



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 8 Percent from Last Year

February 2015 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

February 2016 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during February 2016 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.76 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the amount certified in February 2015. The January 2016 revised certified total at 3.79 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from January 2015. The January revision represented an increase of 4.17 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during February 2016 was 4.97 billion pounds, up 8 percent from 4.60 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.32 billion pounds, up 8 percent from February 2015. Mature chickens, at 67.9 million pounds, were up 5 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 566 million pounds, up 4 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.2 million pounds, up 5 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during February 2016 averaged 6.17 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from February 2015. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.93 pounds per bird, up 5 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2016 averaged 31.0 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from February 2015.

Ante-mortem condemnations during February 2016 totaled 12.8 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.26 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.27 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 40.8 million pounds, were 1.07 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.11 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2015	January 2016	February 2016	February 2016 as % of		January to February		2016 as percent of 2015
				February 2015	January 2016	2015	2016	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Number slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	654,079	699,346	699,151	107	100	1,378,684	1,398,497	101
Mature	11,408	11,294	11,448	100	101	23,372	22,742	97
Light	5,678	5,376	5,168	91	96	12,004	10,544	88
Heavy	5,730	5,918	6,280	110	106	11,368	12,198	107
Total	665,487	710,640	710,599	107	100	1,402,056	1,421,239	101
Turkeys								
Young	17,203	18,504	18,168	106	98	36,607	36,672	100
Old	140	193	129	92	67	265	322	122
Total	17,343	18,697	18,297	106	98	36,872	36,994	100
Ducks	2,088	2,337	2,210	106	95	4,459	4,547	102
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	3,982,649	4,330,457	4,316,037	108	100	8,415,516	8,646,494	103
Mature	64,721	65,642	67,881	105	103	130,804	133,523	102
Light	18,270	17,714	16,907	93	95	38,563	34,621	90
Heavy	46,451	47,928	50,974	110	106	92,241	98,902	107
Total	4,047,370	4,396,099	4,383,918	108	100	8,546,320	8,780,017	103
Turkeys								
Young	538,065	589,320	562,595	105	95	1,149,607	1,151,915	100
Old	4,129	5,411	3,672	89	68	7,697	9,083	118
Total	542,194	594,731	566,267	104	95	1,157,304	1,160,998	100
Ducks	14,407	16,021	15,187	105	95	30,655	31,208	102
Other ¹	156	195	168	108	86	349	363	104
Total	4,604,127	5,007,046	4,965,540	108	99	9,734,628	9,972,586	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.09	6.19	6.17	101	100	6.10	6.18	101
Mature	5.67	5.81	5.93	105	102	5.60	5.87	105
Light	3.22	3.30	3.27	102	99	3.21	3.28	102
Heavy	8.11	8.10	8.12	100	100	8.11	8.11	100
Total	6.08	6.19	6.17	101	100	6.10	6.18	101
Turkeys								
Young	31.28	31.85	30.97	99	97	31.40	31.41	100
Old	29.49	28.04	28.47	97	102	29.05	28.21	97
Total	31.26	31.81	30.95	99	97	31.39	31.38	100
Ducks	6.90	6.86	6.87	100	100	6.87	6.86	100

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	February 2015	January 2016	February 2016	February 2016 as % of		January to February		2016 as percent of 2015
				February 2015	January 2016	2015	2016	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,740,912	3,020,486	3,000,720	109	99	5,786,281	6,021,206	104
Mature	41,184	41,810	43,334	105	104	82,562	85,144	103
Light	9,945	9,376	8,905	90	95	20,815	18,281	88
Heavy	31,239	32,434	34,429	110	106	61,747	66,863	108
Total	2,782,096	3,062,296	3,044,054	109	99	5,868,843	6,106,350	104
Turkeys								
Young	255,770	284,668	261,145	102	92	547,312	545,813	100
Old	2,967	3,452	2,283	77	66	5,262	5,735	109
Total	258,737	288,120	263,428	102	91	552,574	551,548	100
Ducks	3,660	4,425	4,055	111	92	7,981	8,480	106
Other ¹	102	121	111	109	92	229	232	101
Total	3,044,595	3,354,962	3,311,648	109	99	6,429,627	6,666,610	104
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	259,774	236,295	252,100	97	107	542,460	488,395	90
Mature	-	2	5	(X)	250	-	7	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	2	5	(X)	250	-	7	(X)
Total	259,774	236,297	252,105	97	107	542,460	488,402	90
Turkeys								
Young	175,733	187,747	190,104	108	101	373,825	377,851	101
Old	132	607	507	384	84	517	1,114	215
Total	175,865	188,354	190,611	108	101	374,342	378,965	101
Ducks	6,678	7,247	6,955	104	96	14,068	14,202	101
Other ¹	9	6	6	67	100	16	12	75
Total	442,326	431,904	449,677	102	104	930,886	881,581	95
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,000,686	3,256,781	3,252,820	108	100	6,328,741	6,509,601	103
Mature	41,184	41,812	43,339	105	104	82,562	85,151	103
Light	9,945	9,376	8,905	90	95	20,815	18,281	88
Heavy	31,239	32,436	34,434	110	106	61,747	66,870	108
Total	3,041,870	3,298,593	3,296,159	108	100	6,411,303	6,594,752	103
Turkeys								
Young	431,503	472,415	451,249	105	96	921,137	923,664	100
Old	3,099	4,059	2,790	90	69	5,779	6,849	119
Total	434,602	476,474	454,039	104	95	926,916	930,513	100
Ducks	10,338	11,672	11,010	107	94	22,049	22,682	103
Other ¹	111	127	117	105	92	245	244	100
Total	3,486,921	3,786,866	3,761,325	108	99	7,360,513	7,548,191	103

