



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 2 Percent from Last Year

**January 2015** contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**January 2016** contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**Poultry certified wholesome** during January 2016 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.78 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the amount certified in January 2015. The December 2015 revised certified total at 3.85 billion pounds, was down 1 percent from December 2014. The December revision represented an increase of 3.11 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during January 2016 was 5.00 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 5.13 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.32 billion pounds, down 2 percent from January 2015. Mature chickens, at 65.6 million pounds, were down 1 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 595 million pounds, down 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 16.0 million pounds, down 1 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during January 2016 averaged a record 6.19 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from January 2015. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.81 pounds per bird, up 5 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during January 2016 averaged a record 31.8 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from January 2015.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during January 2016 totaled 13.4 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.27 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 41.0 million pounds, were 1.07 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.06 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	January 2016 as % of		January to January		2016 as percent of 2015
				January 2015	December 2015	2015	2016	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Number slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	724,605	720,679	698,185	96	97	724,605	698,185	96
Mature .....	11,964	11,428	11,294	94	99	11,964	11,294	94
Light .....	6,326	5,096	5,376	85	105	6,326	5,376	85
Heavy .....	5,638	6,332	5,918	105	93	5,638	5,918	105
Total .....	736,569	732,107	709,479	96	97	736,569	709,479	96
Turkeys								
Young .....	19,404	18,352	18,503	95	101	19,404	18,503	95
Old .....	125	135	193	154	143	125	193	154
Total .....	19,529	18,487	18,696	96	101	19,529	18,696	96
Ducks .....	2,371	2,552	2,336	99	92	2,371	2,336	99
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Total live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	4,432,867	4,428,113	4,324,863	98	98	4,432,867	4,324,863	98
Mature .....	66,083	68,112	65,642	99	96	66,083	65,642	99
Light .....	20,293	16,721	17,714	87	106	20,293	17,714	87
Heavy .....	45,790	51,391	47,928	105	93	45,790	47,928	105
Total .....	4,498,950	4,496,225	4,390,505	98	98	4,498,950	4,390,505	98
Turkeys								
Young .....	611,542	571,261	589,320	96	103	611,542	589,320	96
Old .....	3,568	3,814	5,411	152	142	3,568	5,411	152
Total .....	615,110	575,075	594,731	97	103	615,110	594,731	97
Ducks .....	16,248	17,546	16,016	99	91	16,248	16,016	99
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	193	232	194	101	84	193	194	101
Total .....	5,130,501	5,089,078	5,001,446	97	98	5,130,501	5,001,446	97
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.12	6.14	6.19	101	101	6.12	6.19	101
Mature .....	5.52	5.96	5.81	105	97	5.52	5.81	105
Light .....	3.21	3.28	3.30	103	101	3.21	3.30	103
Heavy .....	8.12	8.12	8.10	100	100	8.12	8.10	100
Total .....	6.11	6.14	6.19	101	101	6.11	6.19	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	31.52	31.13	31.85	101	102	31.52	31.85	101
Old .....	28.54	28.25	28.04	98	99	28.54	28.04	98
Total .....	31.50	31.11	31.81	101	102	31.50	31.81	101
Ducks .....	6.85	6.88	6.86	100	100	6.85	6.86	100

