



# Poultry Slaughter

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

**March 2015** contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**March 2016** contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**Poultry certified wholesome** during March 2016 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.09 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the amount certified in March 2015. The February 2016 revised certified total at 3.77 billion pounds, was up 8 percent from February 2015. The February revision represented an increase of 4.25 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during March 2016 was 5.40 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 5.22 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled a record 4.68 billion pounds, up 4 percent from March 2015. Mature chickens, at 77.1 million pounds, were up 12 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 628 million pounds, up slightly from a year ago. Ducks totaled 16.5 million pounds, down 1 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during March 2016 averaged 6.16 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from March 2015. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.90 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during March 2016 averaged 31.3 pounds per bird, up slightly from March 2015.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during March 2016 totaled 12.9 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 43.8 million pounds, were 1.06 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                  | March 2015     | February 2016  | March 2016     | March 2016 as % of |               | January to March |                | 2016 as percent of 2015 |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
|                            |                |                |                | March 2015         | February 2016 | 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 .....                | 741,932        | 699,865        | 760,247        | 102                | 109           | 2,120,616        | 2,159,458      | 102                     |
| Mature .....               | 11,998         | 11,448         | 13,059         | 109                | 114           | 35,370           | 35,801         | 101                     |
| Light .....                | 5,957          | 5,168          | 6,036          | 101                | 117           | 17,961           | 16,580         | 92                      |
| Heavy .....                | 6,041          | 6,280          | 7,023          | 116                | 112           | 17,409           | 19,221         | 110                     |
| Total .....                | 753,930        | 711,313        | 773,306        | 103                | 109           | 2,155,986        | 2,195,259      | 102                     |
| Turkeys                    |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| Young .....                | 19,955         | 18,169         | 19,923         | 100                | 110           | 56,562           | 56,596         | 100                     |
| Old .....                  | 146            | 129            | 168            | 115                | 130           | 411              | 490            | 119                     |
| Total .....                | 20,101         | 18,298         | 20,091         | 100                | 110           | 56,973           | 57,086         | 100                     |
| Ducks .....                | 2,436          | 2,221          | 2,416          | 99                 | 109           | 6,895            | 6,974          | 101                     |
|                            | (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 .....                | 4,503,176      | 4,320,889      | 4,682,255      | 104                | 108           | 12,918,692       | 13,333,601     | 103                     |
| Mature .....               | 68,588         | 67,881         | 77,068         | 112                | 114           | 199,392          | 210,591        | 106                     |
| Light .....                | 19,563         | 16,907         | 19,965         | 102                | 118           | 58,126           | 54,586         | 94                      |
| Heavy .....                | 49,025         | 50,974         | 57,103         | 116                | 112           | 141,266          | 156,005        | 110                     |
| Total .....                | 4,571,764      | 4,388,770      | 4,759,323      | 104                | 108           | 13,118,084       | 13,544,192     | 103                     |
| Turkeys                    |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| Young .....                | 622,515        | 563,247        | 623,150        | 100                | 111           | 1,772,122        | 1,775,717      | 100                     |
| Old .....                  | 3,950          | 3,672          | 4,595          | 116                | 125           | 11,647           | 13,678         | 117                     |
| Total .....                | 626,465        | 566,919        | 627,745        | 100                | 111           | 1,783,769        | 1,789,395      | 100                     |
| Ducks .....                | 16,666         | 15,256         | 16,493         | 99                 | 108           | 47,321           | 47,770         | 101                     |
| Other <sup>1</sup> .....   | 180            | 168            | 186            | 103                | 111           | 529              | 549            | 104                     |
| Total .....                | 5,215,075      | 4,971,113      | 5,403,747      | 104                | 109           | 14,949,703       | 15,381,906     | 103                     |
|                            | (pounds)       | (pounds)       | (pounds)       | (percent)          | (percent)     | (pounds)         | (pounds)       | (percent)               |
| <b>Average live weight</b> |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| Chickens                   |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| Young .....                | 6.07           | 6.17           | 6.16           | 101                | 100           | 6.09             | 6.17           | 101                     |
| Mature .....               | 5.72           | 5.93           | 5.90           | 103                | 99            | 5.64             | 5.88           | 104                     |
| Light .....                | 3.28           | 3.27           | 3.31           | 101                | 101           | 3.24             | 3.29           | 102                     |
| Heavy .....                | 8.12           | 8.12           | 8.13           | 100                | 100           | 8.11             | 8.12           | 100                     |
| Total .....                | 6.06           | 6.17           | 6.15           | 101                | 100           | 6.08             | 6.17           | 101                     |
| Turkeys                    |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| Young .....                | 31.20          | 31.00          | 31.28          | 100                | 101           | 31.33            | 31.38          | 100                     |
