



# Poultry Slaughter

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

**May 2014** contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

**May 2015** contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

**Poultry certified wholesome** during May 2015 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.73 billion pounds, up slightly from the amount certified in May 2014. The April 2015 revised certified total at 3.90 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from April 2014. The April revision represented an increase of 4.17 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during May 2015 was 4.92 billion pounds, down slightly from 4.93 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.30 billion pounds, up 1 percent from May 2014. Mature chickens, at 62.8 million pounds, were down 13 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 541 million pounds, down 8 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.9 million pounds, down 1 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during May 2015 averaged 6.11 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from May 2014. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.87 pounds per bird, up 7 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2015 averaged 30.5 pounds per bird, down slightly from May 2014.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during May 2015 totaled 11.0 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 38.2 million pounds, were 1.01 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	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	May 2015 as % of		January to May		2015 as percent of 2014
				May 2014	April 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 .....	712,142	725,427	704,463	99	97	3,481,367	3,550,379	102
Mature .....	13,165	12,444	10,696	81	86	61,680	58,510	95
Light .....	7,059	5,993	4,921	70	82	32,697	28,875	88
Heavy .....	6,106	6,451	5,775	95	90	28,983	29,635	102
Total .....	725,307	737,871	715,159	99	97	3,543,047	3,608,889	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	19,205	20,035	17,681	92	88	91,579	94,278	103
Old .....	78	126	77	99	61	518	614	119
Total .....	19,283	20,161	17,758	92	88	92,097	94,892	103
Ducks .....	2,188	2,463	2,172	99	88	10,679	11,530	108
	(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 .....	4,254,278	4,436,572	4,303,472	101	97	20,853,476	21,658,172	104
Mature .....	72,087	71,799	62,815	87	87	340,791	334,006	98
Light .....	22,261	19,328	15,872	71	82	104,730	93,326	89
Heavy .....	49,826	52,471	46,943	94	89	236,061	240,680	102
Total .....	4,326,365	4,508,371	4,366,287	101	97	21,194,267	21,992,178	104
Turkeys								
Young .....	585,881	615,904	539,006	92	88	2,829,104	2,927,032	103
Old .....	2,139	3,566	2,143	100	60	14,225	17,356	122
Total .....	588,020	619,470	541,149	92	87	2,843,329	2,944,388	104
Ducks .....	15,010	16,852	14,878	99	88	73,423	79,051	108
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	182	178	178	98	100	838	885	106
Total .....	4,929,577	5,144,871	4,922,492	100	96	24,111,857	25,016,502	104
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	5.97	6.12	6.11	102	100	5.99	6.10	102
Mature .....	5.48	5.77	5.87	107	102	5.53	5.71	103
Light .....	3.15	3.23	3.23	103	100	3.20	3.23	101
Heavy .....	8.16	8.13	8.13	100	100	8.14	8.12	100
Total .....	5.96	6.11	6.11	103	100	5.98	6.09	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	30.51	30.74	30.49	100	99	30.89	31.05	101
Old .....	27.42	28.30	27.83	101	98	27.46	28.27	103
Total .....	30.49	30.73	30.47	100	99	30.87	31.03	101
Ducks .....	6.86	6.84	6.85	100	100	6.88	6.86	100

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

## Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	May 2015 as % of		January to May		2015 as percent of 2014
				May 2014	April 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 .....	2,924,712	3,044,861	2,959,151	101	97	14,327,968	14,874,439	104
Mature .....	45,927	46,399	40,374	88	87	214,693	213,281	99
Light .....	12,089	11,053	8,607	71	78	56,410	51,431	91
Heavy .....	33,838	35,346	31,767	94	90	158,283	161,850	102
Total .....	2,970,639	3,091,260	2,999,525	101	97	14,542,661	15,087,720	104
Turkeys								
Young .....	269,037	293,095	248,259	92	85	1,276,647	1,385,429	109
Old .....	1,502	2,593	1,560	104	60	9,922	12,103	122
Total .....	270,539	295,688	249,819	92	84	1,286,569	1,397,532	109
Ducks .....	3,950	4,397	3,988	101	91	20,460	20,856	102
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	117	116	114	97	98	546	575	105
Total .....	3,245,245	3,391,461	3,253,446	100	96	15,850,236	16,506,683	104
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	276,450	300,886	286,515	104	95	1,367,353	1,434,404	105
Mature .....	8	-	3	38	(X)	22	3	14
Light .....	1	-	-	(X)	(X)	10	-	(X)
Heavy .....	7	-	3	43	(X)	12	3	25
Total .....	276,458	300,886	286,518	104	95	1,367,375	1,434,407	105
Turkeys								
Young .....	200,294	200,810	184,183	92	92	987,179	961,047	97
Old .....	130	109	45	35	41	891	920	103
Total .....	200,424	200,919	184,228	92	92	988,070	961,967	97
Ducks .....	6,914	7,746	6,739	97	87	32,628	36,130	111
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	8	8	7	88	88	38	39	103
Total .....	483,804	509,559	477,492	99	94	2,388,111	2,432,543	102
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,201,162	3,345,747	3,245,666	101	97	15,695,321	16,308,843	104
Mature .....	45,935	46,399	40,377	88	87	214,715	213,284	99
Light .....	12,090	11,053	8,607	71	78	56,420	51,431	91
Heavy .....	33,845	35,346	31,770	94	90	158,295	161,853	102
Total .....	3,247,097	3,392,146	3,286,043	101	97	15,910,036	16,522,127	104
Turkeys								
Young .....	469,331	493,905	432,442	92	88	2,263,826	2,346,476	104
Old .....	1,632	2,702	1,605	98	59	10,813	13,023	120
Total .....	470,963	496,607	434,047	92	87	2,274,639	2,359,499	104
Ducks .....	10,864	12,143	10,727	99	88	53,088	56,986	107
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	125	124	121	97	98	584	614	105
Total .....	3,729,049	3,901,020	3,730,938	100	96	18,238,347	18,939,226	104

