



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 1 Percent from Last Year

**Poultry certified wholesome** during November 2014 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.46 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the amount certified in November 2013. The October 2014 revised certified total at 4.15 billion pounds, was up 2 percent from October 2013. The October revision represented an increase of 1.52 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during November 2014 was 4.58 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 4.61 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.91 billion pounds, down 1 percent from November 2013. Mature chickens, at 56.0 million pounds, were up 1 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 597 million pounds, down slightly from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.1 million pounds, up 9 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during November 2014 averaged 6.07 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from November 2013. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.17 pounds per bird, down slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during November 2014 averaged 28.7 pounds per bird, up slightly from November 2013.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during November 2014 totaled 10.7 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 36.0 million pounds, were 1.03 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.96 percent a year earlier.

**November 2013** contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**November 2014** contained 20 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2013	October 2014	November 2014	November 2014 as % of		January to November		2014 as percent of 2013
				November 2013	October 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 .....	655,869	770,431	644,439	98	84	7,816,587	7,793,730	100
Mature .....	9,003	12,496	9,084	101	73	133,310	131,820	99
Light .....	3,586	5,567	3,747	104	67	68,473	65,336	95
Heavy .....	5,417	6,929	5,337	99	77	64,837	66,484	103
Total .....	664,872	782,927	653,523	98	83	7,949,897	7,925,550	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	20,849	23,067	20,712	99	90	220,804	216,131	98
Old .....	92	153	118	128	77	1,319	1,290	98
Total .....	20,941	23,220	20,830	99	90	222,123	217,421	98
Ducks .....	1,876	2,428	2,063	110	85	22,286	23,853	107
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Total live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,941,014	4,680,099	3,910,079	99	84	46,240,098	46,757,859	101
Mature .....	55,708	74,375	56,044	101	75	748,700	753,111	101
Light .....	11,724	17,854	12,499	107	70	224,248	210,336	94
Heavy .....	43,984	56,521	43,545	99	77	524,452	542,775	103
Total .....	3,996,722	4,754,474	3,966,123	99	83	46,988,798	47,510,970	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	596,213	695,579	593,925	100	85	6,693,671	6,558,669	98
Old .....	2,446	4,488	3,129	128	70	35,771	35,660	100
Total .....	598,659	700,067	597,054	100	85	6,729,442	6,594,329	98
Ducks .....	12,895	16,673	14,116	109	85	152,442	163,675	107
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	212	856	244	115	29	3,280	2,871	88
Total .....	4,608,488	5,472,070	4,577,537	99	84	53,873,962	54,271,845	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.01	6.07	6.07	101	100	5.92	6.00	101
Mature .....	6.19	5.95	6.17	100	104	5.62	5.71	102
Light .....	3.27	3.21	3.34	102	104	3.27	3.22	98
Heavy .....	8.12	8.16	8.16	100	100	8.09	8.16	101
Total .....	6.01	6.07	6.07	101	100	5.91	5.99	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	28.60	30.15	28.68	100	95	30.31	30.35	100
Old .....	26.59	29.33	26.52	100	90	27.12	27.64	102
Total .....	28.59	30.15	28.66	100	95	30.30	30.33	100
Ducks .....	6.87	6.87	6.84	100	100	6.84	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	November 2013	October 2014	November 2014	November 2014 as % of		January to November		2014 as percent of 2013
				November 2013	October 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 .....	2,701,777	3,212,597	2,682,370	99	83	31,667,994	32,114,436	101
Mature .....	35,895	47,374	36,083	101	76	482,821	476,796	99
Light .....	6,070	9,769	6,607	109	68	125,947	113,448	90
Heavy .....	29,825	37,605	29,476	99	78	356,874	363,348	102
Total .....	2,737,672	3,259,971	2,718,453	99	83	32,150,815	32,591,232	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	292,963	348,016	305,616	104	88	3,217,240	3,048,742	95
Old .....	1,784	3,280	2,329	131	71	24,408	25,272	104
Total .....	294,747	351,296	307,945	104	88	3,241,648	3,074,014	95
