



Poultry Slaughter

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

May 2015 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

May 2016 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during May 2016 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.02 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the amount certified in May 2015. The April 2016 revised certified total at 3.84 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from April 2015. The April revision represented an increase of 7.68 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during May 2016 was 5.31 billion pounds, up 8 percent from 4.92 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.60 billion pounds, up 7 percent from May 2015. Mature chickens, at 69.7 million pounds, were up 11 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 624 million pounds, up 15 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.7 million pounds, down 1 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during May 2016 averaged 6.18 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from May 2015. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.97 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2016 averaged 30.9 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from May 2015.

Ante-mortem condemnations during May 2016 totaled 12.4 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.23 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 41.8 million pounds, were 1.03 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.01 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2015	April 2016	May 2016	May 2016 as % of		January to May		2016 as percent of 2015
				May 2015	April 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	704,622	707,069	744,620	106	105	3,550,738	3,611,327	102
Mature	10,696	11,514	11,684	109	101	58,510	58,999	101
Light	4,921	5,296	5,216	106	98	28,875	27,092	94
Heavy	5,775	6,218	6,468	112	104	29,635	31,907	108
Total	715,318	718,583	756,304	106	105	3,609,248	3,670,326	102
Turkeys								
Young	17,681	19,270	20,015	113	104	94,278	95,920	102
Old	77	112	182	236	163	614	784	128
Total	17,758	19,382	20,197	114	104	94,892	96,704	102
Ducks	2,172	2,256	2,148	99	95	11,530	11,445	99
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,304,567	4,379,848	4,598,260	107	105	21,660,257	22,312,674	103
Mature	62,815	67,476	69,701	111	103	334,006	347,768	104
Light	15,872	17,239	17,166	108	100	93,326	88,991	95
Heavy	46,943	50,237	52,535	112	105	240,680	258,777	108
Total	4,367,382	4,447,324	4,667,961	107	105	21,994,263	22,660,442	103
Turkeys								
Young	539,006	600,969	618,845	115	103	2,927,032	2,996,681	102
Old	2,143	3,209	5,206	243	162	17,356	22,093	127
Total	541,149	604,178	624,051	115	103	2,944,388	3,018,774	103
Ducks	14,878	15,540	14,746	99	95	79,051	78,498	99
Other ¹	178	174	268	151	154	885	991	112
Total	4,923,587	5,067,216	5,307,026	108	105	25,018,587	25,758,705	103
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.11	6.19	6.18	101	100	6.10	6.18	101
Mature	5.87	5.86	5.97	102	102	5.71	5.89	103
Light	3.23	3.26	3.29	102	101	3.23	3.28	102
Heavy	8.13	8.08	8.12	100	100	8.12	8.11	100
Total	6.11	6.19	6.17	101	100	6.09	6.17	101
Turkeys								
Young	30.49	31.19	30.92	101	99	31.05	31.24	101
Old	27.83	28.65	28.60	103	100	28.27	28.18	100
Total	30.47	31.17	30.90	101	99	31.03	31.22	101
Ducks	6.85	6.89	6.86	100	100	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	May 2015	April 2016	May 2016	May 2016 as % of		January to May		2016 as percent of 2015
				May 2015	April 2016	2015	2016	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,960,013	3,054,869	3,206,229	108	105	14,876,294	15,542,322	104
Mature	40,374	43,806	45,007	111	103	213,281	223,518	105
Light	8,607	9,016	8,972	104	100	51,431	46,727	91
Heavy	31,767	34,790	36,035	113	104	161,850	176,791	109
Total	3,000,387	3,098,675	3,251,236	108	105	15,089,575	15,765,840	104
Turkeys								
Young	248,259	273,033	285,476	115	105	1,385,429	1,394,228	101
Old	1,560	2,374	3,494	224	147	12,103	14,822	122
Total	249,819	275,407	288,970	116	105	1,397,532	1,409,050	101
Ducks	3,988	4,315	4,273	107	99	20,856	21,605	104
Other ¹	114	116	166	146	143	575	637	111
Total	3,254,308	3,378,513	3,544,645	109	105	16,508,538	17,197,132	104
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	286,515	247,214	257,406	90	104	1,434,073	1,262,554	88
Mature	3	16	4	133	25	3	29	967
Light	-	-	2	(X)	(X)	-	4	(X)
Heavy	3	16	2	67	13	3	25	833
Total	286,518	247,230	257,410	90	104	1,434,076	1,262,583	88
Turkeys								
Young	184,183	209,313	210,696	114	101	961,047	1,008,872	105
Old	45	54	417	927	772	920	1,825	198
Total	184,228	209,367	211,113	115	101	961,967	1,010,697	105
Ducks	6,739	7,021	6,443	96	92	36,130	35,522	98
Other ¹	7	7	8	114	114	39	35	90
Total	477,492	463,625	474,974	99	102	2,432,212	2,308,837	95
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,246,528	3,302,083	3,463,635	107	105	16,310,367	16,804,876	103
Mature	40,377	43,822	45,011	111	103	213,284	223,547	105
Light	8,607	9,016	8,974	104	100	51,431	46,731	91
Heavy	31,770	34,806	36,037	113	104	161,853	176,816	109
Total	3,286,905	3,345,905	3,508,646	107	105	16,523,651	17,028,423	103
Turkeys								
Young	432,442	482,346	496,172	115	103	2,346,476	2,403,100	102
Old	1,605	2,428	3,911	244	161	13,023	16,647	128
Total	434,047	484,774	500,083	115	103	2,359,499	2,419,747	103
Ducks	10,727	11,336	10,716	100	95	56,986	57,127	100
Other ¹	121	123	174	144	141	614	672	109
Total	3,731,800	3,842,138	4,019,619	108	105	18,940,750	19,505,969	103

