



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 5 Percent from Last Year

**January 2014** contained 23 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**January 2015** contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**Poultry certified wholesome** during January 2015 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.87 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the amount certified in January 2014. The December 2014 revised certified total at 3.88 billion pounds, was up 9 percent from December 2013. The December revision represented an increase of 1.67 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during January 2015 was 5.13 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 4.88 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.43 billion pounds, up 5 percent from January 2014. Mature chickens, at 66.0 million pounds, were down 5 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 615 million pounds, up 8 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 16.2 million pounds, up 10 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during January 2015 averaged 6.12 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from January 2014. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.53 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during January 2015 averaged 31.5 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from January 2014.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during January 2015 totaled 12.5 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 41.4 million pounds, were 1.06 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.01 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	January 2015 as % of		January to January		2015 as percent of 2014
				January 2014	December 2014	2014	2015	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Number slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	704,432	728,499	724,584	103	99	704,432	724,584	103
Mature .....	12,721	12,415	11,948	94	96	12,721	11,948	94
Light .....	7,008	6,465	6,310	90	98	7,008	6,310	90
Heavy .....	5,713	5,950	5,638	99	95	5,713	5,638	99
Total .....	717,153	740,914	736,532	103	99	717,153	736,532	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	18,118	19,006	19,404	107	102	18,118	19,404	107
Old .....	133	138	125	94	91	133	125	94
Total .....	18,251	19,144	19,529	107	102	18,251	19,529	107
Ducks .....	2,158	2,513	2,371	110	94	2,158	2,371	110
	(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 .....	4,226,487	4,445,747	4,432,569	105	100	4,226,487	4,432,569	105
Mature .....	69,402	69,426	66,019	95	95	69,402	66,019	95
Light .....	22,875	21,082	20,229	88	96	22,875	20,229	88
Heavy .....	46,527	48,344	45,790	98	95	46,527	45,790	98
Total .....	4,295,889	4,515,173	4,498,588	105	100	4,295,889	4,498,588	105
Turkeys								
Young .....	564,262	590,747	611,542	108	104	564,262	611,542	108
Old .....	3,504	3,782	3,568	102	94	3,504	3,568	102
Total .....	567,766	594,529	615,110	108	103	567,766	615,110	108
Ducks .....	14,826	17,370	16,248	110	94	14,826	16,248	110
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	180	229	193	107	84	180	193	107
Total .....	4,878,661	5,127,301	5,130,139	105	100	4,878,661	5,130,139	105
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.00	6.10	6.12	102	100	6.00	6.12	102
Mature .....	5.46	5.59	5.53	101	99	5.46	5.53	101
Light .....	3.26	3.26	3.21	98	98	3.26	3.21	98
Heavy .....	8.14	8.13	8.12	100	100	8.14	8.12	100
Total .....	5.99	6.09	6.11	102	100	5.99	6.11	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	31.14	31.08	31.52	101	101	31.14	31.52	101
Old .....	26.35	27.41	28.54	108	104	26.35	28.54	108
Total .....	31.11	31.06	31.50	101	101	31.11	31.50	101
Ducks .....	6.87	6.91	6.85	100	99	6.87	6.85	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	January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	January 2015 as % of		January to January		2015 as percent of 2014
				January 2014	December 2014	2014	2015	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	2,902,307	3,052,182	3,044,909	105	100	2,902,307	3,044,909	105
Mature .....	43,208	44,191	41,333	96	94	43,208	41,333	96
Light .....	12,011	11,529	10,825	90	94	12,011	10,825	90
Heavy .....	31,197	32,662	30,508	98	93	31,197	30,508	98
Total .....	2,945,515	3,096,373	3,086,242	105	100	2,945,515	3,086,242	105
Turkeys								
Young .....	264,309	289,225	291,542	110	101	264,309	291,542	110
Old .....	2,428	2,709	2,295	95	85	2,428	2,295	95
Total .....	266,737	291,934	293,837	110	101	266,737	293,837	110
Ducks .....	4,499	4,890	4,321	96	88	4,499	4,321	96
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	122	156	127	104	81	122	127	104
Total .....	3,216,873	3,393,353	3,384,527	105	100	3,216,873	3,384,527	105
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	273,595	296,301	283,017	103	96	273,595	283,017	103
Mature .....	-	145	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light .....	-	143	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy .....	-	2	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total .....	273,595	296,446	283,017	103	95	273,595	283,017	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	187,035	182,840	198,092	106	108	187,035	198,092	106
Old .....	206	141	385	187	273	206	385	187
Total .....	187,241	182,981	198,477	106	108	187,241	198,477	106
Ducks .....	6,257	7,688	7,390	118	96	6,257	7,390	118
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	6	8	7	117	88	6	7	117
Total .....	467,099	487,123	488,891	105	100	467,099	488,891	105
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,175,902	3,348,483	3,327,926	105	99	3,175,902	3,327,926	105
Mature .....	43,208	44,336	41,333	96	93	43,208	41,333	96
Light .....	12,011	11,672	10,825	90	93	12,011	10,825	90
Heavy .....	31,197	32,664	30,508	98	93	31,197	30,508	98
Total .....	3,219,110	3,392,819	3,369,259	105	99	3,219,110	3,369,259	105
Turkeys								
Young .....	451,344	472,065	489,634	108	104	451,344	489,634	108
Old .....	2,634	2,850	2,680	102	94	2,634	2,680	102
Total .....	453,978	474,915	492,314	108	104	453,978	492,314	108
Ducks .....	10,756	12,578	11,711	109	93	10,756	11,711	109
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	128	164	134	105	82	128	134	105
Total .....	3,683,972	3,880,476	3,873,418	105	100	3,683,972	3,873,418	105

