



Poultry Slaughter

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

November 2014 contained 20 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

November 2015 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during November 2015 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.64 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the amount certified in November 2014. The October 2015 revised certified total at 4.05 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from October 2014. The October revision represented an increase of 715 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during November 2015 was 4.80 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 4.58 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.14 billion pounds, up 6 percent from November 2014. Mature chickens, at 59.3 million pounds, were up 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 586 million pounds, down 2 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.2 million pounds, up 7 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during November 2015 averaged 6.17 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from November 2014. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.23 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during November 2015 averaged 29.0 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from November 2014.

Ante-mortem condemnations during November 2015 totaled 11.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 38.6 million pounds, were 1.05 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.03 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2014	October 2015	November 2015	November 2015 as % of		January to November		2015 as percent of 2014
				November 2014	October 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	644,637	743,126	671,165	104	90	7,793,928	7,964,266	102
Mature	9,084	11,668	9,518	105	82	131,820	122,802	93
Light	3,747	4,435	3,750	100	85	65,336	53,326	82
Heavy	5,337	7,233	5,768	108	80	66,484	69,476	105
Total	653,721	754,794	680,683	104	90	7,925,748	8,087,068	102
Turkeys								
Young	20,764	22,007	20,059	97	91	216,183	212,463	98
Old	118	162	182	154	112	1,290	1,442	112
Total	20,882	22,169	20,241	97	91	217,473	213,905	98
Ducks	2,065	2,314	2,216	107	96	23,855	25,197	106
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	3,911,056	4,600,575	4,140,522	106	90	46,758,828	48,717,908	104
Mature	56,044	73,561	59,301	106	81	753,111	738,925	98
Light	12,499	14,539	12,350	99	85	210,336	172,712	82
Heavy	43,545	59,022	46,951	108	80	542,775	566,213	104
Total	3,967,100	4,674,136	4,199,823	106	90	47,511,939	49,456,833	104
Turkeys								
Young	595,911	649,866	580,967	97	89	6,560,035	6,400,899	98
Old	3,129	4,679	5,073	162	108	35,660	40,728	114
Total	599,040	654,545	586,040	98	90	6,595,695	6,441,627	98
Ducks	14,139	15,934	15,175	107	95	163,698	172,516	105
Other ¹	283	869	477	169	55	2,910	3,443	118
Total	4,580,562	5,345,484	4,801,515	105	90	54,274,242	56,074,419	103
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.07	6.19	6.17	102	100	6.00	6.12	102
Mature	6.17	6.30	6.23	101	99	5.71	6.02	105
Light	3.34	3.28	3.29	99	100	3.22	3.24	101
Heavy	8.16	8.16	8.14	100	100	8.16	8.15	100
Total	6.07	6.19	6.17	102	100	5.99	6.12	102
Turkeys								
Young	28.70	29.53	28.96	101	98	30.34	30.13	99
Old	26.52	28.88	27.87	105	97	27.64	28.24	102
Total	28.69	29.53	28.95	101	98	30.33	30.11	99
Ducks	6.85	6.89	6.85	100	99	6.86	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	November 2014	October 2015	November 2015	November 2015 as % of		January to November		2015 as percent of 2014
				November 2014	October 2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,683,095	3,183,580	2,873,852	107	90	32,115,268	33,616,868	105
Mature	36,083	47,571	38,753	107	81	476,796	478,180	100
Light	6,607	7,781	6,602	100	85	113,448	94,773	84
Heavy	29,476	39,790	32,151	109	81	363,348	383,407	106
Total	2,719,178	3,231,151	2,912,605	107	90	32,592,064	34,095,048	105
Turkeys								
Young	306,159	319,607	305,620	100	96	3,049,286	3,026,530	99
Old	2,329	3,250	3,241	139	100	25,272	28,570	113
Total	308,488	322,857	308,861	100	96	3,074,558	3,055,100	99
Ducks	4,085	4,540	4,344	106	96	44,948	47,184	105
Other ¹	135	170	127	94	75	1,336	1,433	107
Total	3,031,886	3,558,718	3,225,937	106	91	35,712,906	37,198,765	104
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	256,850	281,842	247,636	96	88	3,086,083	3,080,374	100
Mature	5	1	9	180	900	44	33	75
Light	5	1	6	120	600	23	8	35
Heavy	-	-	3	(X)	(X)	21	25	119
Total	256,855	281,843	247,645	96	88	3,086,127	3,080,407	100
Turkeys								
Young	172,262	202,752	161,244	94	80	2,204,317	2,108,678	96
Old	56	328	581	1,038	177	1,841	2,157	117
Total	172,318	203,080	161,825	94	80	2,206,158	2,110,835	96
Ducks	6,159	7,013	6,704	109	96	73,424	77,603	106
Other ¹	54	385	177	328	46	596	815	137
Total	435,386	492,321	416,351	96	85	5,366,305	5,269,660	98
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	2,939,945	3,465,422	3,121,488	106	90	35,201,351	36,697,242	104
Mature	36,088	47,572	38,762	107	81	476,840	478,213	100
Light	6,612	7,782	6,608	100	85	113,471	94,781	84
Heavy	29,476	39,790	32,154	109	81	363,369	383,432	106
Total	2,976,033	3,512,994	3,160,250	106	90	35,678,191	37,175,455	104
Turkeys								
Young	478,421	522,359	466,864	98	89	5,253,603	5,135,208	98
Old	2,385	3,578	3,822	160	107	27,113	30,727	113
Total	480,806	525,937	470,686	98	89	5,280,716	5,165,935	98
Ducks	10,244	11,553	11,048	108	96	118,372	124,787	105
Other ¹	189	555	304	161	55	1,932	2,248	116
Total	3,467,272	4,051,039	3,642,288	105	90	41,079,211	42,468,425	103

