



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 7 Percent from Last Year

**Poultry certified wholesome** during September 2014 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.85 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the amount certified in September 2013. The August 2014 revised certified total at 3.74 billion pounds, was down 3 percent from August 2013. The August revision represented an increase of 1 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during September 2014 was 5.09 billion pounds, up 7 percent from 4.76 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.38 billion pounds, up 6 percent from September 2013. Mature chickens, at 71.3 million pounds, were up 3 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 617 million pounds, up 12 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.1 million pounds, up 13 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during September 2014 averaged 5.99 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from September 2013. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.83 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during September 2014 averaged 30.6 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from September 2013.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during September 2014 totaled 11.1 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 37.4 million pounds, were 0.96 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.88 percent a year earlier.

**September 2013** contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**September 2014** contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2013	August 2014	September 2014	September 2014 as % of		January to September		2014 as percent of 2013
				September 2013	August 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 .....	694,243	709,909	731,557	105	103	6,392,211	6,378,596	100
Mature .....	11,730	12,583	12,232	104	97	111,934	110,240	98
Light .....	5,498	6,131	5,803	106	95	59,157	56,022	95
Heavy .....	6,232	6,452	6,429	103	100	52,777	54,218	103
Total .....	705,973	722,492	743,789	105	103	6,504,145	6,488,836	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	18,142	19,980	20,066	111	100	178,489	172,352	97
Old .....	120	159	141	118	89	1,067	1,019	96
Total .....	18,262	20,139	20,207	111	100	179,556	173,371	97
Ducks .....	1,969	2,121	2,222	113	105	18,221	19,362	106
	(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 .....	4,128,872	4,244,342	4,383,048	106	103	37,683,855	38,165,341	101
Mature .....	68,953	72,561	71,342	103	98	619,703	622,692	100
Light .....	17,981	19,763	18,464	103	93	193,613	179,983	93
Heavy .....	50,972	52,798	52,878	104	100	426,090	442,709	104
Total .....	4,197,825	4,316,903	4,454,390	106	103	38,303,558	38,788,033	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	547,564	599,835	613,217	112	102	5,455,771	5,269,165	97
Old .....	3,343	4,244	4,039	121	95	28,763	28,043	97
Total .....	550,907	604,079	617,256	112	102	5,484,534	5,297,208	97
Ducks .....	13,432	14,490	15,148	113	105	124,446	132,886	107
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	183	182	351	192	193	1,789	1,756	98
Total .....	4,762,347	4,935,654	5,087,145	107	103	43,914,327	44,219,883	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	5.95	5.98	5.99	101	100	5.90	5.98	101
Mature .....	5.88	5.77	5.83	99	101	5.54	5.65	102
Light .....	3.27	3.22	3.18	97	99	3.27	3.21	98
Heavy .....	8.18	8.18	8.22	100	100	8.07	8.17	101
Total .....	5.95	5.98	5.99	101	100	5.89	5.98	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	30.18	30.02	30.56	101	102	30.57	30.57	100
Old .....	27.86	26.69	28.65	103	107	26.96	27.52	102
Total .....	30.17	30.00	30.55	101	102	30.54	30.55	100
Ducks .....	6.82	6.83	6.82	100	100	6.83	6.86	100

