



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 9 Percent from Last Year

December 2013 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

December 2014 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during December 2014 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.88 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the amount certified in December 2013. The November 2014 revised certified total at 3.47 billion pounds, was down 1 percent from November 2013. The November revision represented an increase of 712 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during December 2014 was 5.13 billion pounds, up 8 percent from 4.73 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.44 billion pounds, up 8 percent from December 2013. Mature chickens, at 69.4 million pounds, were up 9 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 595 million pounds, up 12 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 17.4 million pounds, up 10 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during December 2014 averaged 6.10 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from December 2013. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.59 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during December 2014 averaged 31.1 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from December 2013.

Ante-mortem condemnations during December 2014 totaled 12.0 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.23 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 41.0 million pounds, were 1.05 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.00 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	December 2013	November 2014	December 2014	December 2014 as % of		January to December		2014 as percent of 2013
				December 2013	November 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	687,163	644,616	728,227	106	113	8,503,750	8,522,134	100
Mature	11,696	9,084	12,415	106	137	145,006	144,235	99
Light	6,450	3,747	6,465	100	173	74,923	71,801	96
Heavy	5,246	5,337	5,950	113	111	70,083	72,434	103
Total	698,859	653,700	740,642	106	113	8,648,756	8,666,369	100
Turkeys								
Young	17,142	20,714	19,006	111	92	237,946	235,139	99
Old	121	118	138	114	117	1,440	1,428	99
Total	17,263	20,832	19,144	111	92	239,386	236,567	99
Ducks	2,289	2,065	2,513	110	122	24,575	26,368	107
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,117,659	3,910,929	4,443,540	108	114	50,357,757	51,202,249	102
Mature	63,467	56,044	69,426	109	124	812,167	822,537	101
Light	21,400	12,499	21,082	99	169	245,648	231,418	94
Heavy	42,067	43,545	48,344	115	111	566,519	591,119	104
Total	4,181,126	3,966,973	4,512,966	108	114	51,169,924	52,024,786	102
Turkeys								
Young	526,148	593,986	590,747	112	99	7,219,819	7,149,477	99
Old	3,576	3,129	3,782	106	121	39,347	39,442	100
Total	529,724	597,115	594,529	112	100	7,259,166	7,188,919	99
Ducks	15,781	14,139	17,370	110	123	168,223	181,068	108
Other ¹	238	273	214	90	78	3,518	3,114	89
Total	4,726,869	4,578,500	5,125,079	108	112	58,600,831	59,397,887	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.99	6.07	6.10	102	100	5.92	6.01	102
Mature	5.43	6.17	5.59	103	91	5.60	5.70	102
Light	3.32	3.34	3.26	98	98	3.28	3.22	98
Heavy	8.02	8.16	8.13	101	100	8.08	8.16	101
Total	5.98	6.07	6.09	102	100	5.92	6.00	101
Turkeys								
Young	30.69	28.68	31.08	101	108	30.34	30.41	100
Old	29.55	26.52	27.41	93	103	27.32	27.62	101
Total	30.69	28.66	31.06	101	108	30.32	30.39	100
Ducks	6.89	6.85	6.91	100	101	6.85	6.87	100

