



Poultry Slaughter

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

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Poultry certified wholesome during August 2015 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.92 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the amount certified in August 2014. The July 2015 revised certified total at 3.97 billion pounds, was up 2 percent from July 2014. The July revision represented an increase of 1.94 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during August 2015 was 5.17 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 4.94 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.53 billion pounds, up 7 percent from August 2014. Mature chickens, at 64.1 million pounds, were down 12 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 562 million pounds, down 7 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.8 million pounds, up 2 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during August 2015 averaged a record high of 6.12 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from August 2014. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.36 pounds per bird, up 10 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2015 averaged 29.2 pounds per bird, down 3 percent from August 2014.

Ante-mortem condemnations during August 2015 totaled 12.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 38.2 million pounds, were 0.97 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.95 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2014	July 2015	August 2015	August 2015 as % of		January to August		2015 as percent of 2014
				August 2014	July 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	709,909	762,580	740,644	104	97	5,647,039	5,801,141	103
Mature	12,583	10,853	10,078	80	93	98,008	90,688	93
Light	6,131	4,085	3,706	60	91	50,219	40,997	82
Heavy	6,452	6,768	6,372	99	94	47,789	49,691	104
Total	722,492	773,433	750,722	104	97	5,745,047	5,891,829	103
Turkeys								
Young	19,980	19,175	19,096	96	100	152,286	151,508	99
Old	159	111	163	103	147	878	996	113
Total	20,139	19,286	19,259	96	100	153,164	152,504	100
Ducks	2,121	2,315	2,171	102	94	17,140	18,341	107
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,244,333	4,609,885	4,532,871	107	98	33,782,285	35,352,418	105
Mature	72,561	68,787	64,102	88	93	551,350	537,201	97
Light	19,763	13,322	11,789	60	88	161,519	132,284	82
Heavy	52,798	55,465	52,313	99	94	389,831	404,917	104
Total	4,316,894	4,678,672	4,596,973	106	98	34,333,635	35,889,619	105
Turkeys								
Young	599,835	556,171	557,669	93	100	4,655,328	4,608,967	99
Old	4,244	3,036	4,523	107	149	24,004	28,068	117
Total	604,079	559,207	562,192	93	101	4,679,332	4,637,035	99
Ducks	14,490	15,826	14,755	102	93	117,738	125,537	107
Other ¹	182	249	188	103	76	1,405	1,596	114
Total	4,935,645	5,253,954	5,174,108	105	98	39,132,110	40,653,787	104
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.98	6.05	6.12	102	101	5.98	6.09	102
Mature	5.77	6.34	6.36	110	100	5.63	5.92	105
Light	3.22	3.26	3.18	99	98	3.22	3.23	100
Heavy	8.18	8.20	8.21	100	100	8.16	8.15	100
Total	5.98	6.05	6.12	102	101	5.98	6.09	102
Turkeys								
Young	30.02	29.01	29.20	97	101	30.57	30.42	100
Old	26.69	27.35	27.75	104	101	27.34	28.18	103
Total	30.00	29.00	29.19	97	101	30.55	30.41	100
Ducks	6.83	6.84	6.80	100	99	6.87	6.84	100