| Old .....                  | 27.05          | 28.47          | 27.35          | 101                | 96            | 28.34            | 27.91          | 98                      |
| Total .....                | 31.17          | 30.98          | 31.25          | 100                | 101           | 31.31            | 31.35          | 100                     |
| Ducks .....                | 6.84           | 6.87           | 6.83           | 100                | 99            | 6.86             | 6.85           | 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                 | March 2015     | February 2016  | March 2016     | March 2016 as % of |               | January to March |                | 2016 as percent of 2015 |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
|                           |                |                |                | March 2015         | February 2016 | 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 .....               | 3,084,807      | 3,004,421      | 3,255,478      | 106                | 108           | 8,871,088        | 9,280,385      | 105                     |
| Mature .....              | 43,946         | 43,334         | 49,561         | 113                | 114           | 126,508          | 134,705        | 106                     |
| Light .....               | 10,956         | 8,905          | 10,458         | 95                 | 117           | 31,771           | 28,739         | 90                      |
| Heavy .....               | 32,990         | 34,429         | 39,103         | 119                | 114           | 94,737           | 105,966        | 112                     |
| Total .....               | 3,128,753      | 3,047,755      | 3,305,039      | 106                | 108           | 8,997,596        | 9,415,090      | 105                     |
| Turkeys                   |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| Young .....               | 296,763        | 261,596        | 288,984        | 97                 | 110           | 844,075          | 835,248        | 99                      |
| Old .....                 | 2,688          | 2,283          | 3,219          | 120                | 141           | 7,950            | 8,954          | 113                     |
| Total .....               | 299,451        | 263,879        | 292,203        | 98                 | 111           | 852,025          | 844,202        | 99                      |
| Ducks .....               | 4,490          | 4,114          | 4,105          | 91                 | 100           | 12,471           | 12,644         | 101                     |
| Other <sup>1</sup> .....  | 116            | 111            | 123            | 106                | 111           | 345              | 355            | 103                     |
| Total .....               | 3,432,810      | 3,315,859      | 3,601,470      | 105                | 109           | 9,862,437        | 10,272,291     | 104                     |
| <b>Frozen</b>             |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| Chickens                  |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| Young .....               | 304,212        | 252,074        | 269,565        | 89                 | 107           | 846,672          | 757,934        | 90                      |
| Mature .....              | -              | 5              | 2              | (X)                | 40            | -                | 9              | (X)                     |
| Light .....               | -              | -              | 2              | (X)                | (X)           | -                | 2              | (X)                     |
| Heavy .....               | -              | 5              | -              | (X)                | (X)           | -                | 7              | (X)                     |
| Total .....               | 304,212        | 252,079        | 269,567        | 89                 | 107           | 846,672          | 757,943        | 90                      |
| Turkeys                   |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| Young .....               | 202,229        | 190,164        | 210,602        | 104                | 111           | 576,054          | 588,513        | 102                     |
| Old .....                 | 249            | 507            | 240            | 96                 | 47            | 766              | 1,354          | 177                     |
| Total .....               | 202,478        | 190,671        | 210,842        | 104                | 111           | 576,820          | 589,867        | 102                     |
| Ducks .....               | 7,577          | 6,955          | 7,856          | 104                | 113           | 21,645           | 22,058         | 102                     |
| Other <sup>1</sup> .....  | 8              | 6              | 8              | 100                | 133           | 24               | 20             | 83                      |
| Total .....               | 514,275        | 449,711        | 488,273        | 95                 | 109           | 1,445,161        | 1,369,888      | 95                      |
| <b>Chilled and frozen</b> |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| Chickens                  |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| Young .....               | 3,389,019      | 3,256,495      | 3,525,043      | 104                | 108           | 9,717,760        | 10,038,319     | 103                     |
| Mature .....              | 43,946         | 43,339         | 49,563         | 113                | 114           | 126,508          | 134,714        | 106                     |
| Light .....               | 10,956         | 8,905          | 10,460         | 95                 | 117           | 31,771           | 28,741         | 90                      |
| Heavy .....               | 32,990         | 34,434         | 39,103         | 119                | 114           | 94,737           | 105,973        | 112                     |
| Total .....               | 3,432,965      | 3,299,834      | 3,574,606      | 104                | 108           | 9,844,268        | 10,173,033     | 103                     |
| Turkeys                   |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| Young .....               | 498,992        | 451,760        | 499,586        | 100                | 111           | 1,420,129        | 1,423,761      | 100                     |
| Old .....                 | 2,937          | 2,790          | 3,459          | 118                | 124           | 8,716            | 10,308         | 118                     |
| Total .....               | 501,929        | 454,550        | 503,045        | 100                | 111           | 1,428,845        | 1,434,069      | 100                     |
| Ducks .....               | 12,067         | 11,069         | 11,961         | 99                 | 108           | 34,116           | 34,702         | 102                     |
| Other <sup>1</sup> .....  | 124            | 117            | 131            | 106                | 112           | 369              | 375            | 102                     |
| Total .....               | 3,947,085      | 3,765,570      | 4,089,743      | 104                | 109           | 11,307,598       | 11,642,179     | 103                     |