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	May 2015 as % of		January to May		2015 as percent of 2014
				May 2014	April 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 .....	8,774	9,391	8,985	102	96	44,541	48,716	109
Mature .....	770	780	798	104	102	3,751	3,939	105
Light .....	330	304	286	87	94	1,503	1,506	100
Heavy .....	440	476	512	116	108	2,248	2,433	108
Total .....	9,544	10,171	9,783	103	96	48,292	52,655	109
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,320	1,412	1,154	87	82	6,804	7,143	105
Old .....	32	46	36	113	78	198	245	124
Total .....	1,352	1,458	1,190	88	82	7,002	7,388	106
Ducks .....	31	33	29	94	88	185	191	103
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	10,927	11,662	11,002	101	94	55,479	60,234	109
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.21	0.21	0.21	100	100	0.21	0.22	105
Mature .....	1.07	1.09	1.27	119	117	1.10	1.18	107
Light .....	1.48	1.57	1.80	122	115	1.44	1.61	112
Heavy .....	0.88	0.91	1.09	124	120	0.95	1.01	106
Total .....	0.22	0.23	0.22	100	96	0.23	0.24	104
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.23	0.23	0.21	91	91	0.24	0.24	100
Old .....	1.50	1.29	1.68	112	130	1.39	1.41	101
Total .....	0.23	0.24	0.22	96	92	0.25	0.25	100
Ducks .....	0.21	0.20	0.19	90	95	0.25	0.24	96
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.22	0.23	0.22	100	96	0.23	0.24	104

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

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2014	April 2015	May 2015	May 2015 as % of		January to May		2015 as percent of 2014
				May 2014	April 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 .....	28,933	31,543	29,443	102	93	144,509	155,299	107
Mature .....	2,513	2,509	2,308	92	92	11,342	11,849	104
Light .....	974	880	704	72	80	4,489	4,207	94
Heavy .....	1,539	1,629	1,604	104	98	6,853	7,642	112
Total .....	31,446	34,052	31,751	101	93	155,851	167,148	107
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	6,185	7,155	6,063	98	85	30,721	33,429	109
Old .....	90	142	96	107	68	555	704	127
Total .....	6,275	7,297	6,159	98	84	31,276	34,133	109
Ducks .....	262	305	306	117	100	1,362	1,497	110
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1	1	1	100	100	6	6	100
Total .....	37,984	41,655	38,217	101	92	188,495	202,784	108
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.90	0.93	0.90	100	97	0.91	0.94	103
Mature .....	5.19	5.13	5.41	104	105	5.02	5.26	105
Light .....	7.46	7.37	7.56	101	103	7.37	7.56	103
Heavy .....	4.35	4.41	4.81	111	109	4.15	4.51	109
Total .....	0.96	0.99	0.96	100	97	0.97	1.00	103
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.30	1.43	1.38	106	97	1.34	1.40	104
Old .....	5.23	4.99	5.64	108	113	4.88	5.13	105
Total .....	1.31	1.45	1.40	107	97	1.36	1.43	105
Ducks .....	2.35	2.45	2.77	118	113	2.50	2.56	102
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	0.79	0.80	0.82	104	103	1.02	0.97	95
Total .....	1.01	1.06	1.01	100	95	1.02	1.06	104