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2014	October 2015	November 2015	November 2015 as % of		January to November		2015 as percent of 2014
				November 2014	October 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	8,776	10,266	9,511	108	93	98,327	110,937	113
Mature	643	707	683	106	97	8,129	8,502	105
Light	191	205	201	105	98	3,083	2,882	93
Heavy	452	502	482	107	96	5,046	5,620	111
Total	9,419	10,973	10,194	108	93	106,456	119,439	112
Turkeys								
Young	1,235	1,395	1,272	103	91	14,988	15,380	103
Old	37	55	56	151	102	484	530	110
Total	1,272	1,450	1,328	104	92	15,472	15,910	103
Ducks	29	35	47	162	134	438	444	101
Total ¹	10,720	12,459	11,570	108	93	122,370	135,795	111
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.22	0.22	0.23	105	105	0.21	0.23	110
Mature	1.15	0.96	1.15	100	120	1.08	1.15	106
Light	1.53	1.41	1.63	107	116	1.47	1.67	114
Heavy	1.04	0.85	1.03	99	121	0.93	0.99	106
Total	0.24	0.23	0.24	100	104	0.22	0.24	109
Turkeys								
Young	0.21	0.21	0.22	105	105	0.23	0.24	104
Old	1.18	1.18	1.10	93	93	1.36	1.30	96
Total	0.21	0.22	0.23	110	105	0.23	0.25	109
Ducks	0.21	0.22	0.31	148	141	0.27	0.26	96
Total ¹	0.23	0.23	0.24	104	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	November 2014	October 2015	November 2015	November 2015 as % of		January to November		2015 as percent of 2014
				November 2014	October 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	27,166	30,720	29,087	107	95	309,873	333,123	108
Mature	2,023	2,641	2,371	117	90	25,516	26,162	103
Light	533	618	462	87	75	9,009	7,383	82
Heavy	1,490	2,023	1,909	128	94	16,507	18,779	114
Total	29,189	33,361	31,458	108	94	335,389	359,285	107
Turkeys								
Young	6,495	7,144	6,730	104	94	70,880	72,802	103
Old	114	147	144	126	98	1,262	1,515	120
Total	6,609	7,291	6,874	104	94	72,142	74,317	103
Ducks	258	338	304	118	90	2,998	3,393	113
Other ¹	2	4	3	150	75	21	23	110
Total	36,058	40,994	38,639	107	94	410,550	437,018	106
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.92	0.88	0.92	100	105	0.87	0.90	103
Mature	5.31	5.26	5.76	108	110	5.08	5.19	102
Light	7.46	7.36	6.53	88	89	7.36	7.23	98
Heavy	4.81	4.84	5.60	116	116	4.35	4.67	107
Total	0.97	0.94	0.99	102	105	0.93	0.96	103
Turkeys								
Young	1.34	1.35	1.42	106	105	1.33	1.40	105
Old	4.56	3.95	3.63	80	92	4.45	4.70	106
Total	1.36	1.37	1.44	106	105	1.35	1.42	105
Ducks	2.46	2.84	2.68	109	94	2.47	2.65	107
Other ¹	1.05	0.72	0.98	93	136	1.08	1.01	94
Total	1.03	1.00	1.05	102	105	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: October and November 2015

