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	12,647	11,807	221	184	1.72	1.54
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	5,937	5,523	28	28	0.46	0.50
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Virginia	47,753	46,353	530	525	1.10	1.12
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	497,961	480,569	6,602	6,404	1.31	1.32

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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.

Revision Policy: Data for the previous month and year-to-date totals are subject to revision the following month after the initial monthly estimates are published. Final data are published in the annual summary released in February and include any revisions made to current year's and previous year's published data. Revisions are generally the result of late reports or corrections received by FSIS from plants and are usually less than one-half of one percent. No revisions will be made to the previous year's data after publication of the annual summary in February.

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.

Data for major slaughter plants with missing reports are adjusted prior to publication to assure that all plants slaughtering a significant portion of a specific class are included. Estimates for missing shifts are made only after verifying that the plant was in operation. Adjustments are based on a shift determined to be similar to the one missing. Late reports replace imputed data as they become available. While there is a varying degree of incompleteness from month to month, it has only a minimal impact on the published totals.

Poultry slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants and, therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors are minimized through strict quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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USDA Data Users' Meeting
Monday, October 20, 2014

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For registration details or additional information for the Data Users' Meeting, see the NASS homepage at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/meeting/> or contact Rose Armstrong (NASS) at (202) 720-3896 or at rose.armstrong@nass.usda.gov.

This Data Users' Meeting precedes the Industry Outlook Conference that will be held at the same location on Tuesday, October 21, 2014. The outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss the outlook situation. For registration details or additional information for the Industry Outlook Conference, see the conference webpage on the LMIC website: <http://www.lmic.info/IOC/>. Or call the Livestock Marketing Information Center (LMIC) at (303) 236-0460.