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

| Commodity  | March 2015     | February 2016  | March 2016     | March 2016 as % of |               | January to March |                | 2016 as percent of 2015 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
|  |                |                |                | March 2015         | February 2016 | 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 .....  | 10,269         | 10,401         | 10,320         | 100                | 99            | 30,340           | 31,551         | 104                     |
| Mature .....   | 771            | 820            | 899            | 117                | 110           | 2,361            | 2,534          | 107                     |
| Light .....  | 296            | 272            | 330            | 111                | 121           | 916              | 883            | 96                      |
| Heavy .....  | 475            | 548            | 569            | 120                | 104           | 1,445            | 1,651          | 114                     |
| Total .....  | 11,040         | 11,221         | 11,219         | 102                | 100           | 32,701           | 34,085         | 104                     |
| Turkeys .....  |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| Young .....  | 1,518          | 1,499          | 1,555          | 102                | 104           | 4,577            | 4,671          | 102                     |
| Old .....  | 54             | 50             | 46             | 85                 | 92            | 163              | 175            | 107                     |
| Total .....  | 1,572          | 1,549          | 1,601          | 102                | 103           | 4,740            | 4,846          | 102                     |
| Ducks .....  | 37             | 37             | 34             | 92                 | 92            | 129              | 117            | 91                      |
| Total <sup>1</sup> .....                             | 12,649         | 12,807         | 12,854         | 102                | 100           | 37,570           | 39,048         | 104                     |
|  | (percent)      | (percent)      | (percent)      | (percent)          | (percent)     | (percent)        | (percent)      | (percent)               |
| <b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b> |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| Chickens   |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| Young .....  | 0.23           | 0.24           | 0.22           | 96                 | 92            | 0.23             | 0.24           | 104                     |
| Mature .....   | 1.12           | 1.21           | 1.17           | 104                | 97            | 1.18             | 1.20           | 102                     |
| Light .....  | 1.51           | 1.61           | 1.65           | 109                | 102           | 1.58             | 1.62           | 103                     |
| Heavy .....  | 0.97           | 1.08           | 1.00           | 103                | 93            | 1.02             | 1.06           | 104                     |
| Total .....  | 0.24           | 0.26           | 0.24           | 100                | 92            | 0.25             | 0.25           | 100                     |
| Turkeys  |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| Young .....  | 0.24           | 0.27           | 0.25           | 104                | 93            | 0.26             | 0.26           | 100                     |
| Old .....  | 1.37           | 1.36           | 1.00           | 73                 | 74            | 1.40             | 1.28           | 91                      |
| Total .....  | 0.25           | 0.27           | 0.26           | 104                | 96            | 0.27             | 0.27           | 100                     |
| Ducks .....  | 0.22           | 0.24           | 0.21           | 95                 | 88            | 0.27             | 0.24           | 89                      |
| Total <sup>1</sup> .....                             | 0.24           | 0.26           | 0.24           | 100                | 92            | 0.25             | 0.25           | 100                     |

<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                                       | March 2015     | February 2016  | March 2016     | March 2016 as % of |               | January to March |                | 2016 as percent of 2015 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
|   |                |                |                | March 2015         | February 2016 | 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 .....                                     | 32,610         | 31,162         | 33,344         | 102                | 107           | 94,330           | 95,160         | 101                     |
| Mature .....                                    | 2,415          | 2,591          | 2,746          | 114                | 106           | 7,032            | 8,039          | 114                     |
| Light .....                                     | 863            | 656            | 759            | 88                 | 116           | 2,623            | 2,078          | 79                      |
| Heavy .....                                     | 1,552          | 1,935          | 1,987          | 128                | 103           | 4,409            | 5,961          | 135                     |
| Total .....                                     | 35,025         | 33,753         | 36,090         | 103                | 107           | 101,362          | 103,199        | 102                     |
| <b>Turkeys</b>                                  |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| Young .....                                     | 6,994          | 6,636          | 7,290          | 104                | 110           | 20,211           | 21,169         | 105                     |
| Old .....                                       | 167            | 116            | 140            | 84                 | 121           | 466              | 426            | 91                      |
| Total .....                                     | 7,161          | 6,752          | 7,430          | 104                | 110           | 20,677           | 21,595         | 104                     |
| Ducks .....                                     | 300            | 286            | 314            | 105                | 110           | 886              | 888            | 100                     |
| Other <sup>1</sup> .....                        | 2              | 1              | 1              | 50                 | 100           | 4                | 3              | 75                      |
| Total .....                                     | 42,488         | 40,792         | 43,835         | 103                | 107           | 122,929          | 125,685        | 102                     |
|   | (percent)      | (percent)      | (percent)      | (percent)          | (percent)     | (percent)        | (percent)      | (percent)               |
| <b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b> |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| <b>Chickens</b>                                 |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| Young .....                                     | 0.95           | 0.95           | 0.94           | 99                 | 99            | 0.96             | 0.94           | 98                      |
| Mature .....                                    | 5.21           | 5.64           | 5.25           | 101                | 93            | 5.27             | 5.63           | 107                     |
| Light .....                                     | 7.30           | 6.86           | 6.77           | 93                 | 99            | 7.63             | 6.74           | 88                      |
| Heavy .....                                     | 4.49           | 5.32           | 4.84           | 108                | 91            | 4.45             | 5.33           | 120                     |
| Total .....                                     | 1.01           | 1.01           | 1.00           | 99                 | 99            | 1.02             | 1.00           | 98                      |
| <b>Turkeys</b>                                  |                |                |                |                    |               |                  |                |                         |
| Young .....                                     | 1.38           | 1.45           | 1.44           | 104                | 99            | 1.40             | 1.47           | 105                     |
| Old .....                                       | 5.38           | 3.99           | 3.89           | 72                 | 97            | 5.08             | 3.97           | 78                      |
| Total .....                                     | 1.41           | 1.46           | 1.46           | 104                | 100           | 1.43             | 1.48           | 103                     |
| Ducks .....                                     | 2.43           | 2.52           | 2.56           | 105                | 102           | 2.53             | 2.50           | 99                      |
| Other <sup>1</sup> .....                        | 1.59           | 0.85           | 0.76           | 48                 | 89            | 1.07             | 0.79           | 74                      |
| Total .....                                     | 1.06           | 1.07           | 1.06           | 100                | 99            | 1.08             | 1.07           | 99                      |