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

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

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	January 2016 as % of		January to January		2016 as percent of 2015
				January 2015	December 2015	2015	2016	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,045,369	3,078,050	3,016,929	99	98	3,045,369	3,016,929	99
Mature .....	41,378	44,218	41,810	101	95	41,378	41,810	101
Light .....	10,870	8,917	9,376	86	105	10,870	9,376	86
Heavy .....	30,508	35,301	32,434	106	92	30,508	32,434	106
Total .....	3,086,747	3,122,268	3,058,739	99	98	3,086,747	3,058,739	99
Turkeys								
Young .....	291,542	280,766	284,668	98	101	291,542	284,668	98
Old .....	2,295	2,020	3,452	150	171	2,295	3,452	150
Total .....	293,837	282,786	288,120	98	102	293,837	288,120	98
Ducks .....	4,321	5,205	4,425	102	85	4,321	4,425	102
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	127	157	120	94	76	127	120	94
Total .....	3,385,032	3,410,416	3,351,404	99	98	3,385,032	3,351,404	99
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	282,686	256,437	235,691	83	92	282,686	235,691	83
Mature .....	-	2	2	(X)	100	-	2	(X)
Light .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy .....	-	2	2	(X)	100	-	2	(X)
Total .....	282,686	256,439	235,693	83	92	282,686	235,693	83
Turkeys								
Young .....	198,092	177,532	187,747	95	106	198,092	187,747	95
Old .....	385	893	607	158	68	385	607	158
Total .....	198,477	178,425	188,354	95	106	198,477	188,354	95
Ducks .....	7,390	7,566	7,235	98	96	7,390	7,235	98
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	7	8	6	86	75	7	6	86
Total .....	488,560	442,438	431,288	88	97	488,560	431,288	88
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,328,055	3,334,487	3,252,620	98	98	3,328,055	3,252,620	98
Mature .....	41,378	44,220	41,812	101	95	41,378	41,812	101
Light .....	10,870	8,917	9,376	86	105	10,870	9,376	86
Heavy .....	30,508	35,303	32,436	106	92	30,508	32,436	106
Total .....	3,369,433	3,378,707	3,294,432	98	98	3,369,433	3,294,432	98
Turkeys								
Young .....	489,634	458,298	472,415	96	103	489,634	472,415	96
Old .....	2,680	2,913	4,059	151	139	2,680	4,059	151
Total .....	492,314	461,211	476,474	97	103	492,314	476,474	97
Ducks .....	11,711	12,771	11,660	100	91	11,711	11,660	100
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	134	165	126	94	76	134	126	94
Total .....	3,873,592	3,852,854	3,782,692	98	98	3,873,592	3,782,692	98

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	January 2016 as % of		January to January		2016 as percent of 2015
				January 2015	December 2015	2015	2016	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	10,061	9,993	10,820	108	108	10,061	10,820	108
Mature .....	755	704	815	108	116	755	815	108
Light .....	298	246	281	94	114	298	281	94
Heavy .....	457	458	534	117	117	457	534	117
Total .....	10,816	10,697	11,635	108	109	10,816	11,635	108
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,580	1,494	1,612	102	108	1,580	1,612	102
Old .....	51	38	79	155	208	51	79	155
Total .....	1,631	1,532	1,691	104	110	1,631	1,691	104
Ducks .....	47	37	46	98	124	47	46	98
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	12,494	12,267	13,372	107	109	12,494	13,372	107
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.23	0.23	0.25	109	109	0.23	0.25	109
Mature .....	1.14	1.03	1.24	109	120	1.14	1.24	109
Light .....	1.47	1.47	1.59	108	108	1.47	1.59	108
Heavy .....	1.00	0.89	1.11	111	125	1.00	1.11	111
Total .....	0.24	0.24	0.27	113	113	0.24	0.27	113
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.26	0.26	0.27	104	104	0.26	0.27	104
Old .....	1.43	1.00	1.46	102	146	1.43	1.46	102
Total .....	0.27	0.27	0.28	104	104	0.27	0.28	104
Ducks .....	0.29	0.21	0.29	100	138	0.29	0.29	100
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.24	0.24	0.27	113	113	0.24	0.27	113

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

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

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2015	December 2015	January 2016	January 2016 as % of		January to January		2016 as percent of 2015
				January 2015	December 2015	2015	2016	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Carcass and parts</b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	31,778	30,899	30,623	96	99	31,778	30,623	96
Mature .....	2,340	2,617	2,702	115	103	2,340	2,702	115
Light .....	925	585	663	72	113	925	663	72
Heavy .....	1,415	2,032	2,039	144	100	1,415	2,039	144
Total .....	34,118	33,516	33,325	98	99	34,118	33,325	98
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	6,879	7,132	7,218	105	101	6,879	7,218	105
Old .....	135	113	170	126	150	135	170	126
Total .....	7,014	7,245	7,388	105	102	7,014	7,388	105
Ducks .....	308	345	288	94	83	308	288	94
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1	3	1	100	33	1	1	100
Total .....	41,441	41,109	41,002	99	100	41,441	41,002	99
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.95	0.92	0.93	98	101	0.95	0.93	98
Mature .....	5.35	5.59	6.07	113	109	5.35	6.07	113
Light .....	7.84	6.16	6.60	84	107	7.84	6.60	84
Heavy .....	4.43	5.44	5.91	133	109	4.43	5.91	133
Total .....	1.00	0.98	1.00	100	102	1.00	1.00	100
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.39	1.53	1.50	108	98	1.39	1.50	108
Old .....	4.80	3.73	4.02	84	108	4.80	4.02	84
Total .....	1.40	1.55	1.53	109	99	1.40	1.53	109
Ducks .....	2.56	2.63	2.41	94	92	2.56	2.41	94
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	0.74	1.79	0.79	107	44	0.74	0.79	107
Total .....	1.06	1.06	1.07	101	101	1.06	1.07	101