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	August 2014	July 2015	August 2015	August 2015 as % of		January to August		2015 as percent of 2014
				August 2014	July 2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,923,507	3,192,655	3,138,600	107	98	23,208,497	24,351,896	105
Mature	45,913	44,545	42,895	93	96	348,289	346,312	99
Light	10,769	7,468	6,417	60	86	87,186	73,101	84
Heavy	35,144	37,077	36,478	104	98	261,103	273,211	105
Total	2,969,420	3,237,200	3,181,495	107	98	23,556,786	24,698,208	105
Turkeys								
Young	276,150	243,932	259,491	94	106	2,107,631	2,146,090	102
Old	2,944	2,257	3,341	113	148	16,749	20,014	119
Total	279,094	246,189	262,832	94	107	2,124,380	2,166,104	102
Ducks	4,079	4,384	4,107	101	94	32,509	33,890	104
Other ¹	117	153	119	102	78	905	1,011	112
Total	3,252,710	3,487,926	3,448,553	106	99	25,714,580	26,899,213	105
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	274,046	276,322	277,933	101	101	2,221,105	2,271,324	102
Mature	-	5	3	(X)	60	23	15	65
Light	-	1	-	(X)	(X)	11	1	9
Heavy	-	4	3	(X)	75	12	14	117
Total	274,046	276,327	277,936	101	101	2,221,128	2,271,339	102
Turkeys								
Young	204,419	202,275	187,810	92	93	1,618,970	1,549,807	96
Old	293	58	104	35	179	1,488	1,127	76
Total	204,712	202,333	187,914	92	93	1,620,458	1,550,934	96
Ducks	6,454	7,132	6,603	102	93	52,669	56,834	108
Other ¹	7	7	7	100	100	63	62	98
Total	485,219	485,799	472,460	97	97	3,894,318	3,879,169	100
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,197,553	3,468,977	3,416,533	107	98	25,429,602	26,623,220	105
Mature	45,913	44,550	42,898	93	96	348,312	346,327	99
Light	10,769	7,469	6,417	60	86	87,197	73,102	84
Heavy	35,144	37,081	36,481	104	98	261,115	273,225	105
Total	3,243,466	3,513,527	3,459,431	107	98	25,777,914	26,969,547	105
Turkeys								
Young	480,569	446,207	447,301	93	100	3,726,601	3,695,897	99
Old	3,237	2,315	3,445	106	149	18,237	21,141	116
Total	483,806	448,522	450,746	93	100	3,744,838	3,717,038	99
Ducks	10,533	11,516	10,710	102	93	85,178	90,724	107
Other ¹	124	160	126	102	79	968	1,073	111
Total	3,737,929	3,973,725	3,921,013	105	99	29,608,898	30,778,382	104

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2014	July 2015	August 2015	August 2015 as % of		January to August		2015 as percent of 2014
				August 2014	July 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	8,737	10,823	10,469	120	97	71,263	80,185	113
Mature	832	834	702	84	84	6,063	6,304	104
Light	299	244	210	70	86	2,347	2,200	94
Heavy	533	590	492	92	83	3,716	4,104	110
Total	9,569	11,657	11,171	117	96	77,326	86,489	112
Turkeys								
Young	1,348	1,462	1,377	102	94	10,851	11,278	104
Old	54	37	49	91	132	336	379	113
Total	1,402	1,499	1,426	102	95	11,187	11,657	104
Ducks	53	47	34	64	72	331	319	96
Total ¹	11,024	13,203	12,631	115	96	88,844	98,465	111
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.21	0.23	0.23	110	100	0.21	0.23	110
Mature	1.15	1.21	1.10	96	91	1.10	1.17	106
Light	1.51	1.83	1.78	118	97	1.45	1.66	114
Heavy	1.01	1.06	0.94	93	89	0.95	1.01	106
Total	0.22	0.25	0.24	109	96	0.23	0.24	104
Turkeys								
Young	0.22	0.26	0.25	114	96	0.23	0.24	104
Old	1.27	1.22	1.08	85	89	1.40	1.35	96
Total	0.23	0.27	0.25	109	93	0.24	0.25	104
Ducks	0.37	0.30	0.23	62	77	0.28	0.25	89
Total ¹	0.22	0.25	0.24	109	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	August 2014	July 2015	August 2015	August 2015 as % of		January to August		2015 as percent of 2014
				August 2014	July 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	26,484	29,219	29,288	111	100	225,746	242,919	108
Mature	2,455	2,355	2,024	82	86	18,429	18,659	101
Light	849	536	449	53	84	6,903	5,785	84
Heavy	1,606	1,819	1,575	98	87	11,526	12,874	112
Total	28,939	31,574	31,312	108	99	244,175	261,578	107
Turkeys								
Young	6,404	6,326	6,470	101	102	49,817	52,312	105
Old	144	131	152	106	116	906	1,115	123
Total	6,548	6,457	6,622	101	103	50,723	53,427	105
Ducks	275	305	304	111	100	2,146	2,438	114
Other ¹	1	2	3	300	150	10	12	120
Total	35,763	38,338	38,241	107	100	297,054	317,455	107
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.82	0.84	0.85	104	101	0.88	0.90	102
Mature	5.08	5.02	4.51	89	90	5.03	5.11	102
Light	7.31	6.70	6.54	89	98	7.34	7.33	100
Heavy	4.37	4.68	4.14	95	88	4.23	4.50	106
Total	0.88	0.89	0.90	102	101	0.94	0.96	102
Turkeys								
Young	1.32	1.40	1.43	108	102	1.32	1.40	106
Old	4.26	5.36	4.23	99	79	4.73	5.01	106
Total	1.34	1.42	1.45	108	102	1.34	1.42	106
Ducks	2.54	2.58	2.76	109	107	2.46	2.62	107
Other ¹	0.80	1.23	2.33	291	189	1.02	1.11	109
Total	0.95	0.96	0.97	102	101	0.99	1.02	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: July and August 2015