<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: February and March 2016

| Commodity       | Tuberculosis  |               | Leukosis                   |               | Septicaemia   |               |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                 | February      | March         | February                   | March         | February      | March         |
|                 | (number head) | (number head) | (number head)              | (number head) | (number head) | (number head) |
| <b>Chickens</b> |               |               |                            |               |               |               |
| Young .....     | -             | -             | 5,299                      | 5,450         | 866,660       | 869,346       |
| Mature .....    | -             | -             | 525                        | 385           | 151,431       | 151,032       |
| Light .....     | -             | -             | 448                        | 308           | 100,193       | 97,460        |
| Heavy .....     | -             | -             | 77                         | 77            | 51,238        | 53,572        |
| Total .....     | -             | -             | 5,824                      | 5,835         | 1,018,091     | 1,020,378     |
| <b>Turkeys</b>  |               |               |                            |               |               |               |
| Young .....     | -             | -             | 139                        | 110           | 23,282        | 24,461        |
| Old .....       | -             | -             | -                          | 2             | 1,077         | 1,363         |
| Total .....     | -             | -             | 139                        | 112           | 24,359        | 25,824        |
| Commodity       | Airsacculitis |               | Synovitis                  |               | Tumors        |               |
|                 | February      | March         | February                   | March         | February      | March         |
|                 | (number head) | (number head) | (number head)              | (number head) | (number head) | (number head) |
| <b>Chickens</b> |               |               |                            |               |               |               |
| Young .....     | 720,450       | 760,826       | 3,158                      | 2,990         | 14,914        | 13,599        |
| Mature .....    | 27,094        | 30,455        | 307                        | 418           | 32,931        | 37,089        |
| Light .....     | 7,926         | 9,331         | 136                        | 207           | 22,843        | 26,389        |
| Heavy .....     | 19,168        | 21,124        | 171                        | 211           | 10,088        | 10,700        |
| Total .....     | 747,544       | 791,281       | 3,465                      | 3,408         | 47,845        | 50,688        |
| <b>Turkeys</b>  |               |               |                            |               |               |               |
| Young .....     | 3,309         | 3,081         | 443                        | 586           | 51            | 53            |
| Old .....       | 372           | 385           | 1                          | -             | 243           | 267           |
| Total .....     | 3,681         | 3,466         | 444                        | 586           | 294           | 320           |
| Commodity       | Bruises       |               | Cadaver                    |               | Contamination |               |
|                 | February      | March         | February                   | March         | February      | March         |
|                 | (number head) | (number head) | (number head)              | (number head) | (number head) | (number head) |
| <b>Chickens</b> |               |               |                            |               |               |               |
| Young .....     | 13,232        | 13,378        | 52,318                     | 51,667        | 104,176       | 109,548       |
| Mature .....    | 7,876         | 7,375         | 1,599                      | 1,897         | 75,509        | 69,437        |
| Light .....     | 7,127         | 6,706         | 767                        | 1,122         | 64,784        | 57,763        |
| Heavy .....     | 749           | 669           | 832                        | 775           | 10,725        | 11,674        |
| Total .....     | 21,108        | 20,753        | 53,917                     | 53,564        | 179,685       | 178,985       |
| <b>Turkeys</b>  |               |               |                            |               |               |               |
| Young .....     | 103           | 124           | 812                        | 699           | 1,070         | 763           |
| Old .....       | 11            | 17            | 42                         | 59            | 56            | 84            |
| Total .....     | 114           | 141           | 854                        | 758           | 1,126         | 847           |
| Commodity       | Overscald     |               | Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup> |               | Total         |               |
|                 | February      | March         | February                   | March         | February      | March         |
|                 | (number head) | (number head) | (number head)              | (number head) | (number head) | (number head) |
| <b>Chickens</b> |               |               |                            |               |               |               |
| Young .....     | 23,829        | 25,332        | 655,468                    | 686,199       | 2,459,504     | 2,538,335     |
| Mature .....    | 427           | 809           | 112,643                    | 116,458       | 410,342       | 415,355       |
| Light .....     | 143           | 189           | 57,600                     | 62,199        | 261,967       | 261,674       |
| Heavy .....     | 284           | 620           | 55,043                     | 54,259        | 148,375       | 153,681       |
| Total .....     | 24,256        | 26,141        | 768,111                    | 802,657       | 2,869,846     | 2,953,690     |
| <b>Turkeys</b>  |               |               |                            |               |               |               |
| Young .....     | 364           | 313           | 9,143                      | 9,799         | 38,716        | 39,989        |
| Old .....       | 11            | 22            | 133                        | 187           | 1,946         | 2,386         |
| Total .....     | 375           | 335           | 9,276                      | 9,986         | 40,662        | 42,375        |