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	December 2013	November 2014	December 2014	December 2014 as % of		January to December		2014 as percent of 2013
				December 2013	November 2014	2013	2014	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,827,669	2,683,000	3,050,473	108	114	34,495,663	35,165,539	102
Mature	39,626	36,083	44,191	112	122	522,447	520,987	100
Light	11,370	6,607	11,529	101	174	137,317	124,977	91
Heavy	28,256	29,476	32,662	116	111	385,130	396,010	103
Total	2,867,295	2,719,083	3,094,664	108	114	35,018,110	35,686,526	102
Turkeys								
Young	250,594	305,661	289,225	115	95	3,467,834	3,338,012	96
Old	2,486	2,329	2,709	109	116	26,894	27,981	104
Total	253,080	307,990	291,934	115	95	3,494,728	3,365,993	96
Ducks	4,763	4,085	4,890	103	120	47,495	49,838	105
Other ¹	163	129	145	89	112	1,648	1,475	90
Total	3,125,301	3,031,287	3,391,633	109	112	38,561,981	39,103,832	101
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	265,679	256,850	296,350	112	115	3,334,566	3,382,543	101
Mature	494	5	145	29	2,900	885	189	21
Light	30	5	143	477	2,860	311	166	53
Heavy	464	-	2	(X)	(X)	574	23	4
Total	266,173	256,855	296,495	111	115	3,335,451	3,382,732	101
Turkeys								
Young	169,786	171,251	182,840	108	107	2,307,415	2,386,661	103
Old	153	56	141	92	252	2,831	1,982	70
Total	169,939	171,307	182,981	108	107	2,310,246	2,388,643	103
Ducks	6,690	6,159	7,688	115	125	73,903	81,112	110
Other ¹	9	54	8	89	15	698	604	87
Total	442,811	434,375	487,172	110	112	5,720,298	5,853,091	102
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,093,348	2,939,850	3,346,823	108	114	37,830,229	38,548,082	102
Mature	40,120	36,088	44,336	111	123	523,332	521,176	100
Light	11,400	6,612	11,672	102	177	137,628	125,143	91
Heavy	28,720	29,476	32,664	114	111	385,704	396,033	103
Total	3,133,468	2,975,938	3,391,159	108	114	38,353,561	39,069,258	102
Turkeys								
Young	420,380	476,912	472,065	112	99	5,775,249	5,724,673	99
Old	2,639	2,385	2,850	108	119	29,725	29,963	101
Total	423,019	479,297	474,915	112	99	5,804,974	5,754,636	99
Ducks	11,453	10,244	12,578	110	123	121,398	130,950	108
Other ¹	172	183	153	89	84	2,346	2,079	89
Total	3,568,112	3,465,662	3,878,805	109	112	44,282,279	44,956,923	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	December 2013	November 2014	December 2014	December 2014 as % of		January to December		2014 as percent of 2013
				December 2013	November 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	8,983	8,776	9,718	108	111	100,049	108,045	108
Mature	697	643	724	104	113	7,844	8,853	113
Light	293	191	283	97	148	3,034	3,366	111
Heavy	404	452	441	109	98	4,810	5,487	114
Total	9,680	9,419	10,442	108	111	107,893	116,898	108
Turkeys								
Young	1,219	1,230	1,503	123	122	15,727	16,486	105
Old	49	37	52	106	141	434	536	124
Total	1,268	1,267	1,555	123	123	16,161	17,022	105
Ducks	42	29	31	74	107	531	469	88
Total	10,990	10,715	12,028	109	112	124,592	134,393	108
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.22	0.22	0.22	100	100	0.20	0.21	105
Mature	1.10	1.15	1.04	95	90	0.97	1.08	111
Light	1.37	1.53	1.34	98	88	1.24	1.45	117
Heavy	0.96	1.04	0.91	95	88	0.85	0.93	109
Total	0.23	0.24	0.23	100	96	0.21	0.22	105
Turkeys								
Young	0.23	0.21	0.25	109	119	0.22	0.23	105
Old	1.37	1.18	1.37	100	116	1.10	1.36	124
Total	0.24	0.21	0.26	108	124	0.22	0.24	109
Ducks	0.27	0.21	0.18	67	86	0.32	0.26	81
Total	0.23	0.23	0.23	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	December 2013	November 2014	December 2014	December 2014 as % of		January to December		2014 as percent of 2013
				December 2013	November 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	27,527	27,165	30,983	113	114	316,720	340,855	108
Mature	2,223	2,023	2,468	111	122	24,843	27,984	113
Light	929	533	796	86	149	10,257	9,805	96
Heavy	1,294	1,490	1,672	129	112	14,586	18,179	125
Total	29,750	29,188	33,451	112	115	341,563	368,839	108
Turkeys								
Young	5,964	6,469	7,032	118	109	79,419	77,886	98
Old	147	114	155	105	136	1,640	1,417	86
Total	6,111	6,583	7,187	118	109	81,059	79,303	98
Ducks	277	258	344	124	133	3,391	3,342	99
Other	2	2	2	100	100	22	23	105
Total	36,140	36,031	40,984	113	114	426,035	451,507	106
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.88	0.92	0.92	105	100	0.83	0.88	106
Mature	5.25	5.31	5.27	100	99	4.53	5.10	113
Light	7.54	7.46	6.38	85	86	6.94	7.27	105
Heavy	4.31	4.81	4.87	113	101	3.64	4.39	121
Total	0.94	0.97	0.98	104	101	0.88	0.94	107
Turkeys								
Young	1.40	1.34	1.47	105	110	1.36	1.34	99
Old	5.28	4.56	5.16	98	113	5.23	4.52	86
Total	1.42	1.35	1.49	105	110	1.38	1.36	99
Ducks	2.36	2.46	2.66	113	108	2.72	2.49	92
Other	1.15	1.08	1.29	112	119	0.93	1.09	117
Total	1.00	1.03	1.05	105	102	0.95	0.99	104

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

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States: November and December 2014

