



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 4 Percent from Last Year

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Poultry certified wholesome during April 2015 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.90 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the amount certified in April 2014. The March 2015 revised certified total at 3.95 billion pounds, was up 9 percent from March 2014. The March revision represented an increase of 6.51 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during April 2015 was 5.14 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 4.93 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.43 billion pounds, up 4 percent from April 2014. Mature chickens, at 71.8 million pounds, were up 2 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 619 million pounds, up 5 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 16.9 million pounds, up 7 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during April 2015 averaged 6.12 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from April 2014. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.77 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during April 2015 averaged 30.7 pounds per bird, down slightly from April 2014.

Ante-mortem condemnations during April 2015 totaled 11.6 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 41.6 million pounds, were 1.06 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.02 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015	April 2015 as % of		January to April		2015 as percent of 2014
				April 2014	March 2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Number slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	711,014	741,648	724,548	102	98	2,769,225	2,845,037	103
Mature	12,662	11,998	12,444	98	104	48,515	47,814	99
Light	6,626	5,957	5,993	90	101	25,638	23,954	93
Heavy	6,036	6,041	6,451	107	107	22,877	23,860	104
Total	723,676	753,646	736,992	102	98	2,817,740	2,892,851	103
Turkeys								
Young	18,990	19,955	20,035	106	100	72,374	76,597	106
Old	129	146	126	98	86	440	537	122
Total	19,119	20,101	20,161	105	100	72,814	77,134	106
Ducks	2,288	2,436	2,463	108	101	8,491	9,358	110
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,260,061	4,501,638	4,431,566	104	98	16,599,198	17,349,694	105
Mature	70,593	68,588	71,799	102	105	268,704	271,191	101
Light	21,104	19,563	19,328	92	99	82,469	77,454	94
Heavy	49,489	49,025	52,471	106	107	186,235	193,737	104
Total	4,330,654	4,570,226	4,503,365	104	99	16,867,902	17,620,885	104
Turkeys								
Young	584,081	622,515	615,574	105	99	2,243,223	2,387,696	106
Old	3,548	3,950	3,566	101	90	12,086	15,213	126
Total	587,629	626,465	619,140	105	99	2,255,309	2,402,909	107
Ducks	15,733	16,666	16,852	107	101	58,413	64,173	110
Other ¹	172	180	178	103	99	656	707	108
Total	4,934,188	5,213,537	5,139,535	104	99	19,182,280	20,088,674	105
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.99	6.07	6.12	102	101	5.99	6.10	102
Mature	5.58	5.72	5.77	103	101	5.54	5.67	102
Light	3.19	3.28	3.23	101	98	3.22	3.23	100
Heavy	8.20	8.12	8.13	99	100	8.14	8.12	100
Total	5.98	6.06	6.11	102	101	5.99	6.09	102
Turkeys								
Young	30.76	31.20	30.72	100	98	30.99	31.17	101
Old	27.50	27.05	28.30	103	105	27.47	28.33	103
Total	30.74	31.17	30.71	100	99	30.97	31.15	101
Ducks	6.88	6.84	6.84	99	100	6.88	6.86	100

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015	April 2015 as % of		January to April		2015 as percent of 2014
				April 2014	March 2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,932,189	3,083,732	3,040,959	104	99	11,403,256	11,911,386	104
Mature	44,405	43,946	46,399	104	106	168,766	172,907	102
Light	11,362	10,956	11,053	97	101	44,321	42,824	97
Heavy	33,043	32,990	35,346	107	107	124,445	130,083	105
Total	2,976,594	3,127,678	3,087,358	104	99	11,572,022	12,084,293	104
Turkeys								
Young	262,930	296,763	293,095	111	99	1,007,610	1,137,170	113
Old	2,429	2,688	2,593	107	96	8,420	10,543	125
Total	265,359	299,451	295,688	111	99	1,016,030	1,147,713	113
Ducks	4,304	4,490	4,397	102	98	16,510	16,868	102
Other ¹	109	116	116	106	100	429	461	107
Total	3,246,366	3,431,735	3,387,559	104	99	12,604,991	13,249,335	105
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	278,674	304,212	300,886	108	99	1,090,903	1,147,889	105
Mature	1	-	-	(X)	(X)	14	-	(X)
Light	1	-	-	(X)	(X)	9	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	5	-	(X)
Total	278,675	304,212	300,886	108	99	1,090,917	1,147,889	105
Turkeys								
Young	205,595	202,229	200,544	98	99	786,885	776,598	99
Old	271	249	109	40	44	761	875	115
Total	205,866	202,478	200,653	97	99	787,646	777,473	99
Ducks	7,071	7,577	7,746	110	102	25,714	29,391	114
Other ¹	11	8	8	73	100	30	32	107
Total	491,623	514,275	509,293	104	99	1,904,307	1,954,785	103
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,210,863	3,387,944	3,341,845	104	99	12,494,159	13,059,275	105
Mature	44,406	43,946	46,399	104	106	168,780	172,907	102
Light	11,363	10,956	11,053	97	101	44,330	42,824	97
Heavy	33,043	32,990	35,346	107	107	124,450	130,083	105
Total	3,255,269	3,431,890	3,388,244	104	99	12,662,939	13,232,182	104
Turkeys								
Young	468,525	498,992	493,639	105	99	1,794,495	1,913,768	107
Old	2,700	2,937	2,702	100	92	9,181	11,418	124
Total	471,225	501,929	496,341	105	99	1,803,676	1,925,186	107
Ducks	11,375	12,067	12,143	107	101	42,224	46,259	110
Other ¹	120	124	124	103	100	459	493	107
Total	3,737,989	3,946,010	3,896,852	104	99	14,509,298	15,204,120	105