Ducks .....	5,291	4,393	4,071	77	93	42,732	44,934	105
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	146	160	106	73	66	1,485	1,307	88
Total .....	3,037,856	3,615,820	3,030,575	100	84	35,436,680	35,711,487	101
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	266,473	312,630	256,850	96	82	3,068,887	3,086,193	101
Mature .....	53	15	5	9	33	391	44	11
Light .....	53	6	5	9	83	281	23	8
Heavy .....	-	9	-	(X)	(X)	110	21	19
Total .....	266,526	312,645	256,855	96	82	3,069,278	3,086,237	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	184,531	210,180	171,251	93	81	2,137,629	2,203,821	103
Old .....	57	116	56	98	48	2,678	1,841	69
Total .....	184,588	210,296	171,307	93	81	2,140,307	2,205,662	103
Ducks .....	3,994	7,648	6,159	154	81	67,213	73,424	109
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	8	377	54	675	14	689	596	87
Total .....	455,116	530,966	434,375	95	82	5,277,487	5,365,919	102
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	2,968,250	3,525,227	2,939,220	99	83	34,736,881	35,200,629	101
Mature .....	35,948	47,389	36,088	100	76	483,212	476,840	99
Light .....	6,123	9,775	6,612	108	68	126,228	113,471	90
Heavy .....	29,825	37,614	29,476	99	78	356,984	363,369	102
Total .....	3,004,198	3,572,616	2,975,308	99	83	35,220,093	35,677,469	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	477,494	558,196	476,867	100	85	5,354,869	5,252,563	98
Old .....	1,841	3,396	2,385	130	70	27,086	27,113	100
Total .....	479,335	561,592	479,252	100	85	5,381,955	5,279,676	98
Ducks .....	9,285	12,041	10,230	110	85	109,945	118,358	108
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	154	537	160	104	30	2,174	1,903	88
Total .....	3,492,972	4,146,786	3,464,950	99	84	40,714,167	41,077,406	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	November 2013	October 2014	November 2014	November 2014 as % of		January to November		2014 as percent of 2013
				November 2013	October 2014	2013	2014	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	8,122	9,356	8,775	108	94	91,066	98,326	108
Mature .....	499	717	643	129	90	7,147	8,129	114
Light .....	114	276	191	168	69	2,741	3,083	112
Heavy .....	385	441	452	117	102	4,406	5,046	115
Total .....	8,621	10,073	9,418	109	93	98,213	106,455	108
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	986	1,505	1,230	125	82	14,508	14,983	103
Old .....	38	54	37	97	69	385	484	126
Total .....	1,024	1,559	1,267	124	81	14,893	15,467	104
Ducks .....	30	36	29	97	81	489	438	90
Total .....	9,676	11,671	10,714	111	92	113,602	122,364	108
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.21	0.20	0.22	105	110	0.20	0.21	105
Mature .....	0.90	0.96	1.15	128	120	0.95	1.08	114
Light .....	0.97	1.55	1.53	158	99	1.22	1.47	120
Heavy .....	0.88	0.78	1.04	118	133	0.84	0.93	111
Total .....	0.22	0.21	0.24	109	114	0.21	0.22	105
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.17	0.22	0.21	124	95	0.22	0.23	105
Old .....	1.55	1.20	1.18	76	98	1.08	1.36	126
Total .....	0.17	0.22	0.21	124	95	0.22	0.23	105
Ducks .....	0.23	0.22	0.21	91	95	0.32	0.27	84
Total .....	0.21	0.21	0.23	110	110	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	November 2013	October 2014	November 2014	November 2014 as % of		January to November		2014 as percent of 2013
				November 2013	October 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 .....	25,328	29,325	27,161	107	93	289,193	309,868	107
Mature .....	2,093	2,586	2,023	97	78	22,620	25,516	113
Light .....	604	775	533	88	69	9,328	9,009	97
Heavy .....	1,489	1,811	1,490	100	82	13,292	16,507	124
Total .....	27,421	31,911	29,184	106	91	311,813	335,384	108
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	6,032	7,695	6,469	107	84	73,455	70,854	96
Old .....	116	134	114	98	85	1,493	1,262	85
Total .....	6,148	7,829	6,583	107	84	74,948	72,116	96
Ducks .....	290	304	257	89	85	3,114	2,997	96
Other .....	2	6	2	100	33	20	21	105
Total .....	33,861	40,050	36,026	106	90	389,895	410,518	105
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.85	0.82	0.92	108	112	0.83	0.87	105
Mature .....	5.50	5.17	5.31	97	103	4.47	5.08	114
Light .....	8.98	7.35	7.46	83	101	6.88	7.36	107
Heavy .....	4.76	4.59	4.81	101	105	3.59	4.35	121
Total .....	0.90	0.89	0.97	108	109	0.88	0.93	106
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.25	1.36	1.34	107	99	1.35	1.33	99
Old .....	5.93	3.80	4.56	77	120	5.22	4.45	85
Total .....	1.27	1.37	1.35	106	99	1.37	1.35	99
Ducks .....	3.03	2.46	2.45	81	100	2.75	2.47	90
Other .....	1.28	1.10	1.23	96	112	0.91	1.09	120
Total .....	0.96	0.96	1.03	107	107	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: October and November 2014