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	4,678	4,318	832,764	959,045
Mature	-	-	583	363	122,310	153,295
Light	-	-	475	267	82,400	119,368
Heavy	-	-	108	96	39,910	33,927
Total	-	-	5,261	4,681	955,074	1,112,340
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	78	64	42,963	43,621
Old	-	-	1	1	800	1,140
Total	-	-	79	65	43,763	44,761
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	604,619	699,503	6,524	13,748	18,272	21,398
Mature	14,592	21,678	101	196	25,570	34,478
Light	2,488	6,523	49	97	18,827	26,486
Heavy	12,104	15,155	52	99	6,743	7,992
Total	619,211	721,181	6,625	13,944	43,842	55,876
Turkeys						
Young	5,501	4,724	553	418	60	35
Old	315	396	10	15	152	176
Total	5,816	5,120	563	433	212	211
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	10,810	13,406	58,571	59,441	92,230	102,639
Mature	7,191	9,785	1,872	1,815	53,052	69,366
Light	6,849	9,413	1,330	1,326	46,276	62,414
Heavy	342	372	542	489	6,776	6,952
Total	18,001	23,191	60,443	61,256	145,282	172,005
Turkeys						
Young	195	122	985	983	1,925	1,893
Old	16	24	1	3	58	62
Total	211	146	986	986	1,983	1,955
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	16,372	17,653	572,490	660,219	2,217,330	2,551,370
Mature	368	192	98,033	99,582	323,672	390,750
Light	61	110	36,401	39,885	195,156	265,889
Heavy	307	82	61,632	59,697	128,516	124,861
Total	16,740	17,845	670,523	759,801	2,541,002	2,942,120
Turkeys						
Young	722	540	6,951	6,657	59,933	59,057
Old	13	7	362	275	1,728	2,099
Total	735	547	7,313	6,932	61,661	61,156

- 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: November and December 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	76,400	86,053	430,634	492,447	5.64	5.72
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Arkansas	67,422	77,110	422,845	489,070	6.27	6.34
California	18,017	20,405	106,983	123,747	5.94	6.06
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	23,754	27,778	170,353	199,090	7.17	7.17
Florida	4,859	5,145	28,093	29,268	5.78	5.69
Georgia	97,331	107,862	569,613	631,998	5.85	5.86
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,148	5,069	18,442	22,734	4.45	4.49
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	22,781	24,702	125,508	140,191	5.51	5.68
Louisiana	14,527	15,897	86,532	94,425	5.96	5.94
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	10,784	13,057	58,923	72,974	5.46	5.59
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,807	4,382	22,866	26,525	6.01	6.05
Mississippi	52,369	60,190	330,073	382,511	6.30	6.36
Missouri	33,428	37,470	162,529	181,331	4.86	4.84
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	93	116	453	555	4.84	4.77
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,868	2,155	9,323	10,849	4.99	5.03
North Carolina	56,367	64,278	442,593	500,150	7.85	7.78
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	5,831	6,704	33,015	38,053	5.66	5.68
Oklahoma	10,463	11,103	69,828	72,806	6.67	6.56
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	8,186	9,176	44,716	50,760	5.46	5.53
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	21,825	24,444	157,018	177,908	7.19	7.28
South Dakota	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Tennessee	22,777	24,757	120,369	131,575	5.28	5.31
Texas	44,835	51,531	278,486	321,246	6.21	6.23
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	24,833	28,424	139,253	157,952	5.61	5.56
Washington	3,375	4,220	20,296	26,395	6.01	6.25
West Virginia	8,609	9,399	33,580	36,341	3.90	3.87
Wisconsin	3,864	4,374	15,893	18,256	4.11	4.17
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	644,616	728,227	3,910,929	4,443,540	6.07	6.10

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: November and December 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	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	328,548	375,032	3,022	3,386	0.91	0.89
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Arkansas	320,640	370,508	3,350	3,910	1.03	1.04
California	79,853	92,278	672	788	0.83	0.85
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	123,640	144,294	1,601	1,907	1.28	1.30
Florida	21,070	21,951	123	167	0.58	0.76
Georgia	425,750	478,364	4,128	4,415	0.96	0.91
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	13,474	16,533	131	165	0.97	0.99
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	91,421	101,658	1,158	1,317	1.25	1.28
Louisiana	63,550	71,266	448	538	0.70	0.75
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	42,653	53,117	653	744	1.51	1.38
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	19,285	22,524	203	199	1.04	0.88
Mississippi	253,646	293,684	1,953	2,260	0.76	0.76
Missouri	123,855	138,217	1,236	1,360	0.99	0.97
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	330	388	13	7	3.68	1.66
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,807	6,730	156	187	2.62	2.70
North Carolina	344,419	389,513	2,930	3,566	0.84	0.91
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	24,563	28,460	263	311	1.06	1.08
Oklahoma	52,530	54,716	399	443	0.75	0.80
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	30,003	33,989	536	634	1.75	1.83
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	117,992	133,508	679	768	0.57	0.57
South Dakota	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Tennessee	88,398	96,435	674	833	0.76	0.86
Texas	209,633	242,170	1,501	1,608	0.71	0.66
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	98,926	112,166	836	896	0.84	0.79
Washington	15,137	19,664	115	164	0.76	0.83
West Virginia	24,053	26,050	56	70	0.23	0.27
Wisconsin	11,608	13,331	154	145	1.31	1.08
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	2,939,850	3,346,823	27,165	30,983	0.92	0.92

- Represents zero.