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2015	April 2016	May 2016	May 2016 as % of		January to May		2016 as percent of 2015
				May 2015	April 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	8,994	9,632	10,042	112	104	48,725	51,229	105
Mature	798	860	823	103	96	3,939	4,217	107
Light	286	305	272	95	89	1,506	1,460	97
Heavy	512	555	551	108	99	2,433	2,757	113
Total	9,792	10,492	10,865	111	104	52,664	55,446	105
Turkeys								
Young	1,154	1,417	1,435	124	101	7,143	7,526	105
Old	36	38	56	156	147	245	269	110
Total	1,190	1,455	1,491	125	102	7,388	7,795	106
Ducks	29	36	37	128	103	191	191	100
Total ¹	11,011	11,983	12,393	113	103	60,243	63,432	105
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.21	0.22	0.22	105	100	0.22	0.23	105
Mature	1.27	1.27	1.18	93	93	1.18	1.21	103
Light	1.80	1.77	1.58	88	89	1.61	1.64	102
Heavy	1.09	1.10	1.05	96	95	1.01	1.07	106
Total	0.22	0.24	0.23	105	96	0.24	0.24	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.21	0.24	0.23	110	96	0.24	0.25	104
Old	1.68	1.18	1.08	64	92	1.41	1.22	87
Total	0.22	0.24	0.24	109	100	0.25	0.26	104
Ducks	0.19	0.23	0.25	132	109	0.24	0.24	100
Total ¹	0.22	0.24	0.23	105	96	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	May 2015	April 2016	May 2016	May 2016 as % of		January to May		2016 as percent of 2015
				May 2015	April 2016	2015	2016	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	29,449	30,640	31,286	106	102	155,323	157,101	101
Mature	2,308	2,592	2,650	115	102	11,849	13,281	112
Light	704	696	687	98	99	4,207	3,461	82
Heavy	1,604	1,896	1,963	122	104	7,642	9,820	129
Total	31,757	33,232	33,936	107	102	167,172	170,382	102
Turkeys								
Young	6,063	7,161	7,384	122	103	33,429	35,732	107
Old	96	117	182	190	156	704	725	103
Total	6,159	7,278	7,566	123	104	34,133	36,457	107
Ducks	306	298	313	102	105	1,497	1,501	100
Other ¹	1	2	2	200	100	6	7	117
Total	38,223	40,810	41,817	109	102	202,808	208,347	103
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.90	0.92	0.90	100	98	0.94	0.93	99
Mature	5.41	5.58	5.56	103	100	5.26	5.61	107
Light	7.56	7.17	7.11	94	99	7.56	6.90	91
Heavy	4.81	5.17	5.17	107	100	4.51	5.26	117
Total	0.96	0.98	0.96	100	98	1.00	0.99	99
Turkeys								
Young	1.38	1.46	1.47	107	101	1.40	1.47	105
Old	5.64	4.60	4.45	79	97	5.13	4.17	81
Total	1.40	1.48	1.49	106	101	1.43	1.48	103
Ducks	2.77	2.56	2.84	103	111	2.56	2.56	100
Other ¹	0.82	1.60	1.14	139	71	0.97	1.03	106
Total	1.01	1.05	1.03	102	98	1.06	1.06	100

