



Poultry Slaughter

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

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Poultry certified wholesome during September 2015 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.99 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the amount certified in September 2014. The August 2015 revised certified total at 3.92 billion pounds, was up 5 percent from August 2014. The August revision represented an increase of 835 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during September 2015 was 5.27 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 5.09 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.62 billion pounds, up 5 percent from September 2014. Mature chickens, at 68.9 million pounds, were down 3 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 564 million pounds, down 9 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.9 million pounds, up 5 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during September 2015 averaged a record high 6.17 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from September 2014. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.30 pounds per bird, up 8 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during September 2015 averaged 29.7 pounds per bird, down 3 percent from September 2014.

Ante-mortem condemnations during September 2015 totaled 13.3 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 39.9 million pounds, were 0.99 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.96 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2014	August 2015	September 2015	September 2015 as % of		January to September		2015 as percent of 2014
				September 2014	August 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	731,821	740,789	748,238	102	101	6,378,860	6,549,524	103
Mature	12,232	10,078	10,928	89	108	110,240	101,616	92
Light	5,803	3,706	4,144	71	112	56,022	45,141	81
Heavy	6,429	6,372	6,784	106	106	54,218	56,475	104
Total	744,053	750,867	759,166	102	101	6,489,100	6,651,140	102
Turkeys								
Young	20,066	19,096	18,889	94	99	172,352	170,397	99
Old	141	163	102	72	63	1,019	1,098	108
Total	20,207	19,259	18,991	94	99	173,371	171,495	99
Ducks	2,222	2,171	2,326	105	107	19,362	20,667	107
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,385,388	4,533,943	4,620,078	105	102	38,167,673	39,973,568	105
Mature	71,342	64,102	68,862	97	107	622,692	606,063	97
Light	18,464	11,789	13,539	73	115	179,983	145,823	81
Heavy	52,878	52,313	55,323	105	106	442,709	460,240	104
Total	4,456,730	4,598,045	4,688,940	105	102	38,790,365	40,579,631	105
Turkeys								
Young	613,217	557,669	561,099	92	101	5,268,545	5,170,066	98
Old	4,039	4,523	2,908	72	64	28,043	30,976	110
Total	617,256	562,192	564,007	91	100	5,296,588	5,201,042	98
Ducks	15,148	14,755	15,870	105	108	132,886	141,407	106
Other ¹	366	188	501	137	266	1,771	2,097	118
Total	5,089,500	5,175,180	5,269,318	104	102	44,221,610	45,924,177	104
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.99	6.12	6.17	103	101	5.98	6.10	102
Mature	5.83	6.36	6.30	108	99	5.65	5.96	105
Light	3.18	3.18	3.27	103	103	3.21	3.23	101
Heavy	8.22	8.21	8.15	99	99	8.17	8.15	100
Total	5.99	6.12	6.18	103	101	5.98	6.10	102
Turkeys								
Young	30.56	29.20	29.71	97	102	30.57	30.34	99
Old	28.65	27.75	28.51	100	103	27.52	28.21	103
Total	30.55	29.19	29.70	97	102	30.55	30.33	99
Ducks	6.82	6.80	6.82	100	100	6.86	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	September 2014	August 2015	September 2015	September 2015 as % of		January to September		2015 as percent of 2014
				September 2014	August 2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,011,079	3,139,435	3,204,223	106	102	26,219,576	27,556,954	105
Mature	45,050	42,895	45,544	101	106	393,339	391,856	100
Light	9,886	6,417	7,289	74	114	97,072	80,390	83
Heavy	35,164	36,478	38,255	109	105	296,267	311,466	105
Total	3,056,129	3,182,330	3,249,767	106	102	26,612,915	27,948,810	105
Turkeys								
Young	287,480	259,491	255,213	89	98	2,395,111	2,401,303	100
Old	2,914	3,341	2,065	71	62	19,663	22,079	112
Total	290,394	262,832	257,278	89	98	2,414,774	2,423,382	100
Ducks	3,961	4,107	4,410	111	107	36,470	38,300	105
Other ¹	136	119	125	92	105	1,041	1,136	109
Total	3,350,620	3,449,388	3,511,580	105	102	29,065,200	30,411,628	105
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	295,498	277,933	279,572	95	101	2,516,603	2,550,896	101
Mature	1	3	8	800	267	24	23	96
Light	1	-	-	(X)	(X)	12	1	8
Heavy	-	3	8	(X)	267	12	22	183
Total	295,499	277,936	279,580	95	101	2,516,627	2,550,919	101
Turkeys								
Young	202,905	187,810	194,875	96	104	1,821,875	1,744,682	96
Old	181	104	121	67	116	1,669	1,248	75
Total	203,086	187,914	194,996	96	104	1,823,544	1,745,930	96
Ducks	6,948	6,603	7,052	101	107	59,617	63,886	107
Other ¹	102	7	191	187	2,729	165	253	153
Total	505,635	472,460	481,819	95	102	4,399,953	4,360,988	99
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,306,577	3,417,368	3,483,795	105	102	28,736,179	30,107,850	105
Mature	45,051	42,898	45,552	101	106	393,363	391,879	100
Light	9,887	6,417	7,289	74	114	97,084	80,391	83
Heavy	35,164	36,481	38,263	109	105	296,279	311,488	105
Total	3,351,628	3,460,266	3,529,347	105	102	29,129,542	30,499,729	105
Turkeys								
Young	490,385	447,301	450,088	92	101	4,216,986	4,145,985	98
Old	3,095	3,445	2,186	71	63	21,332	23,327	109
Total	493,480	450,746	452,274	92	100	4,238,318	4,169,312	98
Ducks	10,909	10,710	11,462	105	107	96,087	102,186	106
Other ¹	238	126	316	133	251	1,206	1,389	115
Total	3,856,255	3,921,848	3,993,399	104	102	33,465,153	34,772,616	104