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	5,886	4,633	894,733	832,532
Mature .....	-	-	711	583	151,621	122,310
Light .....	-	-	562	475	111,075	82,400
Heavy .....	-	-	149	108	40,546	39,910
Total .....	-	-	6,597	5,216	1,046,354	954,842
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	86	78	40,902	42,963
Old .....	-	-	-	1	892	800
Total .....	-	-	86	79	41,794	43,763
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	463,743	604,518	16,559	6,520	19,930	18,263
Mature .....	19,430	14,592	180	101	32,517	25,570
Light .....	3,612	2,488	83	49	25,673	18,827
Heavy .....	15,818	12,104	97	52	6,844	6,743
Total .....	483,173	619,110	16,739	6,621	52,447	43,833
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	5,089	5,497	380	553	69	60
Old .....	429	315	12	10	133	152
Total .....	5,518	5,812	392	563	202	212
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	12,995	10,785	57,837	58,567	97,105	92,108
Mature .....	11,867	7,191	2,100	1,872	58,963	53,052
Light .....	11,373	6,849	1,477	1,330	52,422	46,276
Heavy .....	494	342	623	542	6,541	6,776
Total .....	24,862	17,976	59,937	60,439	156,068	145,160
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	100	195	1,021	985	1,803	1,917
Old .....	25	16	8	1	49	58
Total .....	125	211	1,029	986	1,852	1,975
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	22,659	16,327	564,220	572,339	2,155,667	2,216,592
Mature .....	267	368	113,177	98,033	390,833	323,672
Light .....	105	61	45,214	36,401	251,596	195,156
Heavy .....	162	307	67,963	61,632	139,237	128,516
Total .....	22,926	16,695	677,397	670,372	2,546,500	2,540,264
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	564	722	6,850	6,939	56,864	59,909
Old .....	17	13	208	362	1,773	1,728
Total .....	581	735	7,058	7,301	58,637	61,637

- 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: October and November 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	92,205	76,400	530,219	430,634	5.75	5.64
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas .....	79,558	67,422	505,920	422,845	6.36	6.27
California .....	22,556	17,951	139,244	106,664	6.17	5.94
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	30,173	23,754	217,843	170,353	7.22	7.17
Florida .....	5,909	4,859	35,011	28,093	5.93	5.78
Georgia .....	114,081	97,247	665,610	569,239	5.83	5.85
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	5,379	4,148	23,973	18,442	4.46	4.45
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	27,336	22,781	153,683	125,508	5.62	5.51
Louisiana .....	17,734	14,527	104,998	86,532	5.92	5.96
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	13,479	10,784	74,632	58,923	5.54	5.46
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,604	3,807	27,305	22,866	5.93	6.01
Mississippi .....	63,756	52,369	398,616	330,073	6.25	6.30
Missouri .....	39,622	33,428	190,562	162,529	4.81	4.86
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	105	93	512	453	4.89	4.84
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,041	1,868	10,415	9,323	5.10	4.99
North Carolina .....	67,165	56,358	522,524	442,545	7.78	7.85
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	6,832	5,831	38,180	33,015	5.59	5.66
Oklahoma .....	11,870	10,463	80,330	69,828	6.77	6.67
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	9,700	8,186	52,034	44,716	5.36	5.46
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	24,554	21,825	176,006	157,018	7.17	7.19
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	26,782	22,777	142,266	120,369	5.31	5.28
Texas .....	52,828	44,835	318,974	278,486	6.04	6.21
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	30,570	24,833	171,589	139,253	5.61	5.61
Washington .....	4,684	3,375	27,873	20,296	5.95	6.01
West Virginia .....	10,042	8,609	38,595	33,580	3.84	3.90
Wisconsin .....	4,562	3,864	19,019	15,893	4.17	4.11
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	770,431	644,439	4,680,099	3,910,079	6.07	6.07

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: October and November 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>	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	404,139	328,548	3,350	3,022	0.82	0.91
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas .....	385,689	320,640	3,813	3,350	0.98	1.03
California .....	103,889	79,603	834	669	0.80	0.83
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	158,819	123,640	1,587	1,601	0.99	1.28
Florida .....	26,264	21,070	119	123	0.45	0.58
Georgia .....	497,736	425,473	4,204	4,127	0.84	0.96
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	17,498	13,474	145	131	0.82	0.97
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	111,545	91,421	1,104	1,158	0.98	1.25
Louisiana .....	79,168	63,550	501	448	0.63	0.70
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	54,056	42,653	649	653	1.19	1.51
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	23,175	19,285	226	203	0.96	1.04
Mississippi .....	304,584	253,646	2,092	1,953	0.68	0.76
Missouri .....	145,313	123,855	1,357	1,236	0.92	0.99
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	366	330	17	13	4.45	3.68
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	6,388	5,807	150	156	2.30	2.62
North Carolina .....	407,938	344,398	3,508	2,930	0.85	0.84
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	28,385	24,563	295	263	1.03	1.06
Oklahoma .....	60,446	52,530	421	399	0.69	0.75
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	35,077	30,003	537	536	1.51	1.75
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	132,214	117,992	730	679	0.55	0.57
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	104,360	88,398	821	674	0.78	0.76
Texas .....	242,786	209,633	1,526	1,501	0.62	0.71
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	122,829	98,926	782	836	0.63	0.84
Washington .....	20,766	15,137	172	115	0.82	0.76
West Virginia .....	27,730	24,053	59	56	0.21	0.23
Wisconsin .....	13,893	11,608	156	154	1.11	1.31
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,525,227	2,939,220	29,325	27,161	0.82	0.92

