



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Down Slightly from Last Year

**February 2014** contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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**Poultry certified wholesome** during February 2015 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.48 billion pounds, down slightly from the amount certified in February 2014. The January 2015 revised certified total at 3.87 billion pounds, was up 5 percent from January 2014. The January revision represented an increase of 941 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during February 2015 was 4.59 billion pounds, down slightly from 4.60 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.97 billion pounds, down 1 percent from February 2014. Mature chickens, at 64.7 million pounds, were up 2 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 542 million pounds, up 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.4 million pounds, up 3 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during February 2015 averaged 6.09 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from February 2014. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.67 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2015 averaged 31.3 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from February 2014.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during February 2015 totaled 12.4 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.27 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 38.9 million pounds, were 1.11 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.04 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2014	January 2015	February 2015	February 2015 as % of		January to February		2015 as percent of 2014
				February 2014	January 2015	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 .....	664,590	724,764	652,548	98	90	1,369,022	1,377,312	101
Mature .....	11,371	11,964	11,408	100	95	24,092	23,372	97
Light .....	5,857	6,326	5,678	97	90	12,865	12,004	93
Heavy .....	5,514	5,638	5,730	104	102	11,227	11,368	101
Total .....	675,961	736,728	663,956	98	90	1,393,114	1,400,684	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	16,944	19,404	17,203	102	89	35,062	36,607	104
Old .....	81	125	140	173	112	214	265	124
Total .....	17,025	19,529	17,343	102	89	35,276	36,872	105
Ducks .....	2,033	2,371	2,080	102	88	4,191	4,451	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 .....	3,992,540	4,433,870	3,972,312	99	90	8,219,027	8,406,182	102
Mature .....	63,182	66,083	64,721	102	98	132,584	130,804	99
Light .....	18,669	20,293	18,270	98	90	41,544	38,563	93
Heavy .....	44,513	45,790	46,451	104	101	91,040	92,241	101
Total .....	4,055,722	4,499,953	4,037,033	100	90	8,351,611	8,536,986	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	525,412	611,542	538,065	102	88	1,089,674	1,149,607	106
Old .....	2,282	3,568	4,129	181	116	5,786	7,697	133
Total .....	527,694	615,110	542,194	103	88	1,095,460	1,157,304	106
Ducks .....	13,973	16,248	14,357	103	88	28,799	30,605	106
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	143	193	156	109	81	323	349	108
Total .....	4,597,532	5,131,504	4,593,740	100	90	9,476,193	9,725,244	103
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.01	6.12	6.09	101	100	6.00	6.10	102
Mature .....	5.56	5.52	5.67	102	103	5.50	5.60	102
Light .....	3.19	3.21	3.22	101	100	3.23	3.21	99
Heavy .....	8.07	8.12	8.11	100	100	8.11	8.11	100
Total .....	6.00	6.11	6.08	101	100	5.99	6.09	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	31.01	31.52	31.28	101	99	31.08	31.40	101
Old .....	28.17	28.54	29.49	105	103	27.04	29.05	107
Total .....	31.00	31.50	31.26	101	99	31.05	31.39	101
Ducks .....	6.87	6.85	6.90	100	101	6.87	6.88	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	February 2014	January 2015	February 2015	February 2015 as % of		January to February		2015 as percent of 2014
				February 2014	January 2015	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 .....	2,732,938	3,045,805	2,733,352	100	90	5,635,245	5,779,157	103
Mature .....	39,697	41,378	41,184	104	100	82,905	82,562	100
Light .....	9,940	10,870	9,945	100	91	21,951	20,815	95
Heavy .....	29,757	30,508	31,239	105	102	60,954	61,747	101
Total .....	2,772,635	3,087,183	2,774,536	100	90	5,718,150	5,861,719	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	236,667	291,542	255,770	108	88	500,976	547,312	109
Old .....	1,707	2,295	2,967	174	129	4,135	5,262	127
Total .....	238,374	293,837	258,737	109	88	505,111	552,574	109
Ducks .....	3,708	4,321	3,618	98	84	8,207	7,939	97
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	93	127	102	110	80	215	229	107
Total .....	3,014,810	3,385,468	3,036,993	101	90	6,231,683	6,422,461	103
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	275,879	283,017	259,655	94	92	549,474	542,672	99
Mature .....	5	-	-	(X)	(X)	5	-	(X)
Light .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy .....	5	-	-	(X)	(X)	5	-	(X)
Total .....	275,884	283,017	259,655	94	92	549,479	542,672	99
Turkeys								
Young .....	182,969	198,092	175,733	96	89	370,004	373,825	101
Old .....	30	385	132	440	34	236	517	219
Total .....	182,999	198,477	175,865	96	89	370,240	374,342	101
Ducks .....	6,325	7,390	6,678	106	90	12,582	14,068	112
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	6	7	9	150	129	12	16	133
Total .....	465,214	488,891	442,207	95	90	932,313	931,098	100
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,008,817	3,328,822	2,993,007	99	90	6,184,719	6,321,829	102
Mature .....	39,702	41,378	41,184	104	100	82,910	82,562	100
Light .....	9,940	10,870	9,945	100	91	21,951	20,815	95
Heavy .....	29,762	30,508	31,239	105	102	60,959	61,747	101
Total .....	3,048,519	3,370,200	3,034,191	100	90	6,267,629	6,404,391	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	419,636	489,634	431,503	103	88	870,980	921,137	106
Old .....	1,737	2,680	3,099	178	116	4,371	5,779	132
Total .....	421,373	492,314	434,602	103	88	875,351	926,916	106
Ducks .....	10,033	11,711	10,296	103	88	20,789	22,007	106
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	99	134	111	112	83	227	245	108
Total .....	3,480,024	3,874,359	3,479,200	100	90	7,163,996	7,353,559	103