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015	April 2015 as % of		January to April		2015 as percent of 2014
				April 2014	March 2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	8,981	10,267	9,377	104	91	35,767	39,717	111
Mature	760	771	780	103	101	2,981	3,141	105
Light	286	296	304	106	103	1,173	1,220	104
Heavy	474	475	476	100	100	1,808	1,921	106
Total	9,741	11,038	10,157	104	92	38,748	42,858	111
Turkeys								
Young	1,309	1,518	1,411	108	93	5,484	5,988	109
Old	52	54	46	88	85	166	209	126
Total	1,361	1,572	1,457	107	93	5,650	6,197	110
Ducks	29	37	33	114	89	154	162	105
Total ¹	11,131	12,647	11,647	105	92	44,552	49,217	110
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.21	0.23	0.21	100	91	0.22	0.23	105
Mature	1.08	1.12	1.09	101	97	1.11	1.16	105
Light	1.36	1.51	1.57	115	104	1.42	1.58	111
Heavy	0.96	0.97	0.91	95	94	0.97	0.99	102
Total	0.22	0.24	0.23	105	96	0.23	0.24	104
Turkeys								
Young	0.22	0.24	0.23	105	96	0.24	0.25	104
Old	1.47	1.37	1.29	88	94	1.37	1.37	100
Total	0.23	0.25	0.24	104	96	0.25	0.26	104
Ducks	0.18	0.22	0.20	111	91	0.26	0.25	96
Total ¹	0.23	0.24	0.23	100	96	0.23	0.24	104

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2014	March 2015	April 2015	April 2015 as % of		January to April		2015 as percent of 2014
				April 2014	March 2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	29,317	32,598	31,476	107	97	115,576	125,789	109
Mature	2,317	2,415	2,509	108	104	8,829	9,541	108
Light	824	863	880	107	102	3,515	3,503	100
Heavy	1,493	1,552	1,629	109	105	5,314	6,038	114
Total	31,634	35,013	33,985	107	97	124,405	135,330	109
Turkeys								
Young	6,436	6,994	7,155	111	102	24,536	27,366	112
Old	118	167	142	120	85	465	608	131
Total	6,554	7,161	7,297	111	102	25,001	27,974	112
Ducks	312	300	305	98	102	1,100	1,191	108
Other ¹	2	2	1	50	50	5	5	100
Total	38,502	42,476	41,588	108	98	150,511	164,500	109
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.90	0.95	0.93	103	98	0.92	0.95	103
Mature	4.96	5.21	5.13	103	98	4.97	5.23	105
Light	6.76	7.30	7.37	109	101	7.35	7.56	103
Heavy	4.32	4.49	4.41	102	98	4.10	4.44	108
Total	0.96	1.01	0.99	103	98	0.97	1.01	104
Turkeys								
Young	1.36	1.38	1.43	105	104	1.35	1.41	104
Old	4.19	5.38	4.99	119	93	4.82	5.06	105
Total	1.37	1.41	1.45	106	103	1.37	1.43	104
Ducks	2.67	2.43	2.45	92	101	2.54	2.51	99
Other ¹	1.64	1.59	0.80	49	50	1.08	1.00	93
Total	1.02	1.06	1.06	104	100	1.03	1.07	104

