



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent from Last Year

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Poultry certified wholesome during July 2015 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.97 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in July 2014. The June 2015 revised certified total at 3.94 billion pounds, was up 5 percent from June 2014. The June revision represented an increase of 18.0 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during July 2015 was 5.25 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 5.13 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.61 billion pounds, up 4 percent from July 2014. Mature chickens, at 68.8 million pounds, were down 1 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 558 million pounds, down 11 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.8 million pounds, up 1 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during July 2015 averaged 6.05 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from July 2014. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.34 pounds per bird, up 7 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during July 2015 averaged 29.0 pounds per bird, down 4 percent from July 2014.

Ante-mortem condemnations during July 2015 totaled 13.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.25 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 38.3 million pounds, were 0.95 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.94 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	July 2014	June 2015	July 2015	July 2015 as % of		January to July		2015 as percent of 2014
				July 2014	June 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	743,158	747,484	762,403	103	102	4,937,130	5,060,320	102
Mature	11,746	11,247	10,853	92	96	85,425	80,610	94
Light	5,321	4,331	4,085	77	94	44,088	37,291	85
Heavy	6,425	6,916	6,768	105	98	41,337	43,319	105
Total	754,904	758,731	773,256	102	102	5,022,555	5,140,930	102
Turkeys								
Young	20,669	18,959	19,143	93	101	132,306	132,380	100
Old	114	108	111	97	103	719	833	116
Total	20,783	19,067	19,254	93	101	133,025	133,213	100
Ducks	2,284	2,325	2,315	101	100	15,019	16,170	108
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,418,499	4,551,023	4,608,857	104	101	29,537,952	30,818,519	104
Mature	69,515	70,306	68,786	99	98	478,789	473,098	99
Light	17,057	13,847	13,322	78	96	141,756	120,495	85
Heavy	52,458	56,459	55,464	106	98	337,033	352,603	105
Total	4,488,014	4,621,329	4,677,643	104	101	30,016,741	31,291,617	104
Turkeys								
Young	622,421	568,095	555,104	89	98	4,055,493	4,050,231	100
Old	3,231	3,153	3,036	94	96	19,760	23,545	119
Total	625,652	571,248	558,140	89	98	4,075,253	4,073,776	100
Ducks	15,696	15,905	15,826	101	100	103,248	110,782	107
Other ¹	194	274	249	128	91	1,223	1,408	115
Total	5,129,556	5,208,756	5,251,858	102	101	34,196,465	35,477,583	104
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.95	6.09	6.05	102	99	5.98	6.09	102
Mature	5.92	6.25	6.34	107	101	5.60	5.87	105
Light	3.21	3.20	3.26	102	102	3.22	3.23	100
Heavy	8.16	8.16	8.20	100	100	8.15	8.14	100
Total	5.95	6.09	6.05	102	99	5.98	6.09	102
Turkeys								
Young	30.11	29.96	29.00	96	97	30.65	30.60	100
Old	28.34	29.19	27.35	97	94	27.48	28.27	103
Total	30.10	29.96	28.99	96	97	30.64	30.58	100
Ducks	6.87	6.84	6.84	100	100	6.87	6.85	100

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	July 2014	June 2015	July 2015	July 2015 as % of		January to July		2015 as percent of 2014
				July 2014	June 2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,033,351	3,145,755	3,191,403	105	101	20,284,990	21,212,044	105
Mature	44,166	45,591	44,544	101	98	302,376	303,416	100
Light	9,012	7,785	7,468	83	96	76,417	66,684	87
Heavy	35,154	37,806	37,076	105	98	225,959	236,732	105
Total	3,077,517	3,191,346	3,235,947	105	101	20,587,366	21,515,460	105
Turkeys								
Young	282,941	257,238	243,523	86	95	1,831,481	1,886,190	103
Old	2,326	2,313	2,257	97	98	13,805	16,673	121
Total	285,267	259,551	245,780	86	95	1,845,286	1,902,863	103
Ducks	4,078	4,543	4,384	108	97	28,430	29,783	105
Other ¹	124	164	153	123	93	788	892	113
Total	3,366,986	3,455,604	3,486,264	104	101	22,461,870	23,448,998	104
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	297,781	282,665	276,451	93	98	1,947,059	1,993,520	102
Mature	-	4	5	(X)	125	23	12	52
Light	-	-	1	(X)	(X)	11	1	9
Heavy	-	4	4	(X)	100	12	11	92
Total	297,781	282,669	276,456	93	98	1,947,082	1,993,532	102
Turkeys								
Young	215,020	198,675	201,867	94	102	1,414,551	1,361,589	96
Old	140	45	58	41	129	1,195	1,023	86
Total	215,160	198,720	201,925	94	102	1,415,746	1,362,612	96
Ducks	7,241	6,969	7,132	98	102	46,215	50,231	109
Other ¹	10	9	7	70	78	56	55	98
Total	520,192	488,367	485,520	93	99	3,409,099	3,406,430	100
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,331,132	3,428,420	3,467,854	104	101	22,232,049	23,205,564	104
Mature	44,166	45,595	44,549	101	98	302,399	303,428	100
Light	9,012	7,785	7,469	83	96	76,428	66,685	87
Heavy	35,154	37,810	37,080	105	98	225,971	236,743	105
Total	3,375,298	3,474,015	3,512,403	104	101	22,534,448	23,508,992	104
Turkeys								
Young	497,961	455,913	445,390	89	98	3,246,032	3,247,779	100
Old	2,466	2,358	2,315	94	98	15,000	17,696	118
Total	500,427	458,271	447,705	89	98	3,261,032	3,265,475	100
Ducks	11,319	11,512	11,516	102	100	74,645	80,014	107
Other ¹	134	173	160	119	92	844	947	112
Total	3,887,178	3,943,971	3,971,784	102	101	25,870,969	26,855,428	104