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	6,145	4,254	943,451	898,502
Mature	-	-	280	210	110,010	98,289
Light	-	-	203	107	74,432	61,630
Heavy	-	-	77	103	35,578	36,659
Total	-	-	6,425	4,464	1,053,461	996,791
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	55	70	24,343	25,361
Old	-	-	4	1	730	815
Total	-	-	59	71	25,073	26,176
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	346,730	330,244	3,231	3,797	13,614	12,856
Mature	24,150	21,100	309	266	26,768	23,198
Light	5,365	2,677	131	108	18,488	14,998
Heavy	18,785	18,423	178	158	8,280	8,200
Total	370,880	351,344	3,540	4,063	40,382	36,054
Turkeys						
Young	3,928	4,223	955	1,080	36	40
Old	251	278	-	-	160	168
Total	4,179	4,501	955	1,080	196	208
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	13,801	13,468	55,723	51,281	99,998	97,040
Mature	5,471	5,571	986	751	47,337	53,153
Light	5,100	5,186	440	245	42,301	47,358
Heavy	371	385	546	506	5,036	5,795
Total	19,272	19,039	56,709	52,032	147,335	150,193
Turkeys						
Young	135	109	949	931	2,080	1,942
Old	18	16	5	9	39	51
Total	153	125	954	940	2,119	1,993
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	18,741	21,321	532,528	525,568	2,033,962	1,958,331
Mature	489	506	83,982	75,706	299,782	278,750
Light	108	55	25,505	22,079	172,073	154,443
Heavy	381	451	58,477	53,627	127,709	124,307
Total	19,230	21,827	616,510	601,274	2,333,744	2,237,081
Turkeys						
Young	363	347	9,105	8,895	41,949	42,998
Old	14	15	113	123	1,334	1,476
Total	377	362	9,218	9,018	43,283	44,474