<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	September 2013	August 2014	September 2014	September 2014 as % of		January to September		2014 as percent of 2013
				September 2013	August 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 .....	2,842,553	2,923,494	3,009,154	106	103	25,791,547	26,217,544	102
Mature .....	44,660	45,913	45,050	101	98	400,214	393,339	98
Light .....	9,898	10,769	9,886	100	92	110,188	97,072	88
Heavy .....	34,762	35,144	35,164	101	100	290,026	296,267	102
Total .....	2,887,213	2,969,407	3,054,204	106	103	26,191,761	26,610,883	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	257,154	276,150	287,480	112	104	2,619,464	2,395,110	91
Old .....	2,292	2,944	2,914	127	99	19,557	19,663	101
Total .....	259,446	279,094	290,394	112	104	2,639,021	2,414,773	92
Ducks .....	3,647	4,079	3,961	109	97	33,390	36,470	109
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	121	117	126	104	108	1,175	1,031	88
Total .....	3,150,427	3,252,697	3,348,685	106	103	28,865,347	29,063,157	101
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	265,496	274,046	295,220	111	108	2,501,819	2,516,435	101
Mature .....	35	-	1	3	(X)	229	24	10
Light .....	28	-	1	4	(X)	119	12	10
Heavy .....	7	-	-	(X)	(X)	110	12	11
Total .....	265,531	274,046	295,221	111	108	2,502,048	2,516,459	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	180,957	204,419	202,905	112	99	1,743,730	1,822,390	105
Old .....	243	293	181	74	62	2,321	1,669	72
Total .....	181,200	204,712	203,086	112	99	1,746,051	1,824,059	104
Ducks .....	6,056	6,454	6,948	115	108	56,477	59,617	106
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	7	7	102	1,457	1,457	68	165	243
Total .....	452,794	485,219	505,357	112	104	4,304,644	4,400,300	102
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,108,049	3,197,540	3,304,374	106	103	28,293,366	28,733,979	102
Mature .....	44,695	45,913	45,051	101	98	400,443	393,363	98
Light .....	9,926	10,769	9,887	100	92	110,307	97,084	88
Heavy .....	34,769	35,144	35,164	101	100	290,136	296,279	102
Total .....	3,152,744	3,243,453	3,349,425	106	103	28,693,809	29,127,342	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	438,111	480,569	490,385	112	102	4,363,194	4,217,500	97
Old .....	2,535	3,237	3,095	122	96	21,878	21,332	98
Total .....	440,646	483,806	493,480	112	102	4,385,072	4,238,832	97
Ducks .....	9,703	10,533	10,909	112	104	89,867	96,087	107
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	128	124	228	178	184	1,243	1,196	96
Total .....	3,603,221	3,737,916	3,854,042	107	103	33,169,991	33,463,457	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2013	August 2014	September 2014	September 2014 as % of		January to September		2014 as percent of 2013
				September 2013	August 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 .....	7,867	8,737	8,926	113	102	73,948	80,189	108
Mature .....	589	832	706	120	85	6,072	6,769	111
Light .....	197	299	269	137	90	2,435	2,616	107
Heavy .....	392	533	437	111	82	3,637	4,153	114
Total .....	8,456	9,569	9,632	114	101	80,020	86,958	109
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,052	1,348	1,397	133	104	12,475	12,248	98
Old .....	34	54	57	168	106	315	393	125
Total .....	1,086	1,402	1,454	134	104	12,790	12,641	99
Ducks .....	46	53	42	91	79	419	373	89
Total .....	9,588	11,024	11,129	116	101	93,232	99,973	107
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.19	0.21	0.20	105	95	0.20	0.21	105
Mature .....	0.85	1.15	0.99	116	86	0.98	1.09	111
Light .....	1.10	1.51	1.46	133	97	1.26	1.45	115
Heavy .....	0.77	1.01	0.83	108	82	0.85	0.94	111
Total .....	0.20	0.22	0.22	110	100	0.21	0.22	105
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.19	0.22	0.23	121	105	0.23	0.23	100
Old .....	1.02	1.27	1.41	138	111	1.10	1.40	127
Total .....	0.20	0.23	0.24	120	104	0.23	0.24	104
Ducks .....	0.34	0.37	0.28	82	76	0.34	0.28	82
Total .....	0.20	0.22	0.22	110	100	0.21	0.23	110

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

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2013	August 2014	September 2014	September 2014 as % of		January to September		2014 as percent of 2013
				September 2013	August 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>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	23,800	26,484	27,608	116	104	236,133	253,354	107
Mature .....	1,755	2,455	2,478	141	101	18,223	20,907	115
Light .....	674	849	798	118	94	7,842	7,701	98
Heavy .....	1,081	1,606	1,680	155	105	10,381	13,206	127
Total .....	25,555	28,939	30,086	118	104	254,356	274,261	108
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	5,903	6,404	6,873	116	107	60,638	56,690	93
Old .....	148	144	108	73	75	1,233	1,014	82
Total .....	6,051	6,548	6,981	115	107	61,871	57,704	93
Ducks .....	282	275	290	103	105	2,500	2,436	97
Other .....	1	1	3	300	300	12	13	108
Total .....	31,889	35,763	37,360	117	104	318,739	334,414	105
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.76	0.82	0.83	109	101	0.83	0.87	105
Mature .....	3.78	5.08	5.21	138	103	4.35	5.05	116
Light .....	6.36	7.31	7.47	117	102	6.64	7.35	111
Heavy .....	3.02	4.37	4.56	151	104	3.45	4.27	124
Total .....	0.80	0.88	0.89	111	101	0.88	0.93	106
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.33	1.32	1.38	104	105	1.37	1.33	97
Old .....	5.52	4.26	3.37	61	79	5.34	4.54	85
Total .....	1.35	1.34	1.39	103	104	1.39	1.34	96
Ducks .....	2.82	2.54	2.59	92	102	2.71	2.47	91
Other .....	0.78	0.80	1.30	167	163	0.96	1.08	113
Total .....	0.88	0.95	0.96	109	101	0.95	0.99	104

<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: August and September 2014