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	July 2014	June 2015	July 2015	July 2015 as % of		January to July		2015 as percent of 2014
				July 2014	June 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	9,105	10,176	10,815	119	106	62,526	69,708	111
Mature	742	829	834	112	101	5,231	5,602	107
Light	255	240	244	96	102	2,048	1,990	97
Heavy	487	589	590	121	100	3,183	3,612	113
Total	9,847	11,005	11,649	118	106	67,757	75,310	111
Turkeys								
Young	1,402	1,296	1,461	104	113	9,503	9,900	104
Old	50	48	37	74	77	282	330	117
Total	1,452	1,344	1,498	103	111	9,785	10,230	105
Ducks	52	47	47	90	100	278	285	103
Total ¹	11,351	12,396	13,194	116	106	77,820	85,825	110
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.21	0.22	0.23	110	105	0.21	0.23	110
Mature	1.07	1.18	1.21	113	103	1.09	1.18	108
Light	1.49	1.73	1.83	123	106	1.44	1.65	115
Heavy	0.93	1.04	1.06	114	102	0.94	1.02	109
Total	0.22	0.24	0.25	114	104	0.23	0.24	104
Turkeys								
Young	0.23	0.23	0.26	113	113	0.23	0.24	104
Old	1.55	1.52	1.22	79	80	1.43	1.40	98
Total	0.23	0.24	0.27	117	113	0.24	0.25	104
Ducks	0.33	0.30	0.30	91	100	0.27	0.26	96
Total ¹	0.22	0.24	0.25	114	104	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	July 2014	June 2015	July 2015	July 2015 as % of		January to July		2015 as percent of 2014
				July 2014	June 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	27,594	29,109	29,186	106	100	199,262	213,598	107
Mature	2,325	2,431	2,355	101	97	15,974	16,635	104
Light	777	593	536	69	90	6,054	5,336	88
Heavy	1,548	1,838	1,819	118	99	9,920	11,299	114
Total	29,919	31,540	31,541	105	100	215,236	230,233	107
Turkeys								
Young	6,602	6,087	6,302	95	104	43,413	45,818	106
Old	115	128	131	114	102	762	963	126
Total	6,717	6,215	6,433	96	104	44,175	46,781	106
Ducks	270	332	305	113	92	1,871	2,134	114
Other ¹	2	1	2	100	200	9	9	100
Total	36,908	38,088	38,281	104	101	261,291	279,157	107
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.82	0.84	0.83	101	99	0.89	0.91	102
Mature	5.00	5.06	5.02	100	99	5.02	5.20	104
Light	7.94	7.08	6.70	84	95	7.34	7.41	101
Heavy	4.22	4.64	4.68	111	101	4.21	4.56	108
Total	0.88	0.90	0.89	101	99	0.95	0.97	102
Turkeys								
Young	1.31	1.32	1.40	107	106	1.32	1.39	105
Old	4.46	5.15	5.36	120	104	4.83	5.16	107
Total	1.32	1.34	1.42	108	106	1.34	1.41	105
Ducks	2.33	2.80	2.58	111	92	2.45	2.60	106
Other ¹	1.47	0.57	1.23	84	216	1.06	0.94	89
Total	0.94	0.96	0.95	101	99	1.00	1.03	103