- 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: October and November 2014

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	399	463	99,016	84,233
Arkansas .....	-	-	364	272	76,739	77,066
Delaware .....	-	-	689	620	63,060	61,877
Georgia .....	-	-	137	71	82,579	85,450
Mississippi .....	-	-	38	193	26,723	23,465
Missouri .....	-	-	46	16	60,267	54,436
North Carolina .....	-	-	321	179	86,489	76,521
Texas .....	-	-	32	20	67,308	63,380
Virginia .....	-	-	84	77	20,281	22,853
United States .....	-	-	5,886	4,633	894,733	832,532

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	36,103	45,591	495	295	1,237	1,305
Arkansas .....	26,796	33,297	1,242	1,243	1,157	980
Delaware .....	47,891	74,943	62	103	1,765	1,746
Georgia .....	82,987	101,587	306	197	3,434	3,222
Mississippi .....	9,436	11,280	111	136	382	397
Missouri .....	21,172	21,747	72	72	548	499
North Carolina .....	33,404	32,853	205	105	3,430	3,047
Texas .....	17,577	19,959	128	53	780	811
Virginia .....	17,414	34,118	4	2	583	576
United States .....	463,743	604,518	16,559	6,520	19,930	18,263

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,349	1,127	6,687	6,329	16,491	13,798
Arkansas .....	397	384	5,181	6,087	5,265	5,786
Delaware .....	1,316	1,023	1,248	1,297	4,005	4,319
Georgia .....	784	774	13,756	13,648	7,971	9,271
Mississippi .....	673	412	1,956	1,573	1,519	1,444
Missouri .....	259	221	1,070	1,144	3,642	2,533
North Carolina .....	1,046	784	11,926	11,017	5,733	4,733
Texas .....	636	397	1,012	1,468	5,048	4,073
Virginia .....	932	650	535	509	3,493	3,191
United States .....	12,995	10,785	57,837	58,567	97,105	92,108

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	2,051	1,906	52,936	56,719	216,764	211,766
Arkansas .....	880	1,165	35,618	34,952	153,639	161,232
Delaware .....	1,059	1,393	22,647	20,728	143,742	168,049
Georgia .....	3,527	2,290	78,246	101,938	273,727	318,448
Mississippi .....	173	334	10,441	11,206	51,452	50,440
Missouri .....	138	77	26,887	24,995	114,101	105,740
North Carolina .....	3,403	1,295	83,999	55,037	229,956	185,571
Texas .....	1,073	770	17,751	15,258	111,345	106,189
Virginia .....	990	1,135	9,250	13,577	53,566	76,688
United States .....	22,659	16,327	564,220	572,339	2,155,667	2,216,592

- 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: October and November 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas .....	3,224	3,071	68,756	61,613	21.33	20.06
California .....	1,717	1,715	43,862	44,705	25.54	26.07
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	2,228	1,761	88,433	66,990	39.70	38.04
Iowa .....	556	441	21,462	17,055	38.62	38.64
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,333	4,389	116,267	109,178	26.83	24.88
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	1,038	887	34,766	30,027	33.50	33.84
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 .....	2,223	1,862	81,646	65,170	36.73	34.99
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	491	448	20,833	16,916	42.46	37.78
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	985	817	22,872	18,953	23.21	23.21
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 .....	600	558	9,324	9,026	15.53	16.16
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	2,542	2,251	68,367	59,759	26.89	26.54
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	23,067	20,712	695,579	593,925	30.15	28.68

- Represents zero.

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## Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: October and November 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>	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas .....	57,943	52,251	389	314	0.67	0.60
California .....	35,307	35,828	314	195	0.88	0.54
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	71,422	54,075	1,165	851	1.60	1.55
Iowa .....	16,644	13,258	260	171	1.54	1.27
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	92,630	87,267	1,876	1,674	1.98	1.88
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	28,149	24,328	242	230	0.85	0.94
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 .....	64,127	50,954	643	507	0.99	0.98
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	16,651	13,497	317	244	1.87	1.77
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	18,422	15,195	265	223	1.42	1.45
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 .....	7,961	7,595	50	47	0.62	0.61
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	54,595	47,762	697	580	1.26	1.20
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	558,196	476,867	7,695	6,469	1.36	1.34

- 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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