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

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

**Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: December 2015 and January 2016**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	5,493	5,026	879,991	863,028
Mature .....	-	-	553	387	131,390	148,684
Light .....	-	-	481	312	88,455	100,499
Heavy .....	-	-	72	75	42,935	48,185
Total .....	-	-	6,046	5,413	1,011,381	1,011,712
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	110	149	27,535	22,424
Old .....	-	-	-	31	882	1,364
Total .....	-	-	110	180	28,417	23,788
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	580,252	618,312	3,028	2,749	14,940	14,772
Mature .....	26,658	24,511	259	328	30,059	36,620
Light .....	7,935	8,439	73	120	20,735	27,380
Heavy .....	18,723	16,072	186	208	9,324	9,240
Total .....	606,910	642,823	3,287	3,077	44,999	51,392
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	3,704	2,977	352	471	102	107
Old .....	174	381	1	1	108	153
Total .....	3,878	3,358	353	472	210	260
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	12,626	13,279	51,149	54,499	102,097	95,864
Mature .....	5,951	5,961	1,214	1,815	61,250	70,603
Light .....	5,159	5,107	523	951	53,175	60,695
Heavy .....	792	854	691	864	8,075	9,908
Total .....	18,577	19,240	52,363	56,314	163,347	166,467
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	156	115	664	931	1,658	1,325
Old .....	16	21	27	63	39	93
Total .....	172	136	691	994	1,697	1,418
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	18,513	22,205	557,549	643,265	2,225,638	2,332,999
Mature .....	644	544	110,179	102,198	368,157	391,651
Light .....	185	126	43,880	48,044	220,601	251,673
Heavy .....	459	418	66,299	54,154	147,556	139,978
Total .....	19,157	22,749	667,728	745,463	2,593,795	2,724,650
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	371	506	10,082	9,045	44,734	38,050
Old .....	12	33	112	228	1,371	2,368
Total .....	383	539	10,194	9,273	46,105	40,418

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> Includes any portion of the carcass affected by an inflammatory process, plant-rejected carcasses, missing viscera, or ascites fluid preventing proper inspection of the carcass.

## Young Chickens, Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: December 2015 and January 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	88,438	84,038	508,750	483,545	5.75	5.75
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	74,340	75,559	487,757	501,206	6.56	6.63
California .....	21,873	22,287	133,210	133,805	6.09	6.00
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	29,290	28,620	213,029	209,904	7.27	7.33
Florida .....	5,668	5,811	32,607	34,154	5.75	5.88
Georgia .....	105,687	98,230	620,842	581,112	5.87	5.92
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	5,520	5,056	24,829	22,558	4.50	4.46
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	24,038	21,970	141,615	130,725	5.89	5.95
Louisiana .....	15,343	15,082	91,351	92,240	5.95	6.12
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	13,343	12,582	78,455	75,993	5.88	6.04
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,228	3,405	25,378	21,128	6.00	6.20
Mississippi .....	59,064	56,823	370,227	358,003	6.27	6.30
Missouri .....	36,299	35,517	177,921	174,603	4.90	4.92
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	107	90	561	452	5.23	5.02
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,133	2,101	10,601	10,568	4.97	5.03
North Carolina .....	62,962	61,150	493,571	484,426	7.84	7.92
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	7,287	6,889	39,856	37,181	5.47	5.40
Oklahoma .....	10,942	12,584	72,380	84,441	6.61	6.71
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	9,060	9,119	51,306	52,128	5.66	5.72
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	24,712	24,156	184,600	180,713	7.47	7.48
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	24,221	23,705	126,424	125,513	5.22	5.29
Texas .....	49,026	48,544	296,020	294,576	6.04	6.07
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	27,656	26,012	155,151	146,423	5.61	5.63
Washington .....	3,991	3,737	25,396	23,936	6.36	6.41
West Virginia .....	8,879	8,507	34,260	33,133	3.86	3.89
Wisconsin .....	4,259	4,299	18,068	18,476	4.24	4.30
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	720,679	698,185	4,428,113	4,324,863	6.14	6.19