- 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: February and March 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

| State                | Number slaughtered |              | Total live weight |                | Average live weight |          |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------|
|                      | February           | March        | February          | March          | February            | March    |
|                      | (1,000 head)       | (1,000 head) | (1,000 pounds)    | (1,000 pounds) | (pounds)            | (pounds) |
| Alabama .....        | 83,837             | 90,274       | 477,011           | 509,903        | 5.69                | 5.65     |
| Alaska .....         | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Arizona .....        | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Arkansas .....       | 73,418             | 80,427       | 482,983           | 525,278        | 6.58                | 6.53     |
| California .....     | 20,625             | 23,413       | 122,902           | 140,822        | 5.96                | 6.01     |
| Colorado .....       | (D)                | (D)          | (D)               | (D)            | (D)                 | (D)      |
| Connecticut .....    | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Delaware .....       | 28,419             | 30,773       | 207,195           | 224,206        | 7.29                | 7.29     |
| Florida .....        | 5,513              | 5,925        | 32,822            | 34,856         | 5.95                | 5.88     |
| Georgia .....        | 99,800             | 109,290      | 587,376           | 642,207        | 5.89                | 5.88     |
| Hawaii .....         | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Idaho .....          | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Illinois .....       | (D)                | (D)          | (D)               | (D)            | (D)                 | (D)      |
| Indiana .....        | 5,193              | 6,125        | 22,914            | 27,615         | 4.41                | 4.51     |
| Iowa .....           | (D)                | (D)          | (D)               | (D)            | (D)                 | (D)      |
| Kansas .....         | (D)                | (D)          | (D)               | (D)            | (D)                 | (D)      |
| Kentucky .....       | 24,535             | 25,715       | 147,861           | 151,976        | 6.03                | 5.91     |
| Louisiana .....      | 15,226             | 15,883       | 91,821            | 97,704         | 6.03                | 6.15     |
| Maine .....          | (D)                | (D)          | (D)               | (D)            | (D)                 | (D)      |
| Maryland .....       | 12,567             | 12,664       | 73,338            | 75,977         | 5.84                | 6.00     |
| Massachusetts .....  | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Michigan .....       | (D)                | (D)          | (D)               | (D)            | (D)                 | (D)      |
| Minnesota .....      | 3,909              | 3,976        | 24,480            | 24,949         | 6.26                | 6.27     |
| Mississippi .....    | 58,595             | 62,534       | 370,062           | 399,477        | 6.32                | 6.39     |
| Missouri .....       | 35,004             | 38,602       | 172,543           | 188,443        | 4.93                | 4.88     |
| Montana .....        | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Nebraska .....       | (D)                | (D)          | (D)               | (D)            | (D)                 | (D)      |
| Nevada .....         | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| New Hampshire .....  | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| New Jersey .....     | 97                 | 110          | 478               | 562            | 4.95                | 5.11     |
| New Mexico .....     | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| New York .....       | 2,193              | 2,232        | 10,897            | 11,030         | 4.97                | 4.94     |
| North Carolina ..... | 61,786             | 66,711       | 493,193           | 526,555        | 7.98                | 7.89     |
| North Dakota .....   | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Ohio .....           | 6,759              | 7,453        | 36,619            | 40,175         | 5.42                | 5.39     |
| Oklahoma .....       | 11,867             | 13,312       | 78,035            | 87,109         | 6.58                | 6.54     |
| Oregon .....         | (D)                | (D)          | (D)               | (D)            | (D)                 | (D)      |
| Pennsylvania .....   | 9,191              | 9,856        | 52,675            | 55,753         | 5.73                | 5.66     |
| Rhode Island .....   | (D)                | (D)          | (D)               | (D)            | (D)                 | (D)      |
| South Carolina ..... | 23,437             | 25,588       | 174,213           | 189,480        | 7.43                | 7.41     |
| South Dakota .....   | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Tennessee .....      | 24,427             | 26,923       | 130,616           | 140,390        | 5.35                | 5.21     |
| Texas .....          | 48,341             | 51,914       | 295,785           | 321,105        | 6.12                | 6.19     |
| Utah .....           | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Vermont .....        | (D)                | (D)          | (D)               | (D)            | (D)                 | (D)      |
| Virginia .....       | 26,217             | 29,434       | 147,515           | 166,767        | 5.63                | 5.67     |
| Washington .....     | 3,627              | 4,290        | 22,640            | 27,576         | 6.24                | 6.43     |
| West Virginia .....  | 9,017              | 9,822        | 34,669            | 38,294         | 3.85                | 3.90     |
| Wisconsin .....      | 4,101              | 4,452        | 17,295            | 18,892         | 4.22                | 4.24     |
| Wyoming .....        | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| United States .....  | 699,865            | 760,247      | 4,320,889         | 4,682,255      | 6.17                | 6.16     |