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2014	August 2015	September 2015	September 2015 as % of		January to September		2015 as percent of 2014
				September 2014	August 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	8,932	10,474	10,950	123	105	80,195	91,140	114
Mature	706	702	808	114	115	6,769	7,112	105
Light	269	210	276	103	131	2,616	2,476	95
Heavy	437	492	532	122	108	4,153	4,636	112
Total	9,638	11,176	11,758	122	105	86,964	98,252	113
Turkeys								
Young	1,397	1,377	1,435	103	104	12,248	12,713	104
Old	57	49	40	70	82	393	419	107
Total	1,454	1,426	1,475	101	103	12,641	13,132	104
Ducks	42	34	43	102	126	373	362	97
Total ¹	11,135	12,636	13,276	119	105	99,979	111,746	112
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.20	0.23	0.24	120	104	0.21	0.23	110
Mature	0.99	1.10	1.17	118	106	1.09	1.17	107
Light	1.46	1.78	2.04	140	115	1.45	1.70	117
Heavy	0.83	0.94	0.96	116	102	0.94	1.01	107
Total	0.22	0.24	0.25	114	104	0.22	0.24	109
Turkeys								
Young	0.23	0.25	0.26	113	104	0.23	0.25	109
Old	1.41	1.08	1.38	98	128	1.40	1.35	96
Total	0.24	0.25	0.26	108	104	0.24	0.25	104
Ducks	0.28	0.23	0.27	96	117	0.28	0.26	93
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	September 2014	August 2015	September 2015	September 2015 as % of		January to September		2015 as percent of 2014
				September 2014	August 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	27,636	29,290	30,348	110	104	253,382	273,269	108
Mature	2,478	2,024	2,491	101	123	20,907	21,150	101
Light	798	449	518	65	115	7,701	6,303	82
Heavy	1,680	1,575	1,973	117	125	13,206	14,847	112
Total	30,114	31,314	32,839	109	105	274,289	294,419	107
Turkeys								
Young	6,873	6,470	6,616	96	102	56,690	58,928	104
Old	108	152	109	101	72	1,014	1,224	121
Total	6,981	6,622	6,725	96	102	57,704	60,152	104
Ducks	290	304	313	108	103	2,436	2,751	113
Other ¹	3	3	4	133	133	13	16	123
Total	37,388	38,243	39,881	107	104	334,442	357,338	107
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.83	0.85	0.86	104	101	0.87	0.90	103
Mature	5.21	4.51	5.18	99	115	5.05	5.12	101
Light	7.47	6.54	6.64	89	102	7.35	7.27	99
Heavy	4.56	4.14	4.90	107	118	4.27	4.55	107
Total	0.89	0.90	0.92	103	102	0.93	0.96	103
Turkeys								
Young	1.38	1.43	1.45	105	101	1.33	1.40	105
Old	3.37	4.23	4.75	141	112	4.54	4.99	110
Total	1.39	1.45	1.47	106	101	1.34	1.42	106
Ducks	2.59	2.76	2.66	103	96	2.47	2.62	106
Other ¹	1.24	2.33	1.25	101	54	1.07	1.14	107
Total	0.96	0.97	0.99	103	102	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: August and September 2015