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2015	January 2016	February 2016	February 2016 as % of		January to February		2016 as percent of 2015
				February 2015	January 2016	2015	2016	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	10,010	10,830	10,388	104	96	20,071	21,218	106
Mature	835	815	820	98	101	1,590	1,635	103
Light	322	281	272	84	97	620	553	89
Heavy	513	534	548	107	103	970	1,082	112
Total	10,845	11,645	11,208	103	96	21,661	22,853	106
Turkeys								
Young	1,479	1,617	1,499	101	93	3,059	3,116	102
Old	58	79	50	86	63	109	129	118
Total	1,537	1,696	1,549	101	91	3,168	3,245	102
Ducks	45	46	37	82	80	92	83	90
Total ¹	12,427	13,387	12,794	103	96	24,921	26,181	105
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.25	0.25	0.24	96	96	0.24	0.25	104
Mature	1.29	1.24	1.21	94	98	1.22	1.22	100
Light	1.76	1.59	1.61	91	101	1.61	1.60	99
Heavy	1.10	1.11	1.08	98	97	1.05	1.09	104
Total	0.27	0.26	0.26	96	100	0.25	0.26	104
Turkeys								
Young	0.27	0.27	0.27	100	100	0.27	0.27	100
Old	1.40	1.46	1.36	97	93	1.42	1.42	100
Total	0.28	0.29	0.27	96	93	0.27	0.28	104
Ducks	0.31	0.29	0.24	77	83	0.30	0.27	90
Total ¹	0.27	0.27	0.26	96	96	0.26	0.26	100

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	February 2015	January 2016	February 2016	February 2016 as % of		January to February		2016 as percent of 2015
				February 2015	January 2016	2015	2016	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	29,942	30,654	31,142	104	102	61,720	61,796	100
Mature	2,277	2,702	2,591	114	96	4,617	5,293	115
Light	835	663	656	79	99	1,760	1,319	75
Heavy	1,442	2,039	1,935	134	95	2,857	3,974	139
Total	32,219	33,356	33,733	105	101	66,337	67,089	101
Turkeys								
Young	6,338	7,243	6,636	105	92	13,217	13,879	105
Old	164	170	116	71	68	299	286	96
Total	6,502	7,413	6,752	104	91	13,516	14,165	105
Ducks	278	288	285	103	99	586	573	98
Other ¹	1	1	1	100	100	2	2	100
Total	39,000	41,058	40,771	105	99	80,441	81,829	102
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.99	0.93	0.95	96	102	0.97	0.94	97
Mature	5.24	6.07	5.64	108	93	5.30	5.85	110
Light	7.75	6.60	6.86	89	104	7.80	6.73	86
Heavy	4.41	5.91	5.32	121	90	4.42	5.61	127
Total	1.05	1.00	1.01	96	101	1.02	1.01	99
Turkeys								
Young	1.45	1.51	1.45	100	96	1.41	1.48	105
Old	5.03	4.02	3.99	79	99	4.92	4.01	82
Total	1.47	1.53	1.47	100	96	1.44	1.50	104
Ducks	2.62	2.41	2.52	96	105	2.59	2.46	95
Other ¹	0.89	0.78	0.85	96	109	0.81	0.81	100
Total	1.11	1.07	1.07	96	100	1.08	1.07	99