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2015 and January 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	386,702	366,866	3,046	2,985	0.78	0.81
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	370,331	379,529	4,066	3,643	1.09	0.95
California .....	99,220	99,513	864	1,057	0.86	1.05
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	154,861	152,545	1,853	1,706	1.18	1.11
Florida .....	24,391	25,617	128	173	0.52	0.67
Georgia .....	466,661	436,883	4,319	4,231	0.92	0.96
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	18,103	16,439	163	126	0.89	0.76
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	107,489	98,136	1,833	1,721	1.68	1.72
Louisiana .....	68,887	69,710	469	476	0.68	0.68
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	57,423	55,656	1,042	978	1.78	1.73
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	21,539	17,769	232	250	1.07	1.39
Mississippi .....	287,678	276,611	2,075	2,100	0.72	0.75
Missouri .....	130,937	128,756	1,800	1,972	1.36	1.51
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	392	316	5	5	1.37	1.47
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	6,507	6,478	194	210	2.90	3.13
North Carolina .....	381,413	375,326	2,847	2,904	0.74	0.77
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	29,668	27,651	355	356	1.18	1.27
Oklahoma .....	54,447	63,382	366	415	0.67	0.65
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	34,694	34,947	712	669	2.01	1.88
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	138,999	136,253	684	641	0.49	0.47
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	92,957	92,085	505	655	0.54	0.71
Texas .....	223,559	222,750	2,070	2,095	0.92	0.93
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	110,963	104,415	668	657	0.60	0.62
Washington .....	18,953	17,866	91	104	0.48	0.58
West Virginia .....	24,510	23,706	107	91	0.43	0.38
Wisconsin .....	13,197	13,494	180	164	1.35	1.20
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,334,487	3,252,620	30,899	30,623	0.92	0.93

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

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



## Young Chickens, Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: December 2015 and January 2016

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	331	247	85,297	83,163
Arkansas .....	-	-	254	174	77,199	64,248
Delaware .....	-	-	1,406	673	84,919	68,382
Georgia .....	-	-	58	62	73,660	72,266
Mississippi .....	-	-	168	50	21,726	26,269
Missouri .....	-	-	82	61	44,388	41,534
North Carolina .....	-	-	340	172	86,886	93,857
Texas .....	-	-	29	14	65,898	65,649
Virginia .....	-	-	32	26	17,526	15,917
United States .....	-	-	5,493	5,026	879,991	863,028

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	37,676	42,437	252	224	1,818	1,784
Arkansas .....	51,717	30,606	510	496	851	926
Delaware .....	66,693	61,664	65	122	1,116	1,232
Georgia .....	113,977	125,109	130	118	2,598	2,433
Mississippi .....	9,078	11,022	91	56	441	407
Missouri .....	6,541	11,160	29	33	371	407
North Carolina .....	34,955	35,073	378	425	1,995	2,082
Texas .....	28,688	35,048	90	39	720	763
Virginia .....	24,281	26,665	7	3	420	417
United States .....	580,252	618,312	3,028	2,749	14,940	14,772

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,142	1,253	6,687	6,559	21,372	20,269
Arkansas .....	457	303	3,739	3,306	6,569	6,348
Delaware .....	1,528	1,593	1,213	1,488	4,578	4,033
Georgia .....	625	658	13,395	14,735	16,171	8,897
Mississippi .....	553	514	2,046	2,082	1,531	1,576
Missouri .....	169	162	526	596	3,885	3,273
North Carolina .....	954	888	9,333	9,136	4,377	4,259
Texas .....	360	383	590	655	3,855	4,002
Virginia .....	661	661	458	525	2,510	2,902
United States .....	12,626	13,279	51,149	54,499	102,097	95,864