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: February and March 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> |           |
|                      | February   | March          | February                  | March          | February             | March     |
|                      | (1,000 pounds)   | (1,000 pounds) | (1,000 pounds)            | (1,000 pounds) | (percent)            | (percent) |
| Alabama .....        | 363,363  | 386,944        | 2,949                     | 3,069          | 0.81                 | 0.79      |
| Alaska .....         | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Arizona .....        | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Arkansas .....       | 366,977  | 397,352        | 3,393                     | 4,047          | 0.92                 | 1.01      |
| California .....     | 91,358   | 104,842        | 1,131                     | 1,195          | 1.22                 | 1.13      |
| Colorado .....       | (D)  | (D)            | (D)                       | (D)            | (D)                  | (D)       |
| Connecticut .....    | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Delaware .....       | 151,100  | 163,433        | 1,758                     | 1,910          | 1.15                 | 1.16      |
| Florida .....        | 24,611   | 26,142         | 185                       | 208            | 0.75                 | 0.79      |
| Georgia .....        | 441,153  | 482,860        | 4,297                     | 4,731          | 0.96                 | 0.97      |
| Hawaii .....         | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Idaho .....          | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Illinois .....       | (D)  | (D)            | (D)                       | (D)            | (D)                  | (D)       |
| Indiana .....        | 16,731   | 20,126         | 117                       | 162            | 0.70                 | 0.80      |
| Iowa .....           | (D)  | (D)            | (D)                       | (D)            | (D)                  | (D)       |
| Kansas .....         | (D)  | (D)            | (D)                       | (D)            | (D)                  | (D)       |
| Kentucky .....       | 111,525  | 115,216        | 1,827                     | 1,653          | 1.61                 | 1.41      |
| Louisiana .....      | 69,383   | 74,172         | 466                       | 526            | 0.67                 | 0.70      |
| Maine .....          | (D)  | (D)            | (D)                       | (D)            | (D)                  | (D)       |
| Maryland .....       | 53,470   | 55,463         | 955                       | 1,053          | 1.75                 | 1.86      |
| Massachusetts .....  | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Michigan .....       | (D)  | (D)            | (D)                       | (D)            | (D)                  | (D)       |
| Minnesota .....      | 20,332   | 20,924         | 259                       | 268            | 1.26                 | 1.27      |
| Mississippi .....    | 287,227  | 308,262        | 2,115                     | 2,198          | 0.73                 | 0.71      |
| Missouri .....       | 127,315  | 139,009        | 1,657                     | 1,469          | 1.29                 | 1.05      |
| Montana .....        | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Nebraska .....       | (D)  | (D)            | (D)                       | (D)            | (D)                  | (D)       |
| Nevada .....         | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| New Hampshire .....  | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| New Jersey .....     | 333  | 397            | 5                         | 6              | 1.42                 | 1.39      |
| New Mexico .....     | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| New York .....       | 6,639  | 6,687          | 221                       | 233            | 3.22                 | 3.37      |
| North Carolina ..... | 382,514  | 410,124        | 3,343                     | 3,577          | 0.87                 | 0.86      |
| North Dakota .....   | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Ohio .....           | 27,246   | 29,878         | 365                       | 365            | 1.32                 | 1.21      |
| Oklahoma .....       | 58,666   | 65,529         | 371                       | 395            | 0.63                 | 0.60      |
| Oregon .....         | (D)  | (D)            | (D)                       | (D)            | (D)                  | (D)       |
| Pennsylvania .....   | 35,360   | 37,306         | 739                       | 780            | 2.05                 | 2.05      |
| Rhode Island .....   | (D)  | (D)            | (D)                       | (D)            | (D)                  | (D)       |
| South Carolina ..... | 131,109  | 142,665        | 671                       | 720            | 0.51                 | 0.50      |
| South Dakota .....   | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Tennessee .....      | 95,654   | 102,709        | 817                       | 959            | 0.85                 | 0.93      |
| Texas .....          | 225,608  | 243,037        | 2,233                     | 2,358          | 0.98                 | 0.96      |
| Utah .....           | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Vermont .....        | (D)  | (D)            | (D)                       | (D)            | (D)                  | (D)       |
| Virginia .....       | 105,249  | 119,312        | 716                       | 800            | 0.68                 | 0.67      |
| Washington .....     | 16,902   | 20,572         | 98                        | 125            | 0.58                 | 0.61      |
| West Virginia .....  | 24,802   | 27,451         | 97                        | 104            | 0.39                 | 0.38      |
| Wisconsin .....      | 12,632   | 13,797         | 164                       | 182            | 1.28                 | 1.30      |
| Wyoming .....        | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| United States .....  | 3,256,495  | 3,525,043      | 31,162                    | 33,344         | 0.95                 | 0.94      |

- 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: February and March 2016

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

| State                | Tuberculosis  |               | Leukosis      |               | Septicaemia   |               |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                      | February      | March         | February      | March         | February      | March         |
|                      | (number head) | (number head) | (number head) | (number head) | (number head) | (number head) |
| Alabama .....        | -             | -             | 245           | 349           | 84,064        | 87,092        |
| Arkansas .....       | -             | -             | 149           | 211           | 63,847        | 68,786        |
| Delaware .....       | -             | -             | 1,283         | 1,589         | 60,954        | 57,087        |
| Georgia .....        | -             | -             | 36            | 79            | 71,513        | 70,306        |
| Mississippi .....    | -             | -             | 99            | 137           | 24,126        | 26,092        |
| Missouri .....       | -             | -             | 127           | 118           | 42,938        | 41,128        |
| North Carolina ..... | -             | -             | 133           | 107           | 99,380        | 107,720       |
| Texas .....          | -             | -             | 20            | 30            | 68,758        | 74,385        |
| Virginia .....       | -             | -             | 40            | 29            | 15,594        | 17,160        |
| United States .....  | -             | -             | 5,299         | 5,450         | 866,660       | 869,346       |