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	January 2015 as % of		January to January		2015 as percent of 2014
				January 2014	December 2014	2014	2015	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	9,236	9,722	10,061	109	103	9,236	10,061	109
Mature .....	732	724	755	103	104	732	755	103
Light .....	322	283	298	93	105	322	298	93
Heavy .....	410	441	457	111	104	410	457	111
Total .....	9,968	10,446	10,816	109	104	9,968	10,816	109
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,509	1,503	1,580	105	105	1,509	1,580	105
Old .....	43	52	51	119	98	43	51	119
Total .....	1,552	1,555	1,631	105	105	1,552	1,631	105
Ducks .....	44	31	47	107	152	44	47	107
Total <sup>2</sup> .....	11,564	12,032	12,494	108	104	11,564	12,494	108
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.22	0.22	0.23	105	105	0.22	0.23	105
Mature .....	1.05	1.04	1.14	109	110	1.05	1.14	109
Light .....	1.41	1.34	1.47	104	110	1.41	1.47	104
Heavy .....	0.88	0.91	1.00	114	110	0.88	1.00	114
Total .....	0.23	0.23	0.24	104	104	0.23	0.24	104
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.27	0.25	0.26	96	104	0.27	0.26	96
Old .....	1.23	1.37	1.43	116	104	1.23	1.43	116
Total .....	0.27	0.26	0.27	100	104	0.27	0.27	100
Ducks .....	0.30	0.18	0.29	97	161	0.30	0.29	97
Total <sup>2</sup> .....	0.24	0.23	0.24	100	104	0.24	0.24	100

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

<sup>2</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2014	December 2014	January 2015	January 2015 as % of		January to January		2015 as percent of 2014
				January 2014	December 2014	2014	2015	
	(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 .....	28,829	31,004	31,752	110	102	28,829	31,752	110
Mature .....	1,985	2,468	2,333	118	95	1,985	2,333	118
Light .....	909	796	918	101	115	909	918	101
Heavy .....	1,076	1,672	1,415	132	85	1,076	1,415	132
Total .....	30,814	33,472	34,085	111	102	30,814	34,085	111
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	6,401	7,032	6,879	107	98	6,401	6,879	107
Old .....	140	155	135	96	87	140	135	96
Total .....	6,541	7,187	7,014	107	98	6,541	7,014	107
Ducks .....	265	344	308	116	90	265	308	116
Other .....	1	2	1	100	50	1	1	100
Total .....	37,621	41,005	41,408	110	101	37,621	41,408	110
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.90	0.92	0.95	106	103	0.90	0.95	106
Mature .....	4.39	5.27	5.34	122	101	4.39	5.34	122
Light .....	7.04	6.38	7.82	111	123	7.04	7.82	111
Heavy .....	3.33	4.87	4.43	133	91	3.33	4.43	133
Total .....	0.95	0.98	1.00	105	102	0.95	1.00	105
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.40	1.47	1.39	99	95	1.40	1.39	99
Old .....	5.05	5.16	4.80	95	93	5.05	4.80	95
Total .....	1.42	1.49	1.40	99	94	1.42	1.40	99
Ducks .....	2.40	2.66	2.56	107	96	2.40	2.56	107
Other .....	0.78	1.20	0.74	95	62	0.78	0.74	95
Total .....	1.01	1.05	1.06	105	101	1.01	1.06	105