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,479	1,881	51,782	52,219	207,836	210,036
Arkansas .....	2,208	2,760	70,854	72,735	214,358	181,902
Delaware .....	2,699	2,002	14,105	18,822	178,322	160,011
Georgia .....	2,307	2,159	61,710	63,217	284,631	289,654
Mississippi .....	135	317	12,011	14,771	47,780	57,064
Missouri .....	65	94	24,817	28,740	80,873	86,060
North Carolina .....	2,045	3,835	46,860	48,036	188,123	197,763
Texas .....	623	481	19,919	20,164	120,772	127,198
Virginia .....	1,343	1,072	7,019	9,459	54,257	57,647
United States .....	18,513	22,205	557,549	643,265	2,225,638	2,332,999

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> Includes any portion of the carcass affected by an inflammatory process, plant-rejected carcasses, missing viscera, or ascites fluid preventing proper inspection of the carcass.

## Young Turkeys, Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: December 2015 and January 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	2,794	2,720	57,057	57,066	20.42	20.98
California .....	1,006	742	30,093	26,038	29.92	35.07
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	1,682	1,954	66,440	80,211	39.50	41.05
Iowa .....	967	1,130	37,234	44,753	38.49	39.61
Kansas .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kentucky .....	(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 .....	2,998	3,341	81,362	88,716	27.14	26.55
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	890	931	31,315	33,388	35.17	35.88
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 .....	1,789	1,675	65,799	60,241	36.78	35.96
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	439	391	17,724	17,516	40.35	44.76
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	655	638	16,472	18,071	25.17	28.32
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 .....	438	506	7,013	8,080	16.00	15.96
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Virginia .....	2,159	2,152	60,692	59,175	28.11	27.50
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	18,352	18,503	571,261	589,320	31.13	31.85

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## Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2015 and January 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	47,795	48,256	311	386	0.65	0.79
California .....	24,194	20,964	242	201	0.99	0.95
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	53,728	64,820	1,017	1,135	1.86	1.72
Iowa .....	29,386	35,180	557	613	1.86	1.71
Kansas .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Kentucky .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
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 .....	64,858	70,610	1,277	1,215	1.93	1.69
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	25,327	27,043	246	263	0.96	0.96
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 .....	51,608	46,790	669	682	1.28	1.44
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	14,219	14,004	278	211	1.92	1.48
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	13,036	14,185	303	327	2.27	2.25
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 .....	5,942	6,649	33	43	0.55	0.64
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Virginia .....	49,243	48,056	551	530	1.11	1.09
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	458,298	472,415	7,132	7,218	1.53	1.50

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

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

## Terms and Definitions Used for Poultry Slaughter Estimates

**Ante-Mortem Condemnations:** Birds condemned prior to their entry into the slaughter plant.

**Average Live Weight:** The weight of the whole bird, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

**Certified Ready-to-Cook:** The weight of poultry certified wholesome by inspection after post-mortem condemnation pounds are removed. Ready-to-cook represents poultry meat ready for the marketing channel.

**Dressing Percent:** Usually expressed as a percentage yield of frozen and chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live bird.

**Ducks:** Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

**Federally Inspected (FI) Plants:** Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards.

**Mature Chickens:** Fowl from breeder and market egg flocks and stags and cocks.

**Number of Head:** Includes post-mortem condemnations.

**Old Turkeys:** Fully matured birds held for egg production, usually over 15 months of age.

**Plant, Slaughter:** An establishment where birds are killed and butchered.

**Post-Mortem Condemnations:** Carcasses or parts condemned by the inspector because of disease or mishandling and removed from the slaughter line and destroyed.

**Slaughter:** Killing and butchering of birds primarily for food.

**Total Live Weight:** The total weight of live birds, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

**Young Chickens:** Commercially grown broilers-fryers and other young immature birds such as roasters and capons.

**Young Turkeys:** Young birds grown to a matured market age, and other turkeys such as fryers/roasters and young breeders.

## Statistical Methodology

**Data Sources:** Data for poultry slaughter estimates are collected by inspectors of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA for all Federally Inspected plants. Over 99 percent of the total United States slaughter for any species is under Federal Inspection. The number of head slaughtered daily, by species and class, as well as condemnations and total live and dressed weights are obtained by shift for each plant. Approximately 310 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2015. Young chickens were slaughtered in 37 States, young turkeys in 30 States.

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