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

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

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

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	6,416	6,940	966,343	893,126
Mature .....	-	-	544	410	156,838	134,838
Light .....	-	-	414	293	122,304	98,609
Heavy .....	-	-	130	117	34,534	36,229
Total .....	-	-	6,960	7,350	1,123,181	1,027,964
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	48	33	34,589	28,225
Old .....	-	-	-	-	1,005	580
Total .....	-	-	48	33	35,594	28,805
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	702,289	510,263	2,959	2,758	16,131	13,976
Mature .....	24,184	23,551	232	298	38,239	33,335
Light .....	8,254	5,906	106	128	29,871	24,661
Heavy .....	15,930	17,645	126	170	8,368	8,674
Total .....	726,473	533,814	3,191	3,056	54,370	47,311
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	4,738	3,558	1,689	1,001	41	29
Old .....	281	124	7	1	141	95
Total .....	5,019	3,682	1,696	1,002	182	124
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	12,581	11,535	58,338	49,261	97,667	91,990
Mature .....	11,839	12,835	1,635	1,433	73,913	62,708
Light .....	11,491	12,507	1,109	972	69,173	57,840
Heavy .....	348	328	526	461	4,740	4,868
Total .....	24,420	24,370	59,973	50,694	171,580	154,698
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	135	136	1,405	1,152	1,991	1,969
Old .....	25	25	6	16	38	37
Total .....	160	161	1,411	1,168	2,029	2,006
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	20,316	20,251	661,775	592,936	2,544,815	2,193,036
Mature .....	374	445	91,204	90,462	399,002	360,315
Light .....	148	134	45,993	40,342	288,863	241,392
Heavy .....	226	311	45,211	50,120	110,139	118,923
Total .....	20,690	20,696	752,979	683,398	2,943,817	2,553,351
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	631	447	7,911	8,325	53,178	44,875
Old .....	23	7	341	153	1,867	1,038
Total .....	654	454	8,252	8,478	55,045	45,913

- 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: April and May 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	86,737	85,236	493,359	480,794	5.69	5.64
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	74,678	68,813	488,859	439,595	6.55	6.39
California .....	21,672	22,110	133,471	135,636	6.16	6.13
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	28,095	28,526	201,452	206,481	7.17	7.24
Florida .....	5,040	5,199	29,739	30,557	5.90	5.88
Georgia .....	106,270	100,709	615,759	588,129	5.79	5.84
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	5,152	4,745	22,638	21,051	4.39	4.44
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	24,516	24,495	144,678	143,185	5.90	5.85
Louisiana .....	16,879	16,717	100,749	100,343	5.97	6.00
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	12,513	12,259	70,145	68,655	5.61	5.60
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,289	4,081	25,942	24,797	6.05	6.08
Mississippi .....	59,969	58,795	378,213	373,066	6.31	6.35
Missouri .....	36,034	35,568	175,649	171,385	4.87	4.82
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	102	102	494	499	4.85	4.91
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	1,831	1,898	9,175	9,556	5.01	5.03
North Carolina .....	65,567	63,512	509,821	490,818	7.78	7.73
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	6,471	6,346	36,277	35,464	5.61	5.59
Oklahoma .....	11,635	11,161	77,581	74,456	6.67	6.67
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	9,119	8,819	50,320	48,763	5.52	5.53
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	24,071	23,330	174,403	170,165	7.25	7.29
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	25,450	23,527	133,773	126,203	5.26	5.36
Texas .....	51,946	50,759	321,881	315,222	6.20	6.21
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	26,850	27,665	146,797	155,962	5.47	5.64
Washington .....	4,190	3,983	25,934	24,642	6.19	6.19
West Virginia .....	9,860	9,331	37,911	35,177	3.85	3.77
Wisconsin .....	4,293	4,317	18,236	18,274	4.25	4.23
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	725,427	704,463	4,436,572	4,303,472	6.12	6.11

- Represents zero.

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

# Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: April and May 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>	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	377,067	367,007	3,320	3,017	0.87	0.82
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	370,971	333,789	4,196	3,858	1.12	1.14
California .....	99,705	101,017	796	819	0.79	0.80
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	146,912	150,242	1,911	1,673	1.28	1.10
Florida .....	22,304	22,918	145	137	0.65	0.59
Georgia .....	466,498	446,102	4,624	3,966	0.98	0.88
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	16,565	15,413	167	137	1.00	0.88
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	104,586	104,097	1,406	1,556	1.33	1.47
Louisiana .....	76,143	75,274	563	456	0.73	0.60
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	50,964	49,977	829	650	1.60	1.28
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	22,189	21,152	185	210	0.83	0.98
Mississippi .....	293,962	291,306	1,978	1,922	0.67	0.66
Missouri .....	131,393	127,943	1,342	1,346	1.01	1.04
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	346	349	7	4	2.11	1.10
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	5,690	5,954	137	145	2.35	2.37
North Carolina .....	398,133	383,217	3,610	3,325	0.90	0.86
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	26,999	26,386	322	317	1.18	1.19
Oklahoma .....	58,451	56,050	500	464	0.85	0.82
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	34,079	33,108	659	615	1.90	1.82
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	131,494	128,029	840	754	0.63	0.59
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	98,056	92,519	835	849	0.84	0.91
Texas .....	240,015	235,619	1,812	1,834	0.75	0.77
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	103,878	110,796	832	855	0.79	0.77
Washington .....	19,337	18,356	131	111	0.67	0.60
West Virginia .....	27,200	25,235	77	77	0.28	0.30
Wisconsin .....	13,323	13,343	146	159	1.08	1.18
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,345,747	3,245,666	31,543	29,443	0.93	0.90