- 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: July and August 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	92,823	87,394	516,090	496,839	5.56	5.69
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	75,970	75,030	477,074	472,722	6.28	6.30
California	23,812	22,575	143,057	137,823	6.01	6.11
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	31,076	29,725	226,022	218,326	7.27	7.34
Florida	5,830	5,594	34,329	32,518	5.89	5.81
Georgia	111,347	110,404	652,221	646,521	5.86	5.86
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,647	5,167	25,457	23,741	4.51	4.59
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,769	26,095	147,932	152,372	5.74	5.84
Louisiana	17,289	16,571	100,361	99,837	5.80	6.02
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	13,901	13,297	80,843	77,073	5.82	5.80
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,258	4,584	25,690	28,214	6.03	6.15
Mississippi	61,599	59,036	379,460	370,254	6.16	6.27
Missouri	37,704	36,937	179,338	180,865	4.76	4.90
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	110	117	564	617	5.14	5.27
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,987	2,195	10,229	11,302	5.15	5.15
North Carolina	66,447	66,433	515,734	525,697	7.76	7.91
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	6,756	6,793	38,115	38,765	5.64	5.71
Oklahoma	11,789	11,829	74,591	75,386	6.33	6.37
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,604	9,669	53,799	54,378	5.60	5.62
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	25,627	24,652	181,768	176,199	7.09	7.15
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	26,672	26,056	139,042	137,761	5.21	5.29
Texas	55,100	51,790	340,366	322,241	6.18	6.22
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	30,224	28,155	169,317	157,812	5.60	5.61
Washington	4,300	3,913	26,770	24,658	6.23	6.30
West Virginia	10,206	9,772	39,021	37,759	3.82	3.86
Wisconsin	4,363	4,560	18,336	19,019	4.20	4.17
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	762,580	740,644	4,609,885	4,532,871	6.05	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: July and August 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	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	393,312	376,939	3,014	2,976	0.76	0.78
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	362,632	358,580	3,654	3,711	1.00	1.02
California	106,778	102,607	972	1,029	0.90	0.99
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	164,423	159,214	1,540	1,472	0.93	0.92
Florida	25,720	24,388	141	119	0.55	0.49
Georgia	484,293	487,610	3,982	4,231	0.82	0.86
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	18,650	17,396	141	108	0.75	0.62
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	112,077	115,672	1,212	1,333	1.07	1.14
Louisiana	75,681	75,309	481	462	0.63	0.61
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	58,985	56,218	705	577	1.18	1.02
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	21,701	23,966	212	239	0.97	0.99
Mississippi	290,671	285,572	1,983	1,949	0.68	0.68
Missouri	133,262	134,791	1,556	1,435	1.15	1.05
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	396	434	4	4	0.98	0.98
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,251	6,949	171	151	2.66	2.12
North Carolina	403,641	410,593	2,781	2,836	0.68	0.69
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	28,425	28,838	343	335	1.19	1.15
Oklahoma	56,145	56,732	452	442	0.80	0.77
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	36,835	36,772	709	701	1.89	1.87
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	136,977	132,901	764	765	0.55	0.57
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	101,742	100,992	711	637	0.69	0.63
Texas	257,883	241,739	2,434	2,404	0.94	0.98
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	120,894	112,850	738	834	0.61	0.73
Washington	19,900	18,416	92	86	0.46	0.46
West Virginia	28,047	26,973	94	91	0.33	0.34
Wisconsin	13,393	13,896	134	137	0.99	0.97
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,468,977	3,416,533	29,219	29,288	0.84	0.85

- 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: July and August 2015

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	300	219	95,052	84,774
Arkansas	-	-	254	227	88,980	85,729
Delaware	-	-	1,720	1,006	73,932	69,290
Georgia	-	-	138	84	106,571	92,925
Mississippi	-	-	72	116	19,355	19,556
Missouri	-	-	69	93	48,693	42,148
North Carolina	-	-	145	201	92,662	92,871
Texas	-	-	20	39	82,445	75,277
Virginia	-	-	47	31	21,877	19,984
United States	-	-	6,145	4,254	943,451	898,502

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	27,519	24,018	286	366	1,444	1,237
Arkansas	28,405	31,783	671	968	654	711
Delaware	37,146	31,003	71	95	1,156	911
Georgia	79,207	74,980	114	206	2,089	2,156
Mississippi	8,138	6,508	67	60	515	461
Missouri	3,898	3,980	45	49	300	367
North Carolina	24,858	22,424	293	348	1,752	1,580
Texas	18,342	16,026	59	33	663	557
Virginia	15,598	14,015	3	3	462	414
United States	346,730	330,244	3,231	3,797	13,614	12,856