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	3,441	4,398	935,498	846,263
Mature	-	-	266	703	129,163	113,425
Light	-	-	138	443	88,446	69,348
Heavy	-	-	128	260	40,717	44,077
Total	-	-	3,707	5,101	1,064,661	959,688
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	43	111	34,733	31,952
Old	-	-	-	4	962	904
Total	-	-	43	115	35,695	32,856
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	434,888	511,489	3,494	3,735	13,869	13,896
Mature	25,641	24,550	353	240	30,083	29,568
Light	5,357	8,204	160	44	20,670	21,216
Heavy	20,284	16,346	193	196	9,413	8,352
Total	460,529	536,039	3,847	3,975	43,952	43,464
Turkeys						
Young	5,327	5,372	1,273	912	109	70
Old	331	236	-	-	166	215
Total	5,658	5,608	1,273	912	275	285
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	12,823	11,741	51,135	49,166	107,886	97,088
Mature	8,068	5,672	1,212	1,018	63,413	52,374
Light	7,426	4,841	574	445	56,610	44,836
Heavy	642	831	638	573	6,803	7,538
Total	20,891	17,413	52,347	50,184	171,299	149,462
Turkeys						
Young	197	257	1,110	1,033	2,135	1,983
Old	20	13	25	37	69	47
Total	217	270	1,135	1,070	2,204	2,030
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	17,935	21,283	558,837	540,865	2,139,806	2,099,924
Mature	591	701	96,346	100,831	355,136	329,082
Light	137	123	28,931	31,809	208,449	181,309
Heavy	454	578	67,415	69,022	146,687	147,773
Total	18,526	21,984	655,183	641,696	2,494,942	2,429,006
Turkeys						
Young	557	504	10,574	11,141	56,058	53,335
Old	15	5	157	118	1,745	1,579
Total	572	509	10,731	11,259	57,803	54,914

- 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: October and November 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	85,918	82,153	492,071	471,507	5.73	5.74
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	77,013	72,707	504,508	475,978	6.55	6.55
California	22,232	16,577	134,790	100,283	6.06	6.05
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	30,448	26,904	223,792	197,742	7.35	7.35
Florida	6,131	5,098	36,212	29,510	5.91	5.79
Georgia	108,551	97,227	644,893	572,467	5.94	5.89
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,672	4,718	25,341	21,146	4.47	4.48
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,721	23,159	150,159	135,343	5.84	5.84
Louisiana	17,030	15,334	104,054	91,968	6.11	6.00
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	14,176	12,683	82,116	73,873	5.79	5.82
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,232	3,981	25,564	23,954	6.04	6.02
Mississippi	60,940	55,185	393,416	350,630	6.46	6.35
Missouri	37,207	34,076	182,911	167,439	4.92	4.91
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	110	83	593	438	5.38	5.29
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,999	2,029	10,051	10,091	5.03	4.97
North Carolina	66,337	57,831	525,349	461,553	7.92	7.98
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	7,199	6,757	39,896	36,431	5.54	5.39
Oklahoma	12,206	9,742	80,192	67,125	6.57	6.89
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,505	8,630	53,678	47,994	5.65	5.56
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	24,425	23,532	179,478	174,555	7.35	7.42
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	25,368	21,990	133,564	115,622	5.27	5.26
Texas	52,100	45,536	320,221	275,836	6.15	6.06
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	28,853	25,953	165,487	148,100	5.74	5.71
Washington	4,003	3,940	25,017	24,850	6.25	6.31
West Virginia	9,253	9,078	35,258	35,237	3.81	3.88
Wisconsin	4,211	3,983	17,803	16,821	4.23	4.22
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	743,126	671,165	4,600,575	4,140,522	6.19	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: October and November 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	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	374,053	359,151	2,997	2,786	0.79	0.77
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	382,797	361,032	4,159	3,950	1.07	1.08
California	100,318	74,384	1,003	704	0.99	0.94
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	162,535	143,909	1,584	1,757	0.97	1.21
Florida	27,232	22,131	138	115	0.51	0.52
Georgia	484,059	431,534	4,490	4,274	0.92	0.98
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	18,534	15,437	141	141	0.76	0.90
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	113,870	102,614	1,701	1,771	1.47	1.70
Louisiana	78,716	69,144	476	494	0.60	0.71
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	60,127	53,950	733	843	1.20	1.54
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	21,710	20,192	217	215	0.99	1.06
Mississippi	306,459	270,925	2,169	1,919	0.70	0.70
Missouri	134,701	123,294	1,461	1,619	1.07	1.30
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	419	306	6	4	1.33	1.16
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,156	6,234	186	193	2.93	3.00
North Carolina	406,361	357,693	3,083	2,780	0.75	0.77
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	29,675	27,125	354	366	1.18	1.33
Oklahoma	60,331	50,457	431	395	0.71	0.78
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	36,520	32,473	696	620	1.87	1.87
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	134,881	131,387	807	639	0.59	0.48
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	97,907	84,977	588	412	0.60	0.48
Texas	242,325	210,915	1,919	1,651	0.79	0.78
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	118,588	106,075	841	741	0.70	0.69
Washington	18,693	18,560	101	96	0.54	0.51
West Virginia	25,273	25,338	92	151	0.36	0.59
Wisconsin	13,007	12,287	148	175	1.12	1.40
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,465,422	3,121,488	30,720	29,087	0.88	0.92