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: January and February 2016

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	5,026	5,298	864,205	864,999
Mature	-	-	387	525	148,684	151,431
Light	-	-	312	448	100,499	100,193
Heavy	-	-	75	77	48,185	51,238
Total	-	-	5,413	5,823	1,012,889	1,016,430
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	149	139	22,424	23,279
Old	-	-	31	-	1,364	1,077
Total	-	-	180	139	23,788	24,356
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	619,521	720,246	2,749	3,158	14,780	14,901
Mature	24,511	27,094	328	307	36,620	32,931
Light	8,439	7,926	120	136	27,380	22,843
Heavy	16,072	19,168	208	171	9,240	10,088
Total	644,032	747,340	3,077	3,465	51,400	47,832
Turkeys						
Young	2,977	3,308	471	443	107	51
Old	381	372	1	1	153	243
Total	3,358	3,680	472	444	260	294
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	13,283	13,229	54,701	52,162	96,018	103,931
Mature	5,961	7,876	1,815	1,599	70,603	75,509
Light	5,107	7,127	951	767	60,695	64,784
Heavy	854	749	864	832	9,908	10,725
Total	19,244	21,105	56,516	53,761	166,621	179,440
Turkeys						
Young	115	103	931	812	1,325	1,070
Old	21	11	63	42	93	56
Total	136	114	994	854	1,418	1,126
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	22,220	23,828	643,418	654,660	2,335,921	2,456,412
Mature	544	427	102,198	112,643	391,651	410,342
Light	126	143	48,044	57,600	251,673	261,967
Heavy	418	284	54,154	55,043	139,978	148,375
Total	22,764	24,255	745,616	767,303	2,727,572	2,866,754
Turkeys						
Young	506	364	9,045	9,143	38,050	38,712
Old	33	11	228	133	2,368	1,946
Total	539	375	9,273	9,276	40,418	40,658

- 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: January and February 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	84,038	83,712	483,545	475,958	5.75	5.69
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	75,565	73,418	501,235	482,983	6.63	6.58
California	22,287	20,348	133,805	121,312	6.00	5.96
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	28,620	28,419	209,904	207,195	7.33	7.29
Florida	5,811	5,513	34,154	32,822	5.88	5.95
Georgia	99,385	99,665	586,677	586,789	5.90	5.89
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,056	5,193	22,558	22,914	4.46	4.41
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	21,970	24,535	130,725	147,861	5.95	6.03
Louisiana	15,082	15,051	92,240	90,199	6.12	5.99
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	12,582	12,567	75,993	73,338	6.04	5.84
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,405	3,909	21,128	24,480	6.20	6.26
Mississippi	56,823	58,595	358,003	370,062	6.30	6.32
Missouri	35,517	35,004	174,603	172,543	4.92	4.93
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	90	97	452	478	5.02	4.95
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,101	2,193	10,568	10,897	5.03	4.97
North Carolina	61,150	61,786	484,426	493,193	7.92	7.98
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	6,889	6,759	37,181	36,619	5.40	5.42
Oklahoma	12,584	11,867	84,441	78,035	6.71	6.58
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,119	9,191	52,128	52,675	5.72	5.73
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	24,156	23,435	180,713	174,213	7.48	7.43
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	23,705	24,427	125,513	130,616	5.29	5.35
Texas	48,544	48,341	294,576	295,785	6.07	6.12
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	26,012	26,217	146,423	147,515	5.63	5.63
Washington	3,737	3,627	23,936	22,640	6.41	6.24
West Virginia	8,507	9,017	33,133	34,669	3.89	3.85
Wisconsin	4,299	4,101	18,476	17,295	4.30	4.22
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	699,346	699,151	4,330,457	4,316,037	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: January and February 2016

[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	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	366,866	362,638	2,985	2,936	0.81	0.80
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	379,550	366,977	3,645	3,393	0.95	0.92
California	99,513	90,161	1,057	1,118	1.05	1.22
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	152,545	151,100	1,706	1,758	1.11	1.15
Florida	25,617	24,611	173	185	0.67	0.75
Georgia	441,023	440,660	4,260	4,295	0.96	0.97
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	16,439	16,731	126	117	0.76	0.70
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	98,136	111,525	1,721	1,827	1.72	1.61
Louisiana	69,710	68,123	476	462	0.68	0.67
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	55,656	53,470	978	955	1.73	1.75
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	17,769	20,332	250	259	1.39	1.26
Mississippi	276,611	287,227	2,100	2,115	0.75	0.73
Missouri	128,756	127,315	1,972	1,657	1.51	1.29
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	316	333	5	5	1.47	1.42
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,478	6,639	210	221	3.13	3.22
North Carolina	375,326	382,514	2,904	3,343	0.77	0.87
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	27,651	27,246	356	365	1.27	1.32
Oklahoma	63,382	58,666	415	371	0.65	0.63
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	34,947	35,360	669	739	1.88	2.05
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	136,253	131,109	641	683	0.47	0.52
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	92,085	95,654	655	817	0.71	0.85
Texas	222,750	225,608	2,095	2,233	0.93	0.98
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	104,415	105,249	657	716	0.62	0.68
Washington	17,866	16,902	104	98	0.58	0.58
West Virginia	23,706	24,802	91	97	0.38	0.39
Wisconsin	13,494	12,632	164	164	1.20	1.28
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,256,781	3,252,820	30,654	31,142	0.93	0.95