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: April and May 2016

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	5,269	5,948	818,350	838,801
Mature	-	-	310	355	164,060	160,380
Light	-	-	223	278	107,967	107,743
Heavy	-	-	87	77	56,093	52,637
Total	-	-	5,579	6,303	982,410	999,181
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	70	63	21,723	21,585
Old	-	-	5	1	1,283	1,658
Total	-	-	75	64	23,006	23,243
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	686,816	675,544	2,778	2,582	11,035	10,572
Mature	29,997	29,117	310	405	39,427	39,480
Light	8,694	8,336	148	174	28,638	28,331
Heavy	21,303	20,781	162	231	10,789	11,149
Total	716,813	704,661	3,088	2,987	50,462	50,052
Turkeys						
Young	3,014	2,472	415	316	28	65
Old	352	372	6	6	186	312
Total	3,366	2,844	421	322	214	377
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	12,741	12,793	47,328	46,634	102,923	102,244
Mature	7,656	6,895	1,648	1,418	71,521	72,758
Light	7,083	6,427	750	802	59,901	61,368
Heavy	573	468	898	616	11,620	11,390
Total	20,397	19,688	48,976	48,052	174,444	175,002
Turkeys						
Young	148	128	604	596	715	675
Old	9	13	46	40	96	58
Total	157	141	650	636	811	733
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	24,497	28,654	688,786	709,542	2,400,523	2,433,314
Mature	675	624	105,267	111,109	420,871	422,541
Light	245	235	52,793	55,395	266,442	269,089
Heavy	430	389	52,474	55,714	154,429	153,452
Total	25,172	29,278	794,053	820,651	2,821,394	2,855,855
Turkeys						
Young	384	376	7,837	9,355	34,938	35,631
Old	21	22	186	178	2,190	2,660
Total	405	398	8,023	9,533	37,128	38,291

- 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: April and May 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	83,695	88,857	476,657	501,027	5.70	5.64
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	73,350	76,979	483,980	500,471	6.60	6.50
California	20,029	22,709	120,430	135,346	6.01	5.96
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	29,282	31,999	215,817	233,489	7.37	7.30
Florida	5,541	5,321	32,458	30,788	5.86	5.79
Georgia	101,153	107,957	599,451	643,498	5.93	5.96
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,367	5,694	23,671	25,496	4.41	4.48
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	24,469	25,311	147,294	153,954	6.02	6.08
Louisiana	14,948	15,681	91,973	95,912	6.15	6.12
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	11,869	11,395	72,206	70,093	6.08	6.15
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,231	4,261	25,230	25,262	5.96	5.93
Mississippi	57,886	60,568	366,838	385,453	6.34	6.36
Missouri	36,483	37,018	180,184	179,658	4.94	4.85
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	100	104	488	503	4.89	4.83
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,012	2,230	10,019	11,178	4.98	5.01
North Carolina	63,292	65,510	500,610	519,887	7.91	7.94
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	6,863	7,000	36,795	37,022	5.36	5.29
Oklahoma	12,215	12,760	80,254	83,436	6.57	6.54
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	8,926	9,456	49,894	52,515	5.59	5.55
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	23,107	25,052	172,970	186,830	7.49	7.46
South Dakota	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Tennessee	23,490	26,580	124,181	139,251	5.29	5.24
Texas	51,436	53,288	317,847	327,695	6.18	6.15
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	28,033	28,467	159,782	164,110	5.70	5.76
Washington	4,000	4,064	25,766	25,828	6.44	6.36
West Virginia	8,899	9,493	34,036	36,227	3.82	3.82
Wisconsin	4,082	4,487	17,240	18,867	4.22	4.20
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	707,069	744,620	4,379,848	4,598,260	6.19	6.18

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: April and May 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	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	362,853	380,545	3,034	3,088	0.83	0.80
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	367,333	377,895	3,577	3,508	0.96	0.92
California	90,361	101,016	966	1,384	1.06	1.35
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	157,054	170,596	1,742	1,648	1.10	0.96
Florida	24,344	23,089	158	142	0.65	0.61
Georgia	450,345	486,973	4,222	4,612	0.93	0.94
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	17,274	18,603	131	141	0.75	0.75
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	111,560	116,231	1,881	2,005	1.66	1.70
Louisiana	69,567	72,639	489	476	0.70	0.65
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	52,574	51,022	881	752	1.65	1.45
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	21,148	21,115	263	281	1.23	1.31
Mississippi	283,863	297,123	1,910	1,910	0.67	0.64
Missouri	132,796	132,488	1,401	1,283	1.04	0.96
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	345	357	6	6	1.60	1.74
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,125	6,761	230	303	3.61	4.29
North Carolina	389,163	403,438	3,254	3,036	0.83	0.75
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	27,338	27,484	305	347	1.10	1.25
Oklahoma	60,389	62,788	392	368	0.64	0.58
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	33,409	35,212	740	782	2.17	2.17
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	130,204	140,515	647	678	0.49	0.48
South Dakota	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Tennessee	90,814	101,436	848	1,140	0.93	1.11
Texas	242,442	248,503	2,193	2,079	0.90	0.83
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	114,667	118,412	777	687	0.67	0.58
Washington	19,245	19,265	134	162	0.69	0.84
West Virginia	24,401	25,992	97	93	0.40	0.36
Wisconsin	12,592	13,780	159	174	1.25	1.24
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,302,083	3,463,635	30,640	31,286	0.92	0.90