- 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: April and May 2015

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	245	395	85,567	83,744
Arkansas .....	-	-	281	227	92,927	76,765
Delaware .....	-	-	1,545	2,492	74,722	70,505
Georgia .....	-	-	174	46	115,046	103,242
Mississippi .....	-	-	82	78	21,733	21,504
Missouri .....	-	-	26	74	56,503	49,023
North Carolina .....	-	-	206	218	111,475	99,134
Texas .....	-	-	28	35	70,183	67,101
Virginia .....	-	-	62	66	23,099	20,468
United States .....	-	-	6,416	6,940	966,343	893,126

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	43,783	36,919	362	362	1,782	1,281
Arkansas .....	36,947	30,024	905	770	854	670
Delaware .....	100,185	68,580	63	28	1,284	1,116
Georgia .....	139,317	92,540	165	152	2,283	1,934
Mississippi .....	12,240	11,682	41	30	476	450
Missouri .....	9,037	8,055	18	64	435	382
North Carolina .....	85,534	62,973	141	168	2,489	2,739
Texas .....	24,382	19,647	77	90	595	565
Virginia .....	32,303	27,537	5	5	499	369
United States .....	702,289	510,263	2,959	2,758	16,131	13,976

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,080	1,174	7,315	5,908	18,198	15,484
Arkansas .....	422	363	4,500	3,178	7,096	6,631
Delaware .....	1,700	1,507	1,885	1,936	5,772	6,056
Georgia .....	1,094	852	14,312	11,825	7,349	6,286
Mississippi .....	345	380	1,569	1,680	1,356	1,211
Missouri .....	172	215	663	554	3,062	3,484
North Carolina .....	937	861	12,286	10,391	5,506	5,507
Texas .....	424	459	1,014	987	4,293	3,890
Virginia .....	803	756	670	486	3,255	2,940
United States .....	12,581	11,535	58,338	49,261	97,667	91,990

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,248	991	57,555	55,297	217,135	201,555
Arkansas .....	996	1,337	46,400	36,049	191,328	156,014
Delaware .....	2,641	2,958	14,167	12,293	203,964	167,471
Georgia .....	2,524	2,996	125,936	94,619	408,200	314,492
Mississippi .....	549	507	14,354	13,119	52,745	50,641
Missouri .....	22	95	23,522	25,492	93,460	87,438
North Carolina .....	3,426	2,256	68,125	67,762	290,125	252,009
Texas .....	851	568	17,606	20,086	119,453	113,428
Virginia .....	1,313	581	11,660	13,060	73,669	66,268
United States .....	20,316	20,251	661,775	592,936	2,544,815	2,193,036

- 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: April and May 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	3,074	2,722	61,692	53,298	20.07	19.58
California .....	694	726	23,269	23,511	33.52	32.37
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	1,797	1,767	71,513	71,669	39.78	40.55
Iowa .....	1,147	1,209	48,932	47,528	42.65	39.30
Kansas .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Kentucky .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,197	2,894	104,560	64,819	24.91	22.40
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	931	839	31,395	30,093	33.71	35.86
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	1,801	1,744	68,097	63,744	37.81	36.56
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	418	432	18,727	19,346	44.80	44.81
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	624	587	17,397	16,317	27.89	27.78
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	525	509	7,427	7,306	14.14	14.35
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Virginia .....	2,269	2,083	62,476	56,739	27.54	27.24
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	20,035	17,681	615,904	539,006	30.74	30.49

- Represents zero.

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## Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: April and May 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>	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	51,473	44,763	281	247	0.54	0.55
California .....	18,806	19,096	143	143	0.75	0.74
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 .....	57,808	57,762	978	973	1.66	1.66
Iowa .....	38,602	37,361	761	603	1.93	1.59
Kansas .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Kentucky .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	83,276	51,778	1,372	872	1.62	1.66
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	25,479	24,341	208	237	0.81	0.97
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 .....	53,332	49,833	636	649	1.18	1.28
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	14,962	15,443	341	349	2.23	2.21
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	13,753	12,938	261	222	1.86	1.69
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	6,156	6,195	49	42	0.78	0.68
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Virginia .....	50,734	45,951	628	512	1.22	1.10
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	493,905	432,442	7,155	6,063	1.43	1.38

- 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.

## **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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