



Poultry Slaughter

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

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

April 2016 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during April 2016 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.83 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the amount certified in April 2015. The March 2016 revised certified total at 4.09 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from March 2015. The March revision represented an increase of 2.03 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during April 2016 was 5.06 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 5.15 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.37 billion pounds, down 1 percent from April 2015. Mature chickens, at 65.2 million pounds, were down 9 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 604 million pounds, down 2 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.5 million pounds, down 8 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during April 2016 averaged 6.19 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from April 2015. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.82 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during April 2016 averaged 31.2 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from April 2015.

Ante-mortem condemnations during April 2016 totaled 11.9 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 40.8 million pounds, were 1.05 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	April 2015	March 2016	April 2016	April 2016 as % of		January to April		2016 as percent of 2015
				April 2015	March 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	725,500	760,427	705,715	97	93	2,846,116	2,865,353	101
Mature	12,444	13,059	11,206	90	86	47,814	47,007	98
Light	5,993	6,036	5,296	88	88	23,954	21,876	91
Heavy	6,451	7,023	5,910	92	84	23,860	25,131	105
Total	737,944	773,486	716,921	97	93	2,893,930	2,912,360	101
Turkeys								
Young	20,035	19,962	19,265	96	97	76,597	75,900	99
Old	126	168	112	89	67	537	602	112
Total	20,161	20,130	19,377	96	96	77,134	76,502	99
Ducks	2,463	2,483	2,256	92	91	9,358	9,297	99
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,436,998	4,683,220	4,371,766	99	93	17,355,690	17,706,332	102
Mature	71,799	77,068	65,181	91	85	271,191	275,772	102
Light	19,328	19,965	17,239	89	86	77,454	71,825	93
Heavy	52,471	57,103	47,942	91	84	193,737	203,947	105
Total	4,508,797	4,760,288	4,436,947	98	93	17,626,881	17,982,104	102
Turkeys								
Young	615,904	624,300	600,867	98	96	2,388,026	2,377,734	100
Old	3,566	4,595	3,209	90	70	15,213	16,887	111
Total	619,470	628,895	604,076	98	96	2,403,239	2,394,621	100
Ducks	16,852	16,935	15,536	92	92	64,173	63,748	99
Other ¹	178	186	174	98	94	707	723	102
Total	5,145,297	5,406,304	5,056,733	98	94	20,095,000	20,441,196	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.12	6.16	6.19	101	100	6.10	6.18	101
Mature	5.77	5.90	5.82	101	99	5.67	5.87	104
Light	3.23	3.31	3.26	101	98	3.23	3.28	102
Heavy	8.13	8.13	8.11	100	100	8.12	8.12	100
Total	6.11	6.15	6.19	101	101	6.09	6.17	101
Turkeys								
Young	30.74	31.27	31.19	101	100	31.18	31.33	100
Old	28.30	27.35	28.65	101	105	28.33	28.05	99
Total	30.73	31.24	31.17	101	100	31.16	31.30	100
Ducks	6.84	6.82	6.89	101	101	6.86	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	April 2015	March 2016	April 2016	April 2016 as % of		January to April		2016 as percent of 2015
				April 2015	March 2016	2015	2016	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,045,193	3,256,317	3,049,088	100	94	11,916,281	12,330,312	103
Mature	46,399	49,561	42,200	91	85	172,907	176,905	102
Light	11,053	10,458	9,016	82	86	42,824	37,755	88
Heavy	35,346	39,103	33,184	94	85	130,083	139,150	107
Total	3,091,592	3,305,878	3,091,288	100	94	12,089,188	12,507,217	103
Turkeys								
Young	293,095	289,455	272,946	93	94	1,137,170	1,108,665	97
Old	2,593	3,219	2,374	92	74	10,543	11,328	107
Total	295,688	292,674	275,320	93	94	1,147,713	1,119,993	98
Ducks	4,397	4,478	4,311	98	96	16,868	17,328	103
Other ¹	116	123	116	100	94	461	471	102
Total	3,391,793	3,603,153	3,371,035	99	94	13,254,230	13,645,009	103
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	300,886	269,565	247,015	82	92	1,147,558	1,004,949	88
Mature	-	2	16	(X)	800	-	25	(X)
Light	-	2	-	(X)	(X)	-	2	(X)
Heavy	-	-	16	(X)	(X)	-	23	(X)
Total	300,886	269,567	247,031	82	92	1,147,558	1,004,974	88
Turkeys								
Young	200,810	210,952	209,313	104	99	776,864	798,176	103
Old	109	240	54	50	23	875	1,408	161
Total	200,919	211,192	209,367	104	99	777,739	799,584	103
Ducks	7,746	7,856	7,021	91	89	29,391	29,079	99
Other ¹	8	8	7	88	88	32	27	84
Total	509,559	488,623	463,426	91	95	1,954,720	1,833,664	94
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,346,079	3,525,882	3,296,103	99	93	13,063,839	13,335,261	102
Mature	46,399	49,563	42,216	91	85	172,907	176,930	102
Light	11,053	10,460	9,016	82	86	42,824	37,757	88
Heavy	35,346	39,103	33,200	94	85	130,083	139,173	107
Total	3,392,478	3,575,445	3,338,319	98	93	13,236,746	13,512,191	102
Turkeys								
Young	493,905	500,407	482,259	98	96	1,914,034	1,906,841	100
Old	2,702	3,459	2,428	90	70	11,418	12,736	112
Total	496,607	503,866	484,687	98	96	1,925,452	1,919,577	100
Ducks	12,143	12,334	11,332	93	92	46,259	46,407	100
Other ¹	124	131	123	99	94	493	498	101
Total	3,901,352	4,091,776	3,834,461	98	94	15,208,950	15,478,673	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2015	March 2016	April 2016	April 2016 as % of		January to April		2016 as percent of 2015
				April 2015	March 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	9,391	10,324	9,616	102	93	39,731	41,171	104
Mature	780	899	804	103	89	3,141	3,338	106
Light	304	330	305	100	92	1,220	1,188	97
Heavy	476	569	499	105	88	1,921	2,150	112
Total	10,171	11,223	10,420	102	93	42,872	44,509	104
Turkeys								
Young	1,412	1,558	1,417	100	91	5,989	6,091	102
Old	46	46	38	83	83	209	213	102
Total	1,458	1,604	1,455	100	91	6,198	6,304	102
Ducks	33	35	36	109	103	162	154	95
Total ¹	11,662	12,862	11,911	102	93	49,232	50,967	104
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.21	0.22	0.22	105	100	0.23	0.23	100
Mature	1.09	1.17	1.23	113	105	1.16	1.21	104
Light	1.57	1.65	1.77	113	107	1.58	1.65	104
Heavy	0.91	1.00	1.04	114	104	0.99	1.05	106
Total	0.23	0.24	0.23	100	96	0.24	0.25	104
Turkeys								
Young	0.23	0.25	0.24	104	96	0.25	0.26	104
Old	1.29	1.00	1.18	91	118	1.37	1.26	92
Total	0.24	0.26	0.24	100	92	0.26	0.26	100
Ducks	0.20	0.21	0.23	115	110	0.25	0.24	96
Total ¹	0.23	0.24	0.24	104	100	0.24	0.25	104