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	4,254	4,123	898,555	948,763
Mature	-	-	210	444	98,289	104,165
Light	-	-	107	377	61,630	63,151
Heavy	-	-	103	67	36,659	41,014
Total	-	-	4,464	4,567	996,844	1,052,928
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	70	77	25,361	29,363
Old	-	-	1	-	815	801
Total	-	-	71	77	26,176	30,164
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	330,251	369,014	3,797	4,224	12,859	13,895
Mature	21,100	25,159	266	216	23,198	25,617
Light	2,677	5,487	108	76	14,998	16,578
Heavy	18,423	19,672	158	140	8,200	9,039
Total	351,351	394,173	4,063	4,440	36,057	39,512
Turkeys						
Young	4,223	4,524	1,080	1,367	40	45
Old	278	246	-	1	168	142
Total	4,501	4,770	1,080	1,368	208	187
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	13,468	13,866	51,287	51,112	97,047	108,427
Mature	5,571	7,647	751	889	53,153	47,828
Light	5,186	7,153	245	386	47,358	41,175
Heavy	385	494	506	503	5,795	6,653
Total	19,039	21,513	52,038	52,001	150,200	156,255
Turkeys						
Young	109	117	931	938	1,942	1,910
Old	16	15	9	11	51	30
Total	125	132	940	949	1,993	1,940
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	21,321	20,429	525,588	547,337	1,958,427	2,081,190
Mature	506	691	75,706	96,576	278,750	309,232
Light	55	150	22,079	29,682	154,443	164,215
Heavy	451	541	53,627	66,894	124,307	145,017
Total	21,827	21,120	601,294	643,913	2,237,177	2,390,422
Turkeys						
Young	347	558	8,895	9,291	42,998	48,190
Old	15	6	123	114	1,476	1,366
Total	362	564	9,018	9,405	44,474	49,556

- 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: August and September 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	87,394	89,322	496,839	511,372	5.69	5.73
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	75,030	76,403	472,722	496,665	6.30	6.50
California	22,575	21,829	137,823	132,255	6.11	6.06
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	29,725	29,940	218,326	220,361	7.34	7.36
Florida	5,594	5,801	32,518	34,408	5.81	5.93
Georgia	110,404	109,899	646,521	652,208	5.86	5.93
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,167	5,165	23,741	23,329	4.59	4.52
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	26,095	26,102	152,372	152,657	5.84	5.85
Louisiana	16,679	16,817	100,726	101,644	6.04	6.04
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	13,297	13,456	77,073	78,527	5.80	5.84
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,584	4,239	28,214	25,722	6.15	6.07
Mississippi	59,036	61,073	370,254	386,999	6.27	6.34
Missouri	36,937	37,402	180,865	182,610	4.90	4.88
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	117	112	617	593	5.27	5.28
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,195	2,016	11,302	10,295	5.15	5.11
North Carolina	66,433	67,639	525,697	533,309	7.91	7.88
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	6,793	6,885	38,765	38,975	5.71	5.66
Oklahoma	11,829	11,314	75,386	74,651	6.37	6.60
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,669	9,167	54,378	51,158	5.62	5.58
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	24,652	24,304	176,199	177,616	7.15	7.31
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	26,056	26,012	137,761	138,540	5.29	5.33
Texas	51,790	53,841	322,241	336,191	6.22	6.24
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	28,192	29,256	157,995	166,599	5.60	5.69
Washington	3,913	3,981	24,658	24,093	6.30	6.05
West Virginia	9,772	9,814	37,759	37,770	3.86	3.85
Wisconsin	4,560	4,280	19,019	18,111	4.17	4.23
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	740,789	748,238	4,533,943	4,620,078	6.12	6.17

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 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	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	376,939	389,110	2,976	3,006	0.78	0.77
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	358,580	378,897	3,711	3,903	1.02	1.02
California	102,607	98,388	1,029	1,115	0.99	1.12
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	159,214	160,517	1,472	1,529	0.92	0.94
Florida	24,388	25,804	119	137	0.49	0.53
Georgia	487,610	491,852	4,231	4,480	0.86	0.90
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	17,396	17,047	108	111	0.62	0.64
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	115,672	114,687	1,333	1,593	1.14	1.37
Louisiana	76,002	76,590	463	502	0.61	0.65
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	56,218	57,267	577	682	1.02	1.18
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	23,966	21,797	239	229	0.99	1.04
Mississippi	285,572	299,412	1,949	2,090	0.68	0.69
Missouri	134,791	135,317	1,435	1,473	1.05	1.08
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	434	416	4	5	0.98	1.09
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,949	6,265	151	185	2.12	2.87
North Carolina	410,593	413,862	2,836	3,007	0.69	0.72
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	28,838	29,066	335	357	1.15	1.21
Oklahoma	56,732	56,042	442	415	0.77	0.74
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	36,772	34,779	701	652	1.87	1.84
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	132,901	133,499	765	725	0.57	0.54
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	100,992	101,683	637	606	0.63	0.59
Texas	241,739	254,637	2,404	2,191	0.98	0.85
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	112,992	119,060	835	803	0.73	0.67
Washington	18,416	17,963	86	108	0.46	0.60
West Virginia	26,973	27,050	91	97	0.34	0.36
Wisconsin	13,896	13,231	137	126	0.97	0.94
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,417,368	3,483,795	29,290	30,348	0.85	0.86