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,605	1,559	6,517	5,641	20,238	20,357
Arkansas	536	407	4,161	4,374	6,556	6,180
Delaware	1,762	1,749	1,841	1,640	6,344	5,540
Georgia	934	867	16,690	14,159	10,417	9,924
Mississippi	624	692	1,702	1,879	1,296	1,544
Missouri	176	126	582	592	2,918	2,649
North Carolina	986	1,144	9,560	9,290	6,365	5,982
Texas	531	452	853	687	4,884	4,200
Virginia	791	852	480	595	2,621	3,189
United States	13,801	13,468	55,723	51,281	99,998	97,040

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,195	1,214	45,298	43,300	199,454	182,685
Arkansas	884	1,673	42,254	44,453	173,355	176,505
Delaware	2,459	2,485	11,127	10,876	137,558	124,595
Georgia	2,852	3,455	75,030	74,980	294,042	273,736
Mississippi	158	123	12,060	7,372	43,987	38,311
Missouri	239	133	34,986	35,521	91,906	85,658
North Carolina	2,552	3,236	39,058	39,677	178,231	176,753
Texas	845	694	18,851	20,295	127,493	118,260
Virginia	1,341	1,150	7,842	7,788	51,062	48,021
United States	18,741	21,321	532,528	525,568	2,033,962	1,958,331

- 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: July and August 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,841	2,813	56,566	56,400	19.91	20.05
California	909	990	29,093	29,124	32.01	29.42
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,926	1,928	73,846	70,960	38.34	36.80
Iowa	758	1,015	27,797	39,530	36.67	38.96
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,459	3,361	71,487	73,448	20.67	21.86
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	950	906	31,925	28,796	33.59	31.78
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	1,975	1,930	71,302	70,336	36.10	36.44
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	428	482	18,179	20,104	42.46	41.75
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	664	656	17,956	16,891	27.03	25.76
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	482	460	6,061	6,184	12.56	13.45
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,386	2,229	64,443	59,782	27.00	26.82
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,175	19,096	556,171	557,669	29.01	29.20

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: July and August 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	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	47,625	46,945	267	285	0.56	0.60
California	23,390	23,389	172	192	0.73	0.81
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	59,702	57,358	1,066	919	1.75	1.58
Iowa	21,785	31,061	354	567	1.60	1.79
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	57,097	58,646	975	1,079	1.68	1.81
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	25,829	23,366	210	187	0.81	0.79
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	56,015	55,463	711	749	1.25	1.33
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	14,534	16,061	296	357	2.00	2.18
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	14,326	13,385	243	211	1.67	1.55
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	5,094	5,315	37	36	0.72	0.68
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	52,231	48,534	634	551	1.20	1.12
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	446,207	447,301	6,326	6,470	1.40	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.

Revision Policy: Data for the previous month and year-to-date totals are subject to revision the following month after the initial monthly estimates are published. Final data are published in the annual summary released in February and include any revisions made to current year's and previous year's published data. Revisions are generally the result of late reports or corrections received by FSIS from plants and are usually less than one-half of one percent. No revisions will be made to the previous year's data after publication of the annual summary in February.

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.

Data for major slaughter plants with missing reports are adjusted prior to publication to assure that all plants slaughtering a significant portion of a specific class are included. Estimates for missing shifts are made only after verifying that the plant was in operation. Adjustments are based on a shift determined to be similar to the one missing. Late reports replace imputed data as they become available. While there is a varying degree of incompleteness from month to month, it has only a minimal impact on the published totals.

Poultry slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants and, therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors are minimized through strict quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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USDA NASS Data Users' Meeting
Wednesday, October 28, 2015

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For registration details or additional information for the Data Users' Meeting, see the NASS homepage at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/meeting/> or contact Tina Hall (NASS) at 202-720-3896 or at tina.hall@nass.usda.gov .

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