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2015	March 2016	April 2016	April 2016 as % of		January to April		2016 as percent of 2015
				April 2015	March 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	31,544	33,359	30,595	97	92	125,874	125,770	100
Mature	2,509	2,746	2,592	103	94	9,541	10,631	111
Light	880	759	696	79	92	3,503	2,774	79
Heavy	1,629	1,987	1,896	116	95	6,038	7,857	130
Total	34,053	36,105	33,187	97	92	135,415	136,401	101
Turkeys								
Young	7,155	7,308	7,161	100	98	27,366	28,348	104
Old	142	140	117	82	84	608	543	89
Total	7,297	7,448	7,278	100	98	27,974	28,891	103
Ducks	305	316	298	98	94	1,191	1,188	100
Other ¹	1	1	2	200	200	5	5	100
Total	41,656	43,870	40,765	98	93	164,585	166,485	101
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.93	0.94	0.92	99	98	0.95	0.93	98
Mature	5.13	5.25	5.78	113	110	5.23	5.67	108
Light	7.37	6.77	7.17	97	106	7.56	6.84	90
Heavy	4.41	4.84	5.40	122	112	4.44	5.34	120
Total	0.99	1.00	0.98	99	98	1.01	1.00	99
Turkeys								
Young	1.43	1.44	1.46	102	101	1.41	1.46	104
Old	4.99	3.89	4.60	92	118	5.06	4.09	81
Total	1.45	1.46	1.48	102	101	1.43	1.48	103
Ducks	2.45	2.50	2.56	104	102	2.51	2.50	100
Other ¹	0.80	0.76	1.60	200	211	1.00	0.99	99
Total	1.06	1.06	1.05	99	99	1.07	1.06	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: March and April 2016