  

| State                | Airsacculitis |               | Synovitis     |               | Tumors        |               |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                      | February      | March         | February      | March         | February      | March         |
|                      | (number head) | (number head) | (number head) | (number head) | (number head) | (number head) |
| Alabama .....        | 44,644        | 50,109        | 279           | 230           | 1,799         | 1,698         |
| Arkansas .....       | 32,815        | 38,655        | 505           | 613           | 856           | 745           |
| Delaware .....       | 71,303        | 78,549        | 95            | 55            | 1,127         | 1,058         |
| Georgia .....        | 143,625       | 148,672       | 146           | 110           | 2,571         | 1,989         |
| Mississippi .....    | 10,748        | 13,107        | 90            | 92            | 511           | 524           |
| Missouri .....       | 7,352         | 5,910         | 26            | 16            | 463           | 352           |
| North Carolina ..... | 53,916        | 75,622        | 367           | 431           | 1,782         | 1,577         |
| Texas .....          | 36,928        | 36,566        | 45            | 61            | 827           | 875           |
| Virginia .....       | 29,271        | 32,226        | 3             | 7             | 357           | 450           |
| United States .....  | 720,450       | 760,826       | 3,158         | 2,990         | 14,914        | 13,599        |

  

| State                | Bruises       |               | Cadaver       |               | Contamination |               |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                      | February      | March         | February      | March         | February      | March         |
|                      | (number head) | (number head) | (number head) | (number head) | (number head) | (number head) |
| Alabama .....        | 1,055         | 1,029         | 7,477         | 7,205         | 22,260        | 24,116        |
| Arkansas .....       | 275           | 348           | 3,152         | 3,671         | 5,613         | 5,744         |
| Delaware .....       | 1,362         | 1,203         | 1,181         | 1,233         | 3,885         | 3,839         |
| Georgia .....        | 606           | 729           | 13,189        | 13,747        | 9,121         | 10,010        |
| Mississippi .....    | 579           | 795           | 2,052         | 2,253         | 1,620         | 1,648         |
| Missouri .....       | 129           | 117           | 504           | 492           | 2,746         | 2,787         |
| North Carolina ..... | 1,028         | 829           | 8,112         | 7,324         | 4,494         | 5,413         |
| Texas .....          | 380           | 449           | 559           | 658           | 4,004         | 4,403         |
| Virginia .....       | 647           | 674           | 518           | 571           | 2,483         | 2,544         |
| United States .....  | 13,232        | 13,378        | 52,318        | 51,667        | 104,176       | 109,548       |

  

| State                | Overscald     |               | Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup> |               | Total         |               |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                      | February      | March         | February                   | March         | February      | March         |
|                      | (number head) | (number head) | (number head)              | (number head) | (number head) | (number head) |
| Alabama .....        | 1,487         | 1,144         | 55,061                     | 54,471        | 218,371       | 227,443       |
| Arkansas .....       | 1,847         | 2,578         | 82,183                     | 90,538        | 191,242       | 211,889       |
| Delaware .....       | 3,099         | 3,148         | 17,068                     | 13,383        | 161,357       | 161,144       |
| Georgia .....        | 2,995         | 2,513         | 70,957                     | 79,105        | 314,759       | 327,260       |
| Mississippi .....    | 155           | 92            | 17,294                     | 16,213        | 57,274        | 60,953        |
| Missouri .....       | 64            | 112           | 24,511                     | 25,237        | 78,860        | 76,269        |
| North Carolina ..... | 4,396         | 3,007         | 60,113                     | 60,880        | 233,721       | 262,910       |
| Texas .....          | 536           | 875           | 22,664                     | 23,090        | 134,721       | 141,392       |
| Virginia .....       | 1,470         | 1,523         | 11,436                     | 12,965        | 61,819        | 68,149        |
| United States .....  | 23,829        | 25,332        | 655,468                    | 686,199       | 2,459,504     | 2,538,335     |

- 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: February and March 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