- 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: August and September 2015

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	219	166	84,774	95,749
Arkansas	-	-	227	255	85,239	83,235
Delaware	-	-	1,006	722	69,290	67,305
Georgia	-	-	84	76	92,925	95,833
Mississippi	-	-	116	58	19,556	19,575
Missouri	-	-	93	82	42,148	47,572
North Carolina	-	-	201	198	92,871	99,229
Texas	-	-	39	49	75,277	71,655
Virginia	-	-	31	47	19,997	24,007
United States	-	-	4,254	4,123	898,555	948,763

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	24,018	26,884	366	424	1,237	1,459
Arkansas	31,783	36,884	968	936	711	739
Delaware	31,003	31,573	95	52	911	988
Georgia	74,980	64,623	206	106	2,156	2,484
Mississippi	6,508	6,378	60	78	461	459
Missouri	3,980	5,586	49	54	367	395
North Carolina	22,424	25,438	348	408	1,580	1,769
Texas	16,026	16,328	33	59	557	615
Virginia	14,022	16,554	3	13	416	418
United States	330,251	369,014	3,797	4,224	12,859	13,895

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,559	1,550	5,641	5,635	20,357	21,335
Arkansas	407	361	4,374	4,578	6,180	6,698
Delaware	1,749	1,753	1,640	1,463	5,540	4,580
Georgia	867	839	14,159	12,942	9,924	15,523
Mississippi	692	412	1,879	1,859	1,544	1,544
Missouri	126	114	592	551	2,649	2,776
North Carolina	1,144	990	9,290	9,480	5,982	5,922
Texas	452	511	687	748	4,200	3,905
Virginia	852	1,117	595	858	3,196	4,092
United States	13,468	13,866	51,287	51,112	97,047	108,427

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,214	1,562	43,300	41,636	182,685	196,400
Arkansas	1,673	1,243	44,453	47,970	176,505	182,899
Delaware	2,485	2,726	10,876	12,438	124,595	123,600
Georgia	3,455	2,600	74,980	71,828	273,736	266,854
Mississippi	123	286	7,372	8,980	38,311	39,629
Missouri	133	136	35,521	27,324	85,658	84,590
North Carolina	3,236	3,247	39,677	42,041	176,753	188,722
Texas	694	701	20,295	19,346	118,260	113,917
Virginia	1,150	1,689	7,808	8,851	48,070	57,646
United States	21,321	20,429	525,588	547,337	1,958,427	2,081,190

- 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: August and September 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,813	2,604	56,400	56,480	20.05	21.69
California	990	918	29,124	25,979	29.42	28.30
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,928	1,880	70,960	71,834	36.80	38.20
Iowa	1,015	913	39,530	35,319	38.96	38.68
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	3,361	3,471	73,448	76,741	21.86	22.11
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	906	975	28,796	30,995	31.78	31.79
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	1,930	1,990	70,336	74,023	36.44	37.20
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	482	457	20,104	18,652	41.75	40.82
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	656	670	16,891	17,772	25.76	26.53
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	460	516	6,184	7,423	13.45	14.38
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Virginia	2,229	2,124	59,782	58,461	26.82	27.53
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,096	18,889	557,669	561,099	29.20	29.71

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 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	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	46,945	47,491	285	298	0.60	0.62
California	23,389	20,892	192	177	0.81	0.84
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	57,358	58,063	919	1,038	1.58	1.76
Iowa	31,061	27,526	567	567	1.79	2.02
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	58,646	61,294	1,079	1,122	1.81	1.80
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	23,366	25,112	187	190	0.79	0.75
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	55,463	58,118	749	735	1.33	1.25
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	16,061	14,890	357	339	2.18	2.22
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	13,385	14,218	211	225	1.55	1.56
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	5,315	6,178	36	41	0.68	0.66
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Virginia	48,534	47,435	551	592	1.12	1.23
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	447,301	450,088	6,470	6,616	1.43	1.45

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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

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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 .

This Data Users' Meeting precedes the Industry Outlook Conference that will be held at the same location on Thursday, October 29, 2015. The outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss the outlook situation. For registration details or additional information for the Industry Outlook Conference, see the conference webpage on the LMIC website: <http://lmic.info/page/meetings>. For more information, contact James Robb at (303) 716-9933.