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	5,450	5,269	869,369	816,755
Mature	-	-	385	310	151,032	163,252
Light	-	-	308	223	97,460	107,967
Heavy	-	-	77	87	53,572	55,285
Total	-	-	5,835	5,579	1,020,401	980,007
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	110	70	24,520	21,723
Old	-	-	2	5	1,363	1,283
Total	-	-	112	75	25,883	23,006
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	760,862	685,931	2,992	2,774	13,599	11,027
Mature	30,455	29,759	418	293	37,089	39,229
Light	9,331	8,694	207	148	26,389	28,638
Heavy	21,124	21,065	211	145	10,700	10,591
Total	791,317	715,690	3,410	3,067	50,688	50,256
Turkeys						
Young	3,086	3,014	587	415	53	28
Old	385	352	-	6	267	186
Total	3,471	3,366	587	421	320	214
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	13,386	12,728	51,667	47,272	109,565	102,806
Mature	7,375	7,637	1,897	1,562	69,437	71,521
Light	6,706	7,083	1,122	750	57,763	59,901
Heavy	669	554	775	812	11,674	11,620
Total	20,761	20,365	53,564	48,834	179,002	174,327
Turkeys						
Young	125	148	705	604	764	715
Old	17	9	59	46	84	96
Total	142	157	764	650	848	811
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	25,332	24,474	686,227	688,436	2,538,449	2,397,472
Mature	809	675	116,458	105,147	415,355	419,385
Light	189	245	62,199	52,793	261,674	266,442
Heavy	620	430	54,259	52,354	153,681	152,943
Total	26,141	25,149	802,685	793,583	2,953,804	2,816,857
Turkeys						
Young	313	384	9,857	7,837	40,120	34,938
Old	22	21	187	186	2,386	2,190
Total	335	405	10,044	8,023	42,506	37,128

- 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: March and April 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	90,274	83,695	509,903	476,657	5.65	5.70
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	80,427	73,359	525,278	484,104	6.53	6.60
California	23,576	19,955	141,719	120,001	6.01	6.01
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	30,773	29,282	224,206	215,817	7.29	7.37
Florida	5,925	5,541	34,856	32,458	5.88	5.86
Georgia	109,290	100,663	642,207	596,633	5.88	5.93
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,125	5,367	27,615	23,671	4.51	4.41
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,715	24,469	151,976	147,294	5.91	6.02
Louisiana	15,883	14,948	97,703	91,973	6.15	6.15
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	12,664	11,869	75,977	72,206	6.00	6.08
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,976	4,231	24,949	25,230	6.27	5.96
Mississippi	62,534	57,886	399,477	366,838	6.39	6.34
Missouri	38,602	36,483	188,443	180,184	4.88	4.94
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	110	100	562	488	5.11	4.89
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,232	2,012	11,030	10,017	4.94	4.98
North Carolina	66,711	63,116	526,555	499,520	7.89	7.91
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	7,453	6,863	40,175	36,795	5.39	5.36
Oklahoma	13,312	12,215	87,109	80,254	6.54	6.57
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,856	8,926	55,753	49,894	5.66	5.59
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	25,588	23,107	189,480	172,970	7.41	7.49
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	26,937	23,490	140,443	124,181	5.21	5.29
Texas	51,914	50,891	321,105	314,454	6.19	6.18
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	29,434	27,957	166,767	159,319	5.67	5.70
Washington	4,290	4,000	27,576	25,766	6.43	6.44
West Virginia	9,822	8,899	38,294	34,036	3.90	3.82
Wisconsin	4,452	4,082	18,892	17,240	4.24	4.22
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	760,427	705,715	4,683,220	4,371,766	6.16	6.19

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: March and April 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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	386,944	362,853	3,069	3,034	0.79	0.83
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	397,352	367,456	4,047	3,577	1.01	0.96
California	105,595	90,002	1,210	958	1.13	1.05
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	163,433	157,054	1,910	1,742	1.16	1.10
Florida	26,142	24,344	208	158	0.79	0.65
Georgia	482,952	448,305	4,731	4,212	0.97	0.93
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	20,126	17,274	162	131	0.80	0.75
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	115,216	111,560	1,653	1,881	1.41	1.66
Louisiana	74,166	69,567	526	489	0.70	0.70
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	55,415	52,574	1,053	881	1.87	1.65
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	20,924	21,148	268	263	1.27	1.23
Mississippi	308,262	283,863	2,198	1,910	0.71	0.67
Missouri	139,009	132,796	1,469	1,401	1.05	1.04
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	397	345	6	6	1.39	1.60
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,687	6,123	233	230	3.37	3.61
North Carolina	410,124	388,338	3,577	3,244	0.86	0.83
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	29,878	27,338	365	305	1.21	1.10
Oklahoma	65,529	60,389	395	392	0.60	0.64
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	37,306	33,409	780	740	2.05	2.17
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	142,665	130,204	720	647	0.50	0.49
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	102,745	90,814	959	848	0.93	0.93
Texas	243,037	239,919	2,358	2,178	0.96	0.90
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	119,312	114,321	800	775	0.67	0.67
Washington	20,572	19,245	125	134	0.61	0.69
West Virginia	27,451	24,401	104	97	0.38	0.40
Wisconsin	13,797	12,592	182	159	1.30	1.25
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,525,882	3,296,103	33,359	30,595	0.94	0.92

- Represents zero.