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	5,846	5,572	845,095	853,331
Mature .....	-	-	314	246	144,943	134,484
Light .....	-	-	208	135	110,734	100,495
Heavy .....	-	-	106	111	34,209	33,989
Total .....	-	-	6,160	5,818	990,038	987,815
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	50	55	28,822	33,386
Old .....	-	-	1	-	620	866
Total .....	-	-	51	55	29,442	34,252
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	344,249	370,839	3,343	3,213	18,179	18,575
Mature .....	18,088	18,619	126	179	31,011	30,016
Light .....	5,352	6,261	40	63	24,685	23,444
Heavy .....	12,736	12,358	86	116	6,326	6,572
Total .....	362,337	389,458	3,469	3,392	49,190	48,591
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	3,796	4,789	367	344	83	151
Old .....	522	368	5	2	129	155
Total .....	4,318	5,157	372	346	212	306
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	11,399	11,558	51,379	53,790	94,514	95,789
Mature .....	7,252	9,696	2,050	2,121	65,089	67,751
Light .....	6,847	9,283	1,411	1,533	59,739	63,217
Heavy .....	405	413	639	588	5,350	4,534
Total .....	18,651	21,254	53,429	55,911	159,603	163,540
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	92	93	1,105	921	1,454	1,435
Old .....	7	7	3	5	13	30
Total .....	99	100	1,108	926	1,467	1,465
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	21,014	22,544	515,573	569,539	1,910,591	2,004,750
Mature .....	251	336	107,207	110,346	376,331	373,794
Light .....	98	114	39,957	45,479	249,071	250,024
Heavy .....	153	222	67,250	64,867	127,260	123,770
Total .....	21,265	22,880	622,780	679,885	2,286,922	2,378,544
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	595	643	5,217	5,590	41,581	47,407
Old .....	3	1	251	194	1,554	1,628
Total .....	598	644	5,468	5,784	43,135	49,035

- 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: August and September 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	83,823	86,551	473,365	490,820	5.65	5.67
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Arkansas .....	72,069	74,776	438,606	466,636	6.09	6.24
California .....	21,332	21,443	133,231	132,242	6.25	6.17
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	28,661	28,646	207,953	209,143	7.26	7.30
Florida .....	5,193	5,409	29,466	31,605	5.67	5.84
Georgia .....	103,415	108,786	599,343	622,465	5.80	5.72
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	5,267	5,232	22,788	23,413	4.33	4.48
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	25,553	25,263	145,234	137,529	5.68	5.44
Louisiana .....	16,290	17,056	94,495	100,604	5.80	5.90
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	12,440	12,268	68,087	67,926	5.47	5.54
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,190	4,319	25,073	25,830	5.98	5.98
Mississippi .....	58,136	59,807	354,687	364,154	6.10	6.09
Missouri .....	36,350	38,129	171,642	183,882	4.72	4.82
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	107	126	536	607	5.01	4.83
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	1,901	2,053	9,505	10,290	5.00	5.01
North Carolina .....	65,016	65,134	497,556	501,630	7.65	7.70
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	6,506	6,542	37,137	37,076	5.71	5.67
Oklahoma .....	10,336	11,504	67,347	76,674	6.52	6.67
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	8,573	9,536	47,821	51,859	5.58	5.44
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	22,534	24,281	158,073	173,787	7.01	7.16
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	23,916	24,539	122,455	124,739	5.12	5.08
Texas .....	49,224	51,621	289,202	301,273	5.88	5.84
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	28,486	27,416	155,267	150,835	5.45	5.50
Washington .....	4,359	4,322	26,899	26,236	6.17	6.07
West Virginia .....	9,658	10,278	37,303	40,150	3.86	3.91
Wisconsin .....	4,399	4,258	18,491	17,969	4.20	4.22
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	709,909	731,557	4,244,342	4,383,048	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: August and September 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>	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	360,835	375,506	2,844	3,137	0.78	0.83
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Arkansas .....	332,071	355,889	3,459	3,624	1.03	1.01
California .....	99,321	98,505	868	810	0.87	0.82
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	150,873	151,565	1,451	1,389	0.95	0.91
Florida .....	22,090	23,704	126	125	0.57	0.53
Georgia .....	451,546	468,543	3,569	3,803	0.78	0.81
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	16,606	17,138	119	128	0.71	0.74
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	105,369	99,568	1,116	1,131	1.05	1.12
Louisiana .....	70,848	75,545	519	573	0.73	0.75
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	49,441	49,162	479	472	0.96	0.95
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	21,142	21,763	193	184	0.90	0.84
Mississippi .....	273,642	281,416	1,972	1,978	0.72	0.70
Missouri .....	130,308	139,957	1,223	1,271	0.93	0.90
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	399	447	22	23	5.16	4.79
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	5,906	6,476	155	146	2.57	2.21
North Carolina .....	388,438	390,774	3,221	3,232	0.82	0.82
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	27,727	27,621	284	280	1.01	1.01
Oklahoma .....	50,617	57,693	374	399	0.73	0.69
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	32,612	35,373	500	592	1.51	1.65
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	118,991	130,688	648	660	0.54	0.50
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	89,712	91,353	745	835	0.82	0.91
Texas .....	218,848	227,420	1,421	1,657	0.64	0.72
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	110,626	107,013	656	634	0.59	0.59
Washington .....	20,065	19,586	138	146	0.68	0.74
West Virginia .....	26,808	28,701	60	68	0.22	0.23
Wisconsin .....	13,509	13,121	165	155	1.21	1.17
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,197,540	3,304,374	26,484	27,608	0.82	0.83