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2014	January 2015	February 2015	February 2015 as % of		January to February		2015 as percent of 2014
				February 2014	January 2015	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 .....	8,617	10,063	9,966	116	99	17,853	20,029	112
Mature .....	790	755	835	106	111	1,522	1,590	104
Light .....	308	298	322	105	108	630	620	98
Heavy .....	482	457	513	106	112	892	970	109
Total .....	9,407	10,818	10,801	115	100	19,375	21,619	112
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,371	1,580	1,479	108	94	2,880	3,059	106
Old .....	40	51	58	145	114	83	109	131
Total .....	1,411	1,631	1,537	109	94	2,963	3,168	107
Ducks .....	52	47	44	85	94	96	91	95
Total <sup>2</sup> .....	10,870	12,496	12,382	114	99	22,434	24,878	111
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.22	0.23	0.25	114	109	0.22	0.24	109
Mature .....	1.25	1.14	1.29	103	113	1.15	1.22	106
Light .....	1.65	1.47	1.76	107	120	1.52	1.61	106
Heavy .....	1.08	1.00	1.10	102	110	0.98	1.05	107
Total .....	0.23	0.24	0.27	117	113	0.23	0.25	109
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.26	0.26	0.27	104	104	0.26	0.27	104
Old .....	1.75	1.43	1.40	80	98	1.43	1.42	99
Total .....	0.27	0.27	0.28	104	104	0.27	0.27	100
Ducks .....	0.37	0.29	0.31	84	107	0.33	0.30	91
Total <sup>2</sup> .....	0.24	0.24	0.27	113	113	0.24	0.26	108

<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	February 2014	January 2015	February 2015	February 2015 as % of		January to February		2015 as percent of 2014
				February 2014	January 2015	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 .....	28,341	31,773	29,879	105	94	57,170	61,652	108
Mature .....	2,218	2,340	2,277	103	97	4,203	4,617	110
Light .....	848	925	835	98	90	1,757	1,760	100
Heavy .....	1,370	1,415	1,442	105	102	2,446	2,857	117
Total .....	30,559	34,113	32,156	105	94	61,373	66,269	108
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	5,566	6,879	6,338	114	92	11,967	13,217	110
Old .....	84	135	164	195	121	224	299	133
Total .....	5,650	7,014	6,502	115	93	12,191	13,516	111
Ducks .....	270	308	278	103	90	535	586	110
Other .....	1	1	1	100	100	2	2	100
Total .....	36,480	41,436	38,937	107	94	74,101	80,373	108
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.93	0.95	0.99	106	104	0.92	0.97	105
Mature .....	5.29	5.35	5.24	99	98	4.82	5.30	110
Light .....	7.86	7.84	7.75	99	99	7.41	7.80	105
Heavy .....	4.40	4.43	4.41	100	100	3.86	4.42	115
Total .....	0.99	1.00	1.05	106	105	0.97	1.02	105
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.31	1.39	1.45	111	104	1.36	1.41	104
Old .....	4.61	4.80	5.03	109	105	4.87	4.92	101
Total .....	1.32	1.40	1.47	111	105	1.37	1.44	105
Ducks .....	2.62	2.56	2.63	100	103	2.51	2.59	103
Other .....	1.00	0.74	0.89	89	120	0.87	0.81	93
Total .....	1.04	1.06	1.11	107	105	1.02	1.08	106

<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: January and February 2015