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: June and July 2015

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	7,205	6,145	1,018,352	942,358
Mature	-	-	302	280	127,318	110,009
Light	-	-	217	203	88,631	74,432
Heavy	-	-	85	77	38,687	35,577
Total	-	-	7,507	6,425	1,145,670	1,052,367
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	75	55	24,334	24,269
Old	-	-	3	4	712	730
Total	-	-	78	59	25,046	24,999
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	449,548	346,665	2,880	3,231	14,675	13,606
Mature	22,679	24,150	257	309	27,392	26,767
Light	4,635	5,365	88	131	19,267	18,488
Heavy	18,044	18,785	169	178	8,125	8,279
Total	472,227	370,815	3,137	3,540	42,067	40,373
Turkeys						
Young	3,450	3,893	958	955	35	36
Old	358	251	1	-	83	160
Total	3,808	4,144	959	955	118	196
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	13,326	13,793	56,570	55,717	100,494	99,871
Mature	7,003	5,471	1,297	986	62,078	47,337
Light	6,658	5,100	580	440	57,148	42,301
Heavy	345	371	717	546	4,930	5,036
Total	20,329	19,264	57,867	56,703	162,572	147,208
Turkeys						
Young	114	135	1,039	942	1,898	2,068
Old	18	18	8	5	60	39
Total	132	153	1,047	947	1,958	2,107
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	18,913	18,741	570,142	532,492	2,252,105	2,032,619
Mature	479	488	89,771	83,981	338,576	299,778
Light	135	108	32,018	25,505	209,377	172,073
Heavy	344	380	57,753	58,476	129,199	127,705
Total	19,392	19,229	659,913	616,473	2,590,681	2,332,397
Turkeys						
Young	579	363	8,796	9,105	41,278	41,821
Old	21	14	176	113	1,440	1,334
Total	600	377	8,972	9,218	42,718	43,155

- 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: June and July 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	89,880	92,823	506,786	516,090	5.64	5.56
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	74,985	75,970	479,292	477,110	6.39	6.28
California	23,076	23,812	140,682	143,057	6.10	6.01
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	30,338	31,076	218,745	226,022	7.21	7.27
Florida	5,632	5,830	31,952	34,329	5.67	5.89
Georgia	107,741	111,346	631,228	652,218	5.86	5.86
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,165	5,647	23,129	25,457	4.48	4.51
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,987	25,769	150,527	147,932	5.79	5.74
Louisiana	16,796	17,289	99,148	100,361	5.90	5.80
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	13,794	13,901	80,325	80,843	5.82	5.82
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,472	4,258	27,439	25,690	6.14	6.03
Mississippi	60,812	61,599	381,468	379,460	6.27	6.16
Missouri	38,233	37,704	182,187	179,338	4.77	4.76
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	108	110	535	564	4.97	5.14
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,098	1,987	10,721	10,229	5.11	5.15
North Carolina	67,254	66,447	523,340	515,734	7.78	7.76
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	6,675	6,756	37,333	38,115	5.59	5.64
Oklahoma	12,908	11,789	83,850	74,591	6.50	6.33
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,733	9,604	53,753	53,799	5.52	5.60
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	25,365	25,627	184,933	181,768	7.29	7.09
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	26,139	26,672	136,405	139,042	5.22	5.21
Texas	50,557	54,931	308,211	339,344	6.10	6.18
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	28,510	30,224	160,413	169,317	5.63	5.60
Washington	4,279	4,300	26,797	26,770	6.26	6.23
West Virginia	9,990	10,206	37,970	39,021	3.80	3.82
Wisconsin	4,624	4,363	19,672	18,336	4.25	4.20
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	747,484	762,403	4,551,023	4,608,857	6.09	6.05

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: June and July 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	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	387,089	393,312	2,913	3,014	0.75	0.76
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	363,652	362,632	3,621	3,654	0.99	1.00
California	104,579	106,778	961	972	0.91	0.90
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	159,426	164,423	1,573	1,540	0.98	0.93
Florida	23,965	25,720	123	141	0.51	0.55
Georgia	469,955	483,958	3,823	3,982	0.81	0.82
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	16,909	18,650	121	141	0.71	0.75
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	109,434	112,077	1,609	1,212	1.45	1.07
Louisiana	74,971	75,681	459	481	0.61	0.63
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	58,610	58,984	726	705	1.22	1.18
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	23,353	21,701	184	212	0.78	0.97
Mississippi	296,515	290,671	2,041	1,983	0.68	0.68
Missouri	135,998	133,262	1,432	1,556	1.04	1.15
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	375	396	2	4	0.56	0.98
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,560	6,251	183	171	2.72	2.66
North Carolina	408,039	403,641	2,941	2,781	0.72	0.68
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	27,777	28,425	333	343	1.18	1.19
Oklahoma	62,993	56,145	523	452	0.82	0.80
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	36,520	36,835	674	709	1.81	1.89
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	139,296	136,977	730	764	0.52	0.55
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	99,967	101,742	784	711	0.78	0.69
Texas	235,623	257,122	2,031	2,402	0.85	0.93
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	115,101	120,894	783	738	0.68	0.61
Washington	19,925	19,900	111	92	0.55	0.46
West Virginia	27,243	28,047	80	94	0.29	0.33
Wisconsin	14,366	13,393	148	134	1.02	0.99
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,428,420	3,467,854	29,109	29,186	0.84	0.83

- Represents zero.