- 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: August and September 2014

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	312	389	84,938	89,177
Arkansas .....	-	-	410	286	76,880	73,887
Delaware .....	-	-	1,144	838	55,571	53,366
Georgia .....	-	-	78	119	73,609	78,698
Mississippi .....	-	-	73	50	29,198	28,328
Missouri .....	-	-	28	31	58,590	64,992
North Carolina .....	-	-	346	301	91,116	86,403
Texas .....	-	-	69	36	68,827	68,060
Virginia .....	-	-	92	108	17,435	16,149
United States .....	-	-	5,846	5,572	845,095	853,331

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	27,386	32,190	384	296	1,043	1,119
Arkansas .....	27,038	24,868	987	843	838	933
Delaware .....	34,170	32,012	55	79	1,843	1,890
Georgia .....	58,382	77,625	165	151	2,941	3,077
Mississippi .....	11,434	9,989	100	70	385	340
Missouri .....	22,271	22,434	83	53	397	531
North Carolina .....	30,952	27,170	144	117	3,451	3,587
Texas .....	15,780	17,481	76	92	592	674
Virginia .....	12,551	12,719	22	5	461	527
United States .....	344,249	370,839	3,343	3,213	18,179	18,575

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,246	1,317	5,423	5,550	16,275	17,285
Arkansas .....	526	436	4,189	4,484	6,167	5,630
Delaware .....	1,241	1,124	1,394	1,261	3,896	3,755
Georgia .....	693	845	12,058	13,747	7,713	8,452
Mississippi .....	773	643	1,418	1,780	1,468	1,438
Missouri .....	295	297	1,352	917	4,090	3,813
North Carolina .....	923	979	12,042	11,424	5,437	5,269
Texas .....	605	500	1,173	1,042	6,029	6,180
Virginia .....	713	693	463	477	2,462	3,048
United States .....	11,399	11,558	51,379	53,790	94,514	95,789

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,443	1,348	39,804	46,819	178,254	195,490
Arkansas .....	692	1,369	33,189	31,698	150,916	144,434
Delaware .....	1,939	1,962	13,816	11,802	115,069	108,089
Georgia .....	3,613	4,283	90,037	125,744	249,289	312,741
Mississippi .....	185	174	9,660	8,664	54,694	51,476
Missouri .....	90	145	24,475	29,393	111,671	122,606
North Carolina .....	3,362	3,288	58,838	58,678	206,611	197,216
Texas .....	1,062	1,022	21,920	18,861	116,133	113,948
Virginia .....	969	937	11,004	7,881	46,172	42,544
United States .....	21,014	22,544	515,573	569,539	1,910,591	2,004,750

- 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: August and September 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Arkansas .....	2,789	2,513	57,366	53,675	20.57	21.36
California .....	1,027	1,016	28,492	29,620	27.75	29.16
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	2,074	2,094	82,854	83,009	39.95	39.65
Iowa .....	532	490	20,863	19,193	39.19	39.15
Kansas .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,230	4,389	105,870	113,764	25.03	25.92
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	981	960	32,392	31,369	33.01	32.68
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 .....	2,008	1,950	72,004	71,172	35.86	36.49
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	427	473	18,572	20,173	43.45	42.69
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	588	638	14,879	16,280	25.30	25.53
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 .....	464	545	6,498	8,052	14.00	14.77
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	2,185	2,213	57,880	59,067	26.49	26.69
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	19,980	20,066	599,835	613,217	30.02	30.56

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## Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 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>	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Arkansas .....	48,155	44,628	302	327	0.62	0.73
California .....	22,819	23,732	267	245	1.16	1.02
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 .....	66,884	66,811	1,035	1,075	1.52	1.58
Iowa .....	16,214	14,950	191	190	1.16	1.25
Kansas .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	84,474	90,657	1,544	1,786	1.79	1.93
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	26,262	25,447	219	212	0.83	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 .....	56,264	55,474	494	574	0.87	1.02
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	14,844	16,121	285	303	1.89	1.84
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	11,807	12,998	184	199	1.54	1.50
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 .....	5,523	6,844	28	42	0.50	0.61
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	46,353	47,183	525	572	1.12	1.20
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	480,569	490,385	6,404	6,873	1.32	1.38

- Represents zero.

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(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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