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(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: November and December 2014

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	463	258	84,233	103,301
Arkansas	-	-	272	387	77,066	85,665
Delaware	-	-	620	623	61,877	73,339
Georgia	-	-	71	148	85,467	97,464
Mississippi	-	-	193	122	23,465	23,887
Missouri	-	-	16	37	54,436	58,678
North Carolina	-	-	179	236	76,521	92,623
Texas	-	-	20	32	63,380	73,841
Virginia	-	-	77	84	22,853	23,975
United States	-	-	4,678	4,318	832,764	959,045

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	45,591	52,089	295	431	1,305	1,526
Arkansas	33,297	41,259	1,243	1,258	980	1,260
Delaware	74,943	85,268	103	54	1,746	2,253
Georgia	101,620	119,702	197	330	3,222	3,637
Mississippi	11,280	14,637	136	53	397	469
Missouri	21,747	22,647	72	25	499	486
North Carolina	32,853	64,262	105	177	3,047	3,251
Texas	19,959	27,281	53	59	811	738
Virginia	34,118	38,633	2	5	576	784
United States	604,619	699,503	6,524	13,748	18,272	21,398

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,127	1,344	6,329	7,425	13,798	19,237
Arkansas	384	434	6,087	5,474	5,786	6,832
Delaware	1,023	1,403	1,297	1,582	4,319	5,196
Georgia	775	854	13,648	14,383	9,273	9,786
Mississippi	412	405	1,573	1,751	1,444	1,440
Missouri	221	264	1,144	970	2,533	2,694
North Carolina	804	926	11,017	11,484	4,733	5,217
Texas	397	533	1,468	1,319	4,073	4,699
Virginia	650	859	509	477	3,191	2,390
United States	10,810	13,406	58,571	59,441	92,230	102,639

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,906	1,825	56,719	74,805	211,766	262,241
Arkansas	1,165	1,453	34,952	32,541	161,232	176,563
Delaware	1,393	2,362	20,728	28,601	168,049	200,681
Georgia	2,290	2,642	101,993	118,928	318,556	367,874
Mississippi	334	576	11,206	14,475	50,440	57,815
Missouri	77	67	24,995	26,565	105,740	112,433
North Carolina	1,295	2,403	55,037	66,525	185,591	247,104
Texas	770	805	15,258	19,815	106,189	129,122
Virginia	1,135	1,373	13,577	12,695	76,688	81,275
United States	16,372	17,653	572,490	660,219	2,217,330	2,551,370

- 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: November and December 2014

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Arkansas	3,071	2,749	61,613	55,864	20.06	20.32
California	1,715	943	44,705	27,812	26.07	29.48
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	1,761	1,958	66,990	78,501	38.04	40.09
Iowa	441	766	17,055	32,614	38.64	42.59
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	4,389	3,566	109,178	96,824	24.88	27.15
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	887	888	30,027	31,612	33.84	35.60
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,863	1,796	65,202	66,679	34.99	37.13
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	448	385	16,916	16,578	37.78	43.10
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	817	679	18,953	17,838	23.21	26.27
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	558	507	9,026	8,338	16.16	16.44
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,251	2,263	59,759	61,949	26.54	27.37
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	20,714	19,006	593,986	590,747	28.68	31.08

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: November and December 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	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Arkansas	52,251	46,813	314	319	0.60	0.68
California	35,828	22,269	195	235	0.54	1.05
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	54,075	63,091	851	1,133	1.55	1.76
Iowa	13,258	25,738	171	444	1.27	1.69
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	87,267	76,904	1,674	1,422	1.88	1.82
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	24,328	25,595	230	226	0.94	0.88
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	50,975	52,140	507	562	0.98	1.07
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	13,497	13,236	244	253	1.77	1.88
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	15,195	14,150	223	264	1.45	1.83
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	7,595	6,671	47	48	0.61	0.72
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	47,762	49,459	580	595	1.20	1.19
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	476,912	472,065	6,469	7,032	1.34	1.47

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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.

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