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: March and April 2015

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	6,252	6,416	1,013,033	965,247
Mature	-	-	532	544	155,098	156,838
Light	-	-	444	414	120,785	122,304
Heavy	-	-	88	130	34,313	34,534
Total	-	-	6,784	6,960	1,168,131	1,122,085
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	42	48	37,033	34,589
Old	-	-	-	-	1,046	1,005
Total	-	-	42	48	38,079	35,594
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	814,752	702,063	4,143	2,969	19,333	16,128
Mature	22,232	24,184	284	232	36,093	38,239
Light	7,071	8,254	165	106	26,949	29,871
Heavy	15,161	15,930	119	126	9,144	8,368
Total	836,984	726,247	4,427	3,201	55,426	54,367
Turkeys						
Young	4,712	4,738	1,159	1,689	67	41
Old	336	281	7	7	135	141
Total	5,048	5,019	1,166	1,696	202	182
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	13,076	12,562	60,922	58,259	100,245	97,613
Mature	13,413	11,839	1,622	1,635	72,778	73,913
Light	13,058	11,491	1,043	1,109	68,075	69,173
Heavy	355	348	579	526	4,703	4,740
Total	26,489	24,401	62,544	59,894	173,023	171,526
Turkeys						
Young	139	135	1,292	1,405	2,028	1,991
Old	17	25	3	6	39	38
Total	156	160	1,295	1,411	2,067	2,029
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	16,790	20,316	712,334	661,775	2,760,880	2,543,348
Mature	312	374	88,676	91,204	391,040	399,002
Light	129	148	45,241	45,993	282,960	288,863
Heavy	183	226	43,435	45,211	108,080	110,139
Total	17,102	20,690	801,010	752,979	3,151,920	2,942,350
Turkeys						
Young	464	631	6,968	7,911	53,904	53,178
Old	23	23	354	341	1,960	1,867
Total	487	654	7,322	8,252	55,864	55,045

- 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: March and April 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	90,736	86,737	511,099	493,359	5.63	5.69
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	75,209	74,496	486,602	487,508	6.47	6.54
California	21,743	21,672	131,021	133,471	6.03	6.16
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	28,059	28,095	200,863	201,452	7.16	7.17
Florida	5,497	5,040	32,647	29,738	5.94	5.90
Georgia	108,726	105,690	632,949	612,105	5.82	5.79
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,357	5,152	23,875	22,638	4.46	4.39
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	26,602	24,516	155,877	144,678	5.86	5.90
Louisiana	17,377	16,879	103,901	100,749	5.98	5.97
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	12,658	12,513	68,828	70,145	5.44	5.61
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,321	4,289	25,976	25,942	6.01	6.05
Mississippi	60,346	59,969	376,074	378,213	6.23	6.31
Missouri	37,712	36,034	181,554	175,649	4.81	4.87
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	98	102	485	494	4.95	4.85
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,155	1,831	10,530	9,175	4.89	5.01
North Carolina	65,288	65,567	506,632	509,821	7.76	7.78
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	6,618	6,471	36,764	36,277	5.56	5.61
Oklahoma	11,918	11,635	80,260	77,581	6.73	6.67
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,985	9,119	55,062	50,320	5.51	5.52
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	24,207	24,071	173,309	174,403	7.16	7.25
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	26,620	25,450	141,538	133,773	5.32	5.26
Texas	51,863	51,829	319,408	321,881	6.16	6.21
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	27,720	26,850	149,742	146,797	5.40	5.47
Washington	4,309	4,190	26,700	25,934	6.20	6.19
West Virginia	9,677	9,860	37,380	37,911	3.86	3.85
Wisconsin	4,406	4,293	18,462	18,236	4.19	4.25
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	741,648	724,548	4,501,638	4,431,566	6.07	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: March and April 2015

[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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	388,243	377,067	3,550	3,320	0.91	0.87
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	367,068	370,046	4,279	4,180	1.15	1.12
California	98,003	99,705	756	796	0.77	0.79
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	146,190	146,912	1,945	1,911	1.31	1.28
Florida	24,481	22,304	193	145	0.78	0.65
Georgia	476,538	463,521	4,676	4,589	0.97	0.98
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	17,451	16,565	170	167	0.97	1.00
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	113,065	104,586	1,402	1,406	1.22	1.33
Louisiana	78,269	76,143	561	563	0.71	0.73
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	49,962	50,964	852	829	1.68	1.60
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	22,342	22,189	177	185	0.78	0.83
Mississippi	292,523	293,962	2,114	1,978	0.72	0.67
Missouri	135,505	131,393	1,400	1,342	1.02	1.01
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	340	346	5	7	1.44	2.11
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,490	5,690	154	137	2.32	2.35
North Carolina	394,705	398,133	3,696	3,610	0.93	0.90
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	27,395	26,999	316	322	1.14	1.18
Oklahoma	60,158	58,451	494	500	0.81	0.85
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	37,204	34,079	716	659	1.89	1.90
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	130,535	131,494	828	840	0.63	0.63
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	104,073	98,056	843	835	0.80	0.84
Texas	240,948	240,015	1,927	1,796	0.79	0.74
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	106,278	103,878	1,006	832	0.94	0.79
Washington	19,948	19,337	117	131	0.58	0.67
West Virginia	26,705	27,200	76	77	0.28	0.28
Wisconsin	13,486	13,323	162	146	1.19	1.08
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,387,944	3,341,845	32,598	31,476	0.95	0.93

- Represents zero.