| State                | Number slaughtered |              | Total live weight |                | Average live weight |          |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------|
|                      | February           | March        | February          | March          | February            | March    |
|                      | (1,000 head)       | (1,000 head) | (1,000 pounds)    | (1,000 pounds) | (pounds)            | (pounds) |
| Alabama .....        | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Alaska .....         | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Arizona .....        | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Arkansas .....       | 2,825              | 2,906        | 59,031            | 60,440         | 20.89               | 20.80    |
| California .....     | 733                | 788          | 24,966            | 25,433         | 34.04               | 32.28    |
| Colorado .....       | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Connecticut .....    | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Delaware .....       | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Florida .....        | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Georgia .....        | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Hawaii .....         | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Idaho .....          | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Illinois .....       | (D)                | (D)          | (D)               | (D)            | (D)                 | (D)      |
| Indiana .....        | 1,645              | 1,743        | 62,231            | 67,481         | 37.82               | 38.71    |
| Iowa .....           | 1,062              | 1,268        | 39,806            | 48,532         | 37.48               | 38.28    |
| Kansas .....         | -                  | (D)          | -                 | (D)            | -                   | (D)      |
| Kentucky .....       | (D)                | (D)          | (D)               | (D)            | (D)                 | (D)      |
| Louisiana .....      | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Maine .....          | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Maryland .....       | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Massachusetts .....  | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Michigan .....       | (D)                | (D)          | (D)               | (D)            | (D)                 | (D)      |
| Minnesota .....      | 3,247              | 3,802        | 85,813            | 101,010        | 26.43               | 26.57    |
| Mississippi .....    | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Missouri .....       | 909                | 979          | 32,060            | 34,676         | 35.25               | 35.43    |
| Montana .....        | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Nebraska .....       | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Nevada .....         | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| New Hampshire .....  | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| New Jersey .....     | -                  | (D)          | -                 | (D)            | -                   | (D)      |
| New Mexico .....     | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| New York .....       | (D)                | (D)          | (D)               | (D)            | (D)                 | (D)      |
| North Carolina ..... | 1,655              | 1,908        | 59,420            | 72,056         | 35.91               | 37.77    |
| North Dakota .....   | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Ohio .....           | 429                | 458          | 19,457            | 20,872         | 45.32               | 45.56    |
| Oklahoma .....       | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Oregon .....         | (D)                | (D)          | (D)               | (D)            | (D)                 | (D)      |
| Pennsylvania .....   | 643                | 712          | 17,530            | 19,077         | 27.28               | 26.80    |
| Rhode Island .....   | -                  | (D)          | -                 | (D)            | -                   | (D)      |
| South Carolina ..... | (D)                | (D)          | (D)               | (D)            | (D)                 | (D)      |
| South Dakota .....   | (D)                | (D)          | (D)               | (D)            | (D)                 | (D)      |
| Tennessee .....      | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Texas .....          | 448                | 444          | 6,443             | 6,653          | 14.38               | 14.99    |
| Utah .....           | (D)                | (D)          | (D)               | (D)            | (D)                 | (D)      |
| Vermont .....        | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Virginia .....       | 2,177              | 2,327        | 59,738            | 61,873         | 27.44               | 26.59    |
| Washington .....     | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| West Virginia .....  | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| Wisconsin .....      | (D)                | (D)          | (D)               | (D)            | (D)                 | (D)      |
| Wyoming .....        | -                  | -            | -                 | -              | -                   | -        |
| United States .....  | 18,169             | 19,923       | 563,247           | 623,150        | 31.00               | 31.28    |

- Represents zero.

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## Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: February and March 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> |           |
|                      | February   | March          | February                  | March          | February             | March     |
|                      | (1,000 pounds)   | (1,000 pounds) | (1,000 pounds)            | (1,000 pounds) | (percent)            | (percent) |
| Alabama .....        | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Alaska .....         | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Arizona .....        | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Arkansas .....       | 49,770   | 50,995         | 355                       | 349            | 0.71                 | 0.68      |
| California .....     | 20,097   | 20,471         | 180                       | 172            | 0.89                 | 0.83      |
| 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 .....        | 50,350   | 54,365         | 826                       | 956            | 1.61                 | 1.73      |
| Iowa .....           | 31,384   | 38,198         | 514                       | 667            | 1.61                 | 1.72      |
| Kansas .....         | -  | (D)            | -                         | (D)            | (X)                  | (D)       |
| Kentucky .....       | (D)  | (D)            | (D)                       | (D)            | (D)                  | (D)       |
| Louisiana .....      | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Maine .....          | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Maryland .....       | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Massachusetts .....  | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Michigan .....       | (D)  | (D)            | (D)                       | (D)            | (D)                  | (D)       |
| Minnesota .....      | 68,334   | 80,566         | 1,219                     | 1,402          | 1.75                 | 1.71      |
| Mississippi .....    | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Missouri .....       | 25,943   | 28,091         | 263                       | 265            | 1.01                 | 0.94      |
| Montana .....        | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Nebraska .....       | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Nevada .....         | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| New Hampshire .....  | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| New Jersey .....     | -  | (D)            | -                         | (D)            | (X)                  | (D)       |
| New Mexico .....     | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| New York .....       | (D)  | (D)            | (D)                       | (D)            | (D)                  | (D)       |
| North Carolina ..... | 46,685   | 56,709         | 628                       | 628            | 1.33                 | 1.09      |
| North Dakota .....   | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Ohio .....           | 15,551   | 16,679         | 274                       | 325            | 1.73                 | 1.91      |
| Oklahoma .....       | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Oregon .....         | (D)  | (D)            | (D)                       | (D)            | (D)                  | (D)       |
| Pennsylvania .....   | 13,816   | 14,964         | 323                       | 382            | 2.28                 | 2.49      |
| Rhode Island .....   | -  | (D)            | -                         | (D)            | (X)                  | (D)       |
| South Carolina ..... | (D)  | (D)            | (D)                       | (D)            | (D)                  | (D)       |
| South Dakota .....   | (D)  | (D)            | (D)                       | (D)            | (D)                  | (D)       |
| Tennessee .....      | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Texas .....          | 5,392  | 5,655          | 34                        | 32             | 0.63                 | 0.56      |
| Utah .....           | (D)  | (D)            | (D)                       | (D)            | (D)                  | (D)       |
| Vermont .....        | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Virginia .....       | 48,539   | 50,212         | 574                       | 612            | 1.17                 | 1.20      |
| Washington .....     | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| West Virginia .....  | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| Wisconsin .....      | (D)  | (D)            | (D)                       | (D)            | (D)                  | (D)       |
| Wyoming .....        | -  | -              | -                         | -              | (X)                  | (X)       |
| United States .....  | 451,760  | 499,586        | 6,636                     | 7,290          | 1.45                 | 1.44      |

- 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.

**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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