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

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

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	336	442	82,105	86,694
Arkansas	-	-	158	182	63,967	60,225
Delaware	-	-	1,514	2,071	55,135	57,252
Georgia	-	-	60	48	80,133	80,430
Mississippi	-	-	197	152	20,875	19,808
Missouri	-	-	71	48	40,563	42,104
North Carolina	-	-	106	111	93,179	91,532
Texas	-	-	59	84	66,973	68,848
Virginia	-	-	114	45	17,828	14,771
United States	-	-	5,269	5,948	818,350	838,801

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	49,235	39,845	375	332	1,400	1,322
Arkansas	33,291	31,033	425	373	668	823
Delaware	61,859	54,216	42	55	861	764
Georgia	142,949	140,941	124	85	1,709	1,518
Mississippi	10,708	8,619	79	56	443	398
Missouri	5,506	5,784	27	26	325	296
North Carolina	58,381	52,223	404	309	1,336	1,213
Texas	27,187	25,109	86	77	764	603
Virginia	28,351	22,978	10	9	343	283
United States	686,816	675,544	2,778	2,582	11,035	10,572

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	946	1,061	6,082	6,004	23,689	21,196
Arkansas	280	371	3,254	2,987	4,712	4,299
Delaware	1,315	1,098	1,354	1,427	3,705	4,112
Georgia	761	795	12,912	15,040	10,126	9,915
Mississippi	629	556	2,125	1,796	1,505	1,410
Missouri	142	160	526	465	3,319	3,217
North Carolina	720	879	6,831	6,420	4,581	4,878
Texas	381	480	876	764	3,839	4,195
Virginia	673	631	647	488	2,443	2,208
United States	12,741	12,793	47,328	46,634	102,923	102,244

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,536	1,743	61,949	67,837	227,653	226,476
Arkansas	3,198	3,687	94,795	105,840	204,748	209,820
Delaware	3,223	3,769	12,061	10,238	141,069	135,002
Georgia	2,813	2,231	80,057	72,616	331,644	323,619
Mississippi	117	73	17,502	15,380	54,180	48,248
Missouri	85	61	22,697	22,255	73,261	74,416
North Carolina	2,237	3,450	55,914	50,280	223,689	211,295
Texas	1,211	1,485	18,699	19,914	120,075	121,559
Virginia	1,273	865	12,884	9,987	64,566	52,265
United States	24,497	28,654	688,786	709,542	2,400,523	2,433,314

- 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: April and May 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	3,038	2,985	64,694	62,471	21.29	20.93
California	653	774	22,144	22,506	33.90	29.07
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,652	1,733	64,760	70,324	39.20	40.58
Iowa	1,224	1,242	46,362	49,173	37.87	39.60
Kansas	(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	3,497	4,072	92,289	104,649	26.39	25.70
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	839	830	29,135	28,693	34.72	34.58
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	1,888	1,832	71,162	68,877	37.68	37.60
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	438	467	20,176	21,506	46.03	46.06
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	695	759	19,508	21,274	28.07	28.05
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	584	536	8,745	8,046	14.97	15.01
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,267	2,337	59,814	62,345	26.39	26.67
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,270	20,015	600,969	618,845	31.19	30.92

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: April and May 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	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	54,647	52,642	351	369	0.64	0.70
California	17,800	18,044	175	141	0.98	0.78
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	52,300	56,860	959	979	1.80	1.69
Iowa	36,516	38,701	656	605	1.76	1.54
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	73,706	83,663	1,224	1,437	1.63	1.69
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	23,624	23,290	227	223	0.95	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	55,868	53,826	610	585	1.08	1.08
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	16,124	17,192	334	356	2.03	2.03
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	15,383	16,739	381	413	2.41	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	7,345	6,696	40	36	0.55	0.53
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	48,646	50,706	643	644	1.30	1.25
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	482,346	496,172	7,161	7,384	1.46	1.47

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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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