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

(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: March and April 2015

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	305	245	102,135	85,567
Arkansas	-	-	353	281	92,774	93,066
Delaware	-	-	1,714	1,545	77,150	74,722
Georgia	-	-	154	174	110,431	114,372
Mississippi	-	-	60	82	21,521	21,733
Missouri	-	-	35	26	62,983	56,503
North Carolina	-	-	289	206	110,811	111,475
Texas	-	-	22	28	85,718	69,622
Virginia	-	-	63	62	26,636	23,099
United States	-	-	6,252	6,416	1,013,033	965,247

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	55,686	43,783	399	362	1,748	1,782
Arkansas	44,757	37,000	1,566	915	1,143	858
Delaware	104,329	100,185	47	63	1,379	1,284
Georgia	144,099	139,119	206	165	2,784	2,276
Mississippi	15,265	12,240	29	41	535	476
Missouri	13,517	9,037	77	18	438	435
North Carolina	94,804	85,534	247	141	2,972	2,489
Texas	43,697	24,301	46	77	715	595
Virginia	54,381	32,303	8	5	666	499
United States	814,752	702,063	4,143	2,969	19,333	16,128

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,306	1,080	8,915	7,315	18,105	18,198
Arkansas	491	422	4,469	4,500	6,861	7,096
Delaware	1,621	1,700	1,714	1,885	5,225	5,772
Georgia	1,080	1,080	15,758	14,233	10,360	7,308
Mississippi	382	345	1,613	1,569	1,455	1,356
Missouri	242	172	810	663	3,417	3,062
North Carolina	854	937	11,656	12,286	5,401	5,506
Texas	465	419	1,175	1,014	4,858	4,280
Virginia	901	803	627	670	3,419	3,255
United States	13,076	12,562	60,922	58,259	100,245	97,613

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,305	1,248	61,242	57,555	251,146	217,135
Arkansas	899	996	55,939	46,400	209,252	191,534
Delaware	2,732	2,641	19,799	14,167	215,710	203,964
Georgia	2,643	2,524	132,870	125,936	420,385	407,187
Mississippi	242	549	15,492	14,354	56,594	52,745
Missouri	96	22	26,862	23,522	108,477	93,460
North Carolina	2,110	3,426	79,768	68,125	308,912	290,125
Texas	1,381	851	20,956	17,606	159,033	118,793
Virginia	1,180	1,313	15,140	11,660	103,021	73,669
United States	16,790	20,316	712,334	661,775	2,760,880	2,543,348

- 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: March and April 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	3,123	3,074	63,378	61,692	20.29	20.07
California	800	694	23,553	23,269	29.43	33.52
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,825	1,797	72,544	71,513	39.75	39.78
Iowa	1,172	1,147	49,784	48,932	42.47	42.65
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kentucky	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,669	4,197	96,198	104,560	26.22	24.91
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	917	931	31,616	31,065	34.49	33.36
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,970	1,801	74,904	68,097	38.03	37.81
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	466	418	20,397	18,727	43.74	44.80
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	669	624	17,774	17,397	26.55	27.89
Rhode Island	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	564	525	8,441	7,427	14.98	14.14
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,269	2,269	63,939	62,476	28.18	27.54
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,955	20,035	622,515	615,574	31.20	30.72

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: March and April 2015

[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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	52,658	51,473	335	281	0.63	0.54
California	18,933	18,806	164	143	0.86	0.75
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	58,633	57,808	950	978	1.59	1.66
Iowa	39,180	38,602	717	761	1.80	1.93
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	76,740	83,276	1,280	1,372	1.64	1.62
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	25,591	25,213	242	208	0.94	0.82
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	58,696	53,332	704	636	1.18	1.18
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	16,271	14,962	350	341	2.11	2.23
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	14,053	13,753	255	261	1.78	1.86
Rhode Island	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	7,174	6,156	54	49	0.75	0.78
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	51,875	50,734	582	628	1.11	1.22
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	498,992	493,639	6,994	7,155	1.38	1.43

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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.

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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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