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	4,119	4,398	979,910	934,135
Mature .....	-	-	359	544	149,380	156,791
Light .....	-	-	256	464	115,693	121,560
Heavy .....	-	-	103	80	33,687	35,231
Total .....	-	-	4,478	4,942	1,129,290	1,090,926
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	58	46	38,907	34,161
Old .....	-	-	3	4	1,011	1,078
Total .....	-	-	61	50	39,918	35,239
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	773,097	764,072	6,542	5,613	20,005	18,123
Mature .....	20,591	21,054	165	164	35,021	36,926
Light .....	6,127	7,734	96	75	26,728	28,563
Heavy .....	14,464	13,320	69	89	8,293	8,363
Total .....	793,688	785,126	6,707	5,777	55,026	55,049
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	4,584	5,029	900	789	39	56
Old .....	186	301	2	1	105	160
Total .....	4,770	5,330	902	790	144	216
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	12,815	12,038	63,999	63,066	99,724	93,681
Mature .....	12,780	11,574	1,635	1,771	73,174	68,760
Light .....	12,392	11,176	1,185	1,237	66,396	63,525
Heavy .....	388	398	450	534	6,778	5,235
Total .....	25,595	23,612	65,634	64,837	172,898	162,441
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	98	116	1,200	1,293	1,701	1,560
Old .....	25	24	1	-	48	70
Total .....	123	140	1,201	1,293	1,749	1,630
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	23,475	19,566	699,696	668,072	2,683,382	2,582,764
Mature .....	207	242	99,602	92,450	392,914	390,276
Light .....	84	110	46,295	45,406	275,252	279,850
Heavy .....	123	132	53,307	47,044	117,662	110,426
Total .....	23,682	19,808	799,298	760,522	3,076,296	2,973,040
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	654	442	6,825	6,351	54,966	49,843
Old .....	16	18	316	304	1,713	1,960
Total .....	670	460	7,141	6,655	56,679	51,803

- 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: January and February 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	85,041	76,109	486,006	431,984	5.71	5.68
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	76,798	67,630	498,278	435,330	6.49	6.44
California .....	22,459	21,077	136,466	127,956	6.08	6.07
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	29,285	25,369	210,660	179,618	7.19	7.08
Florida .....	5,988	5,037	34,526	29,355	5.77	5.83
Georgia .....	104,660	95,387	610,945	552,948	5.84	5.80
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	5,267	4,477	23,648	19,883	4.49	4.44
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	25,650	21,264	150,600	123,740	5.87	5.82
Louisiana .....	16,404	14,813	97,982	88,077	5.97	5.95
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	13,426	11,605	75,385	62,628	5.61	5.40
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,985	3,953	23,229	23,380	5.83	5.91
Mississippi .....	58,337	55,107	369,455	350,227	6.33	6.36
Missouri .....	36,559	33,483	174,764	162,843	4.78	4.86
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	97	91	464	428	4.77	4.69
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	1,919	1,895	9,712	9,607	5.06	5.07
North Carolina .....	65,829	57,196	514,314	443,403	7.81	7.75
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	6,702	5,873	38,507	34,275	5.75	5.84
Oklahoma .....	8,978	10,401	57,536	70,879	6.41	6.81
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	9,371	8,634	51,647	47,200	5.51	5.47
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	23,890	22,352	172,037	158,310	7.20	7.08
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	24,938	22,034	133,163	116,702	5.34	5.30
Texas .....	50,556	45,285	312,986	280,475	6.19	6.19
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	28,542	24,806	157,687	136,191	5.52	5.49
Washington .....	4,391	3,960	27,377	24,696	6.23	6.24
West Virginia .....	9,191	8,586	35,713	33,156	3.89	3.86
Wisconsin .....	4,272	3,985	17,703	16,659	4.14	4.18
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	724,764	652,548	4,433,870	3,972,312	6.12	6.09

- Represents zero.

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

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

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
	January	February	Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
			January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	370,712	329,234	3,560	3,174	0.95	0.95
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	375,426	326,397	4,342	3,745	1.14	1.13
California .....	101,676	95,491	807	812	0.79	0.84
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	152,469	130,252	1,940	1,744	1.26	1.32
Florida .....	25,895	22,016	178	183	0.68	0.83
Georgia .....	455,160	418,621	4,393	4,297	0.96	1.02
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	17,188	14,487	161	137	0.93	0.94
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	109,045	89,818	1,317	1,351	1.19	1.48
Louisiana .....	73,916	66,612	542	548	0.73	0.82
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	54,940	45,364	829	773	1.49	1.68
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	19,835	20,069	178	157	0.89	0.78
Mississippi .....	283,570	273,959	2,138	1,962	0.75	0.71
Missouri .....	130,945	121,066	1,330	1,288	1.01	1.05
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	326	299	5	4	1.46	1.23
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	6,030	6,059	179	153	2.88	2.46
North Carolina .....	401,044	346,114	3,638	3,352	0.90	0.96
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	28,900	25,532	325	306	1.11	1.18
Oklahoma .....	43,355	53,187	409	471	0.94	0.88
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	34,965	31,710	652	669	1.83	2.07
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	129,437	119,260	745	785	0.57	0.65
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	97,750	85,623	967	796	0.98	0.92
Texas .....	236,297	212,591	1,668	1,651	0.70	0.77
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	111,750	96,182	953	1,003	0.85	1.03
Washington .....	20,442	18,415	111	111	0.54	0.60
West Virginia .....	25,604	23,768	73	76	0.29	0.32
Wisconsin .....	12,929	12,166	152	163	1.16	1.32
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,328,822	2,993,007	31,773	29,879	0.95	0.99