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(X) Not applicable.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Young Chickens, Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: March and April 2016

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	349	336	87,092	82,105
Arkansas	-	-	211	158	68,786	63,967
Delaware	-	-	1,589	1,514	57,087	55,135
Georgia	-	-	79	60	70,306	79,762
Mississippi	-	-	137	197	26,092	20,875
Missouri	-	-	118	71	41,128	40,563
North Carolina	-	-	107	106	107,720	92,682
Texas	-	-	30	59	74,385	66,296
Virginia	-	-	29	114	17,160	17,778
United States	-	-	5,450	5,269	869,369	816,755

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	50,109	49,235	230	375	1,698	1,400
Arkansas	38,655	33,291	613	425	745	668
Delaware	78,549	61,859	55	42	1,058	861
Georgia	148,672	142,530	110	121	1,989	1,706
Mississippi	13,107	10,708	92	79	524	443
Missouri	5,910	5,506	16	27	352	325
North Carolina	75,622	58,108	431	404	1,577	1,335
Texas	36,566	27,041	61	85	875	761
Virginia	32,226	28,304	7	10	450	342
United States	760,862	685,931	2,992	2,774	13,599	11,027

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,029	946	7,205	6,082	24,116	23,689
Arkansas	348	280	3,671	3,254	5,744	4,712
Delaware	1,203	1,315	1,233	1,354	3,839	3,705
Georgia	729	757	13,747	12,867	10,010	10,065
Mississippi	795	629	2,253	2,125	1,648	1,505
Missouri	117	142	492	526	2,787	3,319
North Carolina	829	718	7,324	6,826	5,413	4,554
Texas	449	376	658	874	4,403	3,817
Virginia	674	671	571	643	2,544	2,436
United States	13,386	12,728	51,667	47,272	109,565	102,806

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,144	1,536	54,471	61,949	227,443	227,653
Arkansas	2,578	3,198	90,538	94,795	211,889	204,748
Delaware	3,148	3,223	13,383	12,061	161,144	141,069
Georgia	2,513	2,812	79,105	79,932	327,260	330,612
Mississippi	92	117	16,213	17,502	60,953	54,180
Missouri	112	85	25,237	22,697	76,269	73,261
North Carolina	3,007	2,237	60,880	55,738	262,910	222,708
Texas	875	1,194	23,090	18,679	141,392	119,182
Virginia	1,523	1,268	12,965	12,863	68,149	64,429
United States	25,332	24,474	686,227	688,436	2,538,449	2,397,472

- 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: March and April 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,906	3,038	60,440	64,694	20.80	21.29
California	788	648	25,433	22,042	32.28	34.03
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,743	1,652	67,481	64,760	38.71	39.20
Iowa	1,268	1,224	48,532	46,362	38.28	37.87
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,802	3,497	101,010	92,289	26.57	26.39
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	979	839	34,676	29,135	35.43	34.72
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,933	1,888	72,607	71,162	37.56	37.68
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	458	438	20,872	20,176	45.56	46.03
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	712	695	19,077	19,508	26.80	28.07
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	444	584	6,653	8,745	14.99	14.97
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,327	2,267	61,873	59,814	26.59	26.39
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,962	19,265	624,300	600,867	31.27	31.19

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: March and April 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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	50,995	54,647	349	351	0.68	0.64
California	20,471	17,713	172	175	0.83	0.98
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	54,365	52,300	956	959	1.73	1.80
Iowa	38,198	36,516	667	656	1.72	1.76
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	80,566	73,706	1,402	1,224	1.71	1.63
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	28,091	23,624	265	227	0.94	0.95
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	57,065	55,868	635	610	1.10	1.08
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	16,679	16,124	325	334	1.91	2.03
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	14,964	15,383	382	381	2.49	2.41
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	5,655	7,345	32	40	0.56	0.55
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	50,212	48,646	612	643	1.20	1.30
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	500,407	482,259	7,308	7,161	1.44	1.46

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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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