<sup>1</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

**Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: December 2014 and January 2015**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	4,318	4,113	959,425	980,097
Mature .....	-	-	363	359	153,295	149,286
Light .....	-	-	267	256	119,368	115,599
Heavy .....	-	-	96	103	33,927	33,687
Total .....	-	-	4,681	4,472	1,112,720	1,129,383
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	64	58	43,621	38,907
Old .....	-	-	1	3	1,140	1,011
Total .....	-	-	65	61	44,761	39,918
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	700,080	773,168	13,748	6,620	21,620	20,009
Mature .....	21,678	20,555	196	165	34,478	35,021
Light .....	6,523	6,091	97	96	26,486	26,728
Heavy .....	15,155	14,464	99	69	7,992	8,293
Total .....	721,758	793,723	13,944	6,785	56,098	55,030
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	4,724	4,584	418	900	35	39
Old .....	396	186	15	2	176	105
Total .....	5,120	4,770	433	902	211	144
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	13,407	12,810	59,443	64,044	102,648	99,340
Mature .....	9,785	12,780	1,815	1,635	69,366	72,234
Light .....	9,413	12,392	1,326	1,185	62,414	65,456
Heavy .....	372	388	489	450	6,952	6,778
Total .....	23,192	25,590	61,258	65,679	172,014	171,574
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	122	98	983	1,200	1,893	1,701
Old .....	24	25	3	1	62	48
Total .....	146	123	986	1,201	1,955	1,749
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	17,653	23,475	660,262	699,834	2,552,604	2,683,510
Mature .....	192	207	99,582	99,602	390,750	391,844
Light .....	110	84	39,885	46,295	265,889	274,182
Heavy .....	82	123	59,697	53,307	124,861	117,662
Total .....	17,845	23,682	759,844	799,436	2,943,354	3,075,354
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	540	654	6,657	6,825	59,057	54,966
Old .....	7	16	275	316	2,099	1,713
Total .....	547	670	6,932	7,141	61,156	56,679

- 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: December 2014 and January 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	86,053	85,041	492,447	486,006	5.72	5.71
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	77,110	76,635	489,070	497,046	6.34	6.49
California .....	20,405	22,442	123,747	136,397	6.06	6.08
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	27,779	29,285	199,129	210,660	7.17	7.19
Florida .....	5,145	5,988	29,268	34,526	5.69	5.77
Georgia .....	107,945	104,660	632,687	610,945	5.86	5.84
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	5,069	5,267	22,734	23,648	4.49	4.49
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	24,702	25,650	140,191	150,600	5.68	5.87
Louisiana .....	15,897	16,404	94,425	97,982	5.94	5.97
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	13,057	13,426	72,974	75,385	5.59	5.61
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,382	3,985	26,525	23,229	6.05	5.83
Mississippi .....	60,196	58,337	382,579	369,455	6.36	6.33
Missouri .....	37,470	36,559	181,331	174,764	4.84	4.78
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	116	97	555	464	4.77	4.77
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,155	1,919	10,849	9,712	5.03	5.06
North Carolina .....	64,278	65,829	500,150	514,314	7.78	7.81
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	6,704	6,702	38,053	38,507	5.68	5.75
Oklahoma .....	11,239	8,978	73,924	57,536	6.58	6.41
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	9,176	9,371	50,760	51,647	5.53	5.51
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	24,490	23,890	178,201	172,037	7.28	7.20
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	24,757	24,938	131,575	133,163	5.31	5.34
Texas .....	51,531	50,556	321,246	312,986	6.23	6.19
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	28,424	28,542	157,952	157,687	5.56	5.52
Washington .....	4,220	4,391	26,395	27,377	6.25	6.23
West Virginia .....	9,399	9,191	36,341	35,713	3.87	3.89
Wisconsin .....	4,374	4,272	18,256	17,703	4.17	4.14
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	728,499	724,584	4,445,747	4,432,569	6.10	6.12

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2014 and January 2015

[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>	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	375,032	370,712	3,386	3,560	0.89	0.95
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	370,582	374,582	3,910	4,322	1.04	1.14
California .....	92,278	101,624	788	806	0.85	0.79
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	144,271	152,469	1,907	1,940	1.30	1.26
Florida .....	21,951	25,895	167	178	0.76	0.68
Georgia .....	478,867	455,160	4,430	4,393	0.92	0.96
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	16,533	17,188	165	161	0.99	0.93
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	101,658	109,045	1,317	1,317	1.28	1.19
Louisiana .....	71,266	73,916	538	542	0.75	0.73
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	53,117	54,940	744	829	1.38	1.49
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	22,524	19,835	199	178	0.88	0.89
Mississippi .....	293,739	283,570	2,260	2,138	0.76	0.75
Missouri .....	138,217	130,945	1,360	1,330	0.97	1.01
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	388	326	7	5	1.66	1.46
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	6,730	6,030	187	179	2.70	2.88
North Carolina .....	389,513	401,044	3,566	3,638	0.91	0.90
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	28,460	28,900	311	325	1.08	1.11
Oklahoma .....	55,549	43,355	448	409	0.80	0.94
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	33,989	34,965	634	652	1.83	1.83
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	133,726	129,437	769	745	0.57	0.57
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	96,435	97,750	833	967	0.86	0.98
Texas .....	242,170	236,297	1,608	1,668	0.66	0.70
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	112,166	111,750	896	953	0.79	0.85
Washington .....	19,664	20,442	164	111	0.83	0.54
West Virginia .....	26,050	25,604	70	73	0.27	0.29
Wisconsin .....	13,331	12,929	145	152	1.08	1.16
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,348,483	3,327,926	31,004	31,752	0.92	0.95