- 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: January and February 2015

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	245	290	98,801	94,023
Arkansas .....	-	-	250	229	94,334	83,872
Delaware .....	-	-	877	699	75,049	71,925
Georgia .....	-	-	155	109	104,435	100,853
Mississippi .....	-	-	111	68	24,067	21,552
Missouri .....	-	-	30	54	58,362	60,080
North Carolina .....	-	-	278	144	98,172	96,016
Texas .....	-	-	29	27	72,743	71,673
Virginia .....	-	-	68	69	25,483	25,143
United States .....	-	-	4,119	4,398	979,910	934,135

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	49,700	49,854	319	414	1,475	1,481
Arkansas .....	42,898	40,418	1,039	1,448	1,048	919
Delaware .....	94,015	89,808	33	24	2,521	1,802
Georgia .....	120,851	134,896	251	135	3,323	2,623
Mississippi .....	17,129	14,647	24	33	475	460
Missouri .....	26,124	19,485	25	38	537	454
North Carolina .....	75,328	84,101	255	199	3,346	2,990
Texas .....	34,493	35,315	105	43	802	579
Virginia .....	45,156	52,616	11	9	828	617
United States .....	773,097	764,072	6,542	5,613	20,005	18,123

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,276	1,219	7,897	8,150	19,038	16,373
Arkansas .....	564	388	6,038	5,147	6,579	5,722
Delaware .....	1,472	1,459	1,566	1,484	5,403	4,464
Georgia .....	979	994	15,209	16,012	9,749	9,486
Mississippi .....	313	279	1,879	1,627	1,246	1,273
Missouri .....	256	165	1,039	977	3,131	2,645
North Carolina .....	1,000	817	12,717	12,231	5,800	4,848
Texas .....	466	338	1,287	1,087	4,966	4,377
Virginia .....	930	785	583	597	2,858	2,417
United States .....	12,815	12,038	63,999	63,066	99,724	93,681

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,528	1,053	82,124	64,160	262,403	237,017
Arkansas .....	1,246	1,300	35,561	38,938	189,557	178,381
Delaware .....	2,515	2,650	22,872	17,872	206,323	192,187
Georgia .....	3,879	3,073	120,514	121,781	379,345	389,962
Mississippi .....	183	345	14,747	14,194	60,174	54,478
Missouri .....	81	46	24,762	25,955	114,347	109,899
North Carolina .....	3,004	2,979	81,861	74,973	281,761	279,298
Texas .....	1,593	1,339	24,445	21,327	140,929	136,105
Virginia .....	748	688	18,567	13,428	95,232	96,369
United States .....	23,475	19,566	699,696	668,072	2,683,382	2,582,764

- 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: January and February 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	3,122	2,789	64,858	56,906	20.77	20.40
California .....	693	612	21,885	19,503	31.59	31.87
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	1,863	1,673	73,811	66,192	39.62	39.58
Iowa .....	963	942	40,113	40,195	41.66	42.66
Kansas .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kentucky .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,656	3,234	103,228	87,043	28.23	26.91
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	902	837	32,202	29,580	35.68	35.36
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	1,760	1,540	65,825	57,678	37.40	37.44
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	425	396	18,674	17,258	43.93	43.56
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	576	568	15,736	15,226	27.33	26.82
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 .....	646	483	10,473	6,937	16.22	14.37
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Virginia .....	2,320	1,921	62,821	53,564	27.08	27.89
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	19,404	17,203	611,542	538,065	31.52	31.28

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## Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: January and February 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>	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	54,159	47,772	380	309	0.70	0.64
California .....	17,639	15,633	163	158	0.91	1.00
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	59,778	53,594	947	875	1.56	1.61
Iowa .....	31,413	31,538	684	583	2.13	1.81
Kansas .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Kentucky .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	81,814	69,173	1,446	1,295	1.74	1.84
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	26,067	23,993	221	195	0.84	0.81
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 .....	51,277	45,157	592	614	1.14	1.34
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	14,888	13,778	318	308	2.09	2.19
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	12,462	11,964	210	220	1.66	1.81
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 .....	8,876	5,896	70	37	0.78	0.63
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Virginia .....	50,712	43,338	575	535	1.12	1.22
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	489,634	431,503	6,879	6,338	1.39	1.45

- 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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