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(X) Not applicable.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Young Chickens, Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: June and July 2015

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	503	300	95,177	95,052
Arkansas	-	-	283	254	99,657	88,980
Delaware	-	-	2,065	1,720	73,969	73,932
Georgia	-	-	153	138	109,067	106,571
Mississippi	-	-	89	72	20,206	19,355
Missouri	-	-	88	69	95,628	48,693
North Carolina	-	-	146	145	94,331	92,662
Texas	-	-	107	20	74,037	81,390
Virginia	-	-	88	47	20,130	21,877
United States	-	-	7,205	6,145	1,018,352	942,358
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	29,322	27,519	289	286	1,286	1,444
Arkansas	28,685	28,405	741	671	755	654
Delaware	49,359	37,146	38	71	1,143	1,156
Georgia	79,557	79,207	164	114	2,504	2,087
Mississippi	9,354	8,138	99	67	525	515
Missouri	18,255	3,898	21	45	357	300
North Carolina	40,417	24,858	254	293	2,088	1,752
Texas	18,084	18,319	57	59	578	660
Virginia	18,865	15,598	20	3	464	462
United States	449,548	346,665	2,880	3,231	14,675	13,606
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,521	1,605	6,982	6,517	21,541	20,238
Arkansas	556	536	3,986	4,161	6,593	6,556
Delaware	1,595	1,762	1,605	1,841	5,363	6,344
Georgia	902	934	15,438	16,690	8,900	10,416
Mississippi	532	624	1,849	1,702	1,424	1,296
Missouri	256	176	1,150	582	4,074	2,918
North Carolina	982	986	10,734	9,560	5,606	6,365
Texas	448	526	876	849	4,051	4,766
Virginia	902	791	551	480	2,801	2,621
United States	13,326	13,793	56,570	55,717	100,494	99,871
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,448	1,195	57,319	45,298	215,388	199,454
Arkansas	716	884	39,112	42,254	181,084	173,355
Delaware	2,304	2,459	9,657	11,127	147,098	137,558
Georgia	3,317	2,852	70,645	75,027	290,647	294,036
Mississippi	227	158	15,349	12,060	49,654	43,987
Missouri	117	239	31,443	34,986	151,389	91,906
North Carolina	3,449	2,552	53,595	39,058	211,602	178,231
Texas	1,284	845	15,613	18,818	115,135	126,252
Virginia	755	1,341	12,805	7,842	57,381	51,062
United States	18,913	18,741	570,142	532,492	2,252,105	2,032,619

- 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: June and July 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	3,077	2,841	61,317	56,566	19.93	19.91
California	905	909	27,361	29,093	30.22	32.01
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	2,050	1,908	80,675	73,296	39.35	38.41
Iowa	801	758	30,103	27,797	37.57	36.67
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,036	3,459	69,018	71,487	22.73	20.67
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	967	950	32,878	31,925	34.00	33.59
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,938	1,975	72,124	71,302	37.21	36.10
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	482	428	20,750	18,179	43.01	42.46
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	677	664	18,299	17,956	27.04	27.03
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	488	482	6,534	6,061	13.39	12.56
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,290	2,386	63,003	64,443	27.51	27.00
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	18,959	19,143	568,095	555,104	29.96	29.00

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: June and July 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	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	51,488	47,625	278	267	0.54	0.56
California	22,086	23,390	127	172	0.57	0.73
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	64,863	59,275	1,011	1,055	1.53	1.75
Iowa	23,571	21,785	351	354	1.47	1.60
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	54,980	57,097	971	975	1.73	1.68
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	26,589	25,829	226	210	0.84	0.81
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	56,593	56,015	638	711	1.12	1.25
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	16,581	14,534	352	296	2.08	2.00
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	14,496	14,326	255	243	1.73	1.67
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	5,527	5,094	34	37	0.62	0.72
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	51,146	52,231	614	634	1.19	1.20
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	455,913	445,390	6,087	6,302	1.32	1.40

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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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