- 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: October and November 2015

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	142	168	100,291	93,397
Arkansas	-	-	197	173	86,051	79,929
Delaware	-	-	538	1,552	68,358	82,864
Georgia	-	-	128	39	100,451	73,505
Mississippi	-	-	37	84	20,570	19,064
Missouri	-	-	102	52	45,122	40,575
North Carolina	-	-	163	167	97,724	82,473
Texas	-	-	17	27	63,330	58,091
Virginia	-	-	25	30	23,169	19,111
United States	-	-	3,441	4,398	935,498	846,263

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	25,520	29,785	334	521	1,382	1,671
Arkansas	40,527	54,186	667	623	798	907
Delaware	38,499	49,229	78	86	935	965
Georgia	73,893	106,812	214	73	2,619	2,586
Mississippi	7,397	7,624	125	95	503	418
Missouri	5,655	5,063	30	44	381	417
North Carolina	31,321	27,374	392	311	1,927	1,760
Texas	20,295	20,697	81	74	595	534
Virginia	20,863	23,637	25	13	417	382
United States	434,888	511,489	3,494	3,735	13,869	13,896

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,248	1,117	6,237	6,077	20,814	18,123
Arkansas	366	281	3,955	3,661	7,192	6,446
Delaware	1,705	1,490	1,293	1,209	4,755	3,830
Georgia	737	586	13,624	12,176	15,586	14,693
Mississippi	353	399	1,872	1,887	1,537	1,399
Missouri	172	154	553	570	2,472	3,288
North Carolina	915	769	9,139	9,792	5,144	4,265
Texas	446	366	850	774	4,021	3,894
Virginia	937	747	560	547	3,828	2,971
United States	12,823	11,741	51,135	49,166	107,886	97,088

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,449	1,821	38,606	45,432	196,023	198,112
Arkansas	740	1,264	62,484	67,647	202,977	215,117
Delaware	2,019	2,978	13,426	12,885	131,606	157,088
Georgia	2,116	1,866	75,867	70,597	285,235	282,933
Mississippi	215	144	11,823	11,105	44,432	42,219
Missouri	100	77	25,170	27,885	79,757	78,125
North Carolina	3,075	3,374	48,134	40,463	197,934	170,748
Texas	775	860	17,199	16,648	107,609	101,965
Virginia	1,252	1,579	7,257	8,287	58,333	57,304
United States	17,935	21,283	558,837	540,865	2,139,806	2,099,924

- 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: October and November 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	3,475	3,232	74,349	64,424	21.40	19.93
California	1,860	1,580	48,047	41,846	25.84	26.48
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,902	1,632	71,498	63,063	37.59	38.65
Iowa	906	826	34,753	30,288	38.36	36.68
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,662	3,593	88,358	87,081	24.13	24.24
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	971	861	32,825	28,628	33.80	33.24
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	2,170	1,871	80,324	66,231	37.01	35.39
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	462	485	18,890	18,334	40.92	37.78
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	951	944	23,334	22,798	24.54	24.15
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	573	566	8,690	8,703	15.17	15.39
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,521	2,134	70,124	57,749	27.82	27.06
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	22,007	20,059	649,866	580,967	29.53	28.96

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: October and November 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	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	62,453	54,419	343	335	0.55	0.61
California	38,803	33,691	330	232	0.84	0.68
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	57,759	50,819	1,002	923	1.71	1.78
Iowa	27,371	23,849	441	373	1.58	1.54
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	70,445	69,506	1,271	1,293	1.77	1.83
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	26,617	23,176	241	225	0.90	0.96
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
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	63,046	51,864	706	670	1.11	1.27
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	15,104	14,660	300	241	1.95	1.62
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	18,760	17,981	328	397	1.72	2.16
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	7,431	7,522	44	41	0.59	0.54
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	56,954	46,953	670	517	1.16	1.09
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	522,359	466,864	7,144	6,730	1.35	1.42

- 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.

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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