- 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: December 2014 and January 2015

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	258	245	103,301	98,801
Arkansas .....	-	-	387	252	85,665	94,543
Delaware .....	-	-	623	877	73,339	75,049
Georgia .....	-	-	148	155	97,623	104,435
Mississippi .....	-	-	122	111	23,887	24,067
Missouri .....	-	-	37	30	58,678	58,362
North Carolina .....	-	-	236	278	92,623	98,172
Texas .....	-	-	32	29	73,841	72,743
Virginia .....	-	-	84	68	23,975	25,483
United States .....	-	-	4,318	4,113	959,425	980,097
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	52,089	49,700	431	319	1,526	1,475
Arkansas .....	41,259	42,969	1,258	1,121	1,260	1,064
Delaware .....	85,268	94,015	54	33	2,253	2,521
Georgia .....	119,776	120,851	330	251	3,641	3,323
Mississippi .....	14,637	17,129	53	24	469	475
Missouri .....	22,647	26,124	25	25	486	537
North Carolina .....	64,262	75,328	177	255	3,251	3,346
Texas .....	27,281	34,493	59	105	738	802
Virginia .....	38,633	45,156	5	11	784	828
United States .....	700,080	773,168	13,748	6,620	21,620	20,009
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,344	1,276	7,425	7,897	19,237	19,038
Arkansas .....	434	568	5,474	6,083	6,832	6,195
Delaware .....	1,403	1,472	1,582	1,566	5,196	5,403
Georgia .....	854	979	14,385	15,209	9,795	9,749
Mississippi .....	405	313	1,751	1,879	1,440	1,246
Missouri .....	264	256	970	1,039	2,694	3,131
North Carolina .....	926	1,000	11,484	12,717	5,217	5,800
Texas .....	533	466	1,319	1,287	4,699	4,966
Virginia .....	859	930	477	583	2,390	2,858
United States .....	13,407	12,810	59,443	64,044	102,648	99,340
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,825	1,528	74,805	82,124	262,241	262,403
Arkansas .....	1,453	1,252	32,541	35,704	176,563	189,751
Delaware .....	2,362	2,515	28,601	22,872	200,681	206,323
Georgia .....	2,642	3,879	118,931	120,514	368,125	379,345
Mississippi .....	576	183	14,475	14,747	57,815	60,174
Missouri .....	67	81	26,565	24,762	112,433	114,347
North Carolina .....	2,403	3,004	66,525	81,861	247,104	281,761
Texas .....	805	1,593	19,815	24,445	129,122	140,929
Virginia .....	1,373	748	12,695	18,567	81,275	95,232
United States .....	17,653	23,475	660,262	699,834	2,552,604	2,683,510

- 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: December 2014 and January 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	2,749	3,122	55,864	64,858	20.32	20.77
California .....	943	693	27,812	21,885	29.48	31.59
Colorado .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	1,958	1,863	78,501	73,811	40.09	39.62
Iowa .....	766	963	32,614	40,113	42.59	41.66
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(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 .....	3,566	3,656	96,824	103,228	27.15	28.23
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	888	902	31,612	32,202	35.60	35.68
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	1,796	1,760	66,679	65,825	37.13	37.40
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	385	425	16,578	18,674	43.10	43.93
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Pennsylvania .....	679	576	17,838	15,736	26.27	27.33
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 .....	507	646	8,338	10,473	16.44	16.22
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	2,263	2,320	61,949	62,821	27.37	27.08
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	19,006	19,404	590,747	611,542	31.08	31.52

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## Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2014 and January 2015

[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>	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	46,813	54,159	319	380	0.68	0.70
California .....	22,269	17,639	235	163	1.05	0.91
Colorado .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
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 .....	63,091	59,778	1,133	947	1.76	1.56
Iowa .....	25,738	31,413	444	684	1.69	2.13
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	76,904	81,814	1,422	1,446	1.82	1.74
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	25,595	26,067	226	221	0.88	0.84
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	52,140	51,277	562	592	1.07	1.14
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	13,236	14,888	253	318	1.88	2.09
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	14,150	12,462	264	210	1.83	1.66
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 .....	6,671	8,876	48	70	0.72	0.78
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	49,459	50,712	595	575	1.19	1.12
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	472,065	489,634	7,032	6,879	1.47	1.39

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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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