- 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: January and February 2016

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	247	245	83,163	83,853
Arkansas	-	-	174	149	64,251	63,847
Delaware	-	-	673	1,283	68,382	60,954
Georgia	-	-	62	35	73,540	71,459
Mississippi	-	-	50	99	26,269	24,126
Missouri	-	-	61	127	41,534	42,938
North Carolina	-	-	172	133	93,857	99,380
Texas	-	-	14	20	65,649	68,758
Virginia	-	-	26	40	15,917	15,594
United States	-	-	5,026	5,298	864,205	864,999

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	42,437	44,627	224	279	1,784	1,789
Arkansas	30,608	32,815	496	505	926	856
Delaware	61,664	71,303	122	95	1,232	1,127
Georgia	126,316	143,538	118	146	2,441	2,571
Mississippi	11,022	10,748	56	90	407	511
Missouri	11,160	7,352	33	26	407	463
North Carolina	35,073	53,916	425	367	2,082	1,782
Texas	35,048	36,928	39	45	763	827
Virginia	26,665	29,271	3	3	417	357
United States	619,521	720,246	2,749	3,158	14,780	14,901

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,253	1,052	6,559	7,372	20,269	22,050
Arkansas	303	275	3,308	3,152	6,350	5,613
Delaware	1,593	1,362	1,488	1,181	4,033	3,885
Georgia	662	606	14,935	13,172	9,049	9,118
Mississippi	514	579	2,082	2,052	1,576	1,620
Missouri	162	129	596	504	3,273	2,746
North Carolina	888	1,028	9,136	8,112	4,259	4,494
Texas	383	380	655	559	4,002	4,004
Virginia	661	647	525	518	2,902	2,483
United States	13,283	13,229	54,701	52,162	96,018	103,931

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,881	1,486	52,219	55,031	210,036	217,784
Arkansas	2,760	1,847	72,735	82,183	181,911	191,242
Delaware	2,002	3,099	18,822	17,068	160,011	161,357
Georgia	2,174	2,995	63,370	70,932	292,667	314,572
Mississippi	317	155	14,771	17,294	57,064	57,274
Missouri	94	64	28,740	24,511	86,060	78,860
North Carolina	3,835	4,396	48,036	60,113	197,763	233,721
Texas	481	536	20,164	22,664	127,198	134,721
Virginia	1,072	1,470	9,459	11,436	57,647	61,819
United States	22,220	23,828	643,418	654,660	2,335,921	2,456,412

- 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: January and February 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,720	2,825	57,066	59,031	20.98	20.89
California	743	733	26,038	24,955	35.04	34.06
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,954	1,645	80,211	62,036	41.05	37.71
Iowa	1,130	1,061	44,753	39,608	39.61	37.33
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,341	3,247	88,716	85,813	26.55	26.43
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	931	909	33,388	32,060	35.88	35.25
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,675	1,655	60,241	59,420	35.96	35.91
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	391	429	17,516	19,457	44.76	45.32
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	638	643	18,071	17,530	28.32	27.28
Rhode Island	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	506	448	8,080	6,443	15.96	14.38
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,152	2,177	59,175	59,738	27.50	27.44
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	18,504	18,168	589,320	562,595	31.85	30.97

- Represents zero.

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

[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	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	48,256	49,770	386	355	0.79	0.71
California	20,964	20,089	201	180	0.95	0.89
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	64,820	50,190	1,135	826	1.72	1.62
Iowa	35,180	31,232	613	514	1.71	1.62
Kansas	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	70,610	68,334	1,215	1,219	1.69	1.75
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	27,043	25,943	263	263	0.96	1.01
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	46,790	46,685	682	628	1.44	1.33
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	14,004	15,551	236	274	1.66	1.73
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	14,185	13,816	327	323	2.25	2.28
Rhode Island	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	6,649	5,392	43	34	0.64	0.63
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	48,056	48,539	530	574	1.09	1.17
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	472,415	451,249	7,243	6,636	1.51	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 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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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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