



Poultry Slaughter

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

August 2015 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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

Poultry certified wholesome during August 2016 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled a record 4.22 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the amount certified in August 2015. The July 2016 revised certified total at 3.78 billion pounds, was down 5 percent from July 2015. The July revision represented an increase of 8.49 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during August 2016 was a record 5.58 billion pounds, up 8 percent from 5.18 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled a record 4.81 billion pounds, up 6 percent from August 2015. Mature chickens, at 73.2 million pounds, were up 14 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 673 million pounds, up 20 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 16.4 million pounds, up 11 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during August 2016 averaged 6.09 pounds per bird, down slightly from August 2015. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.86 pounds per bird, down 8 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2016 averaged 30.0 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from August 2015.

Ante-mortem condemnations during August 2016 totaled 14.5 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.26 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 40.7 million pounds, were 0.95 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.97 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2015	July 2016	August 2016	August 2016 as % of		January to August		2016 as percent of 2015
				August 2015	July 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	740,822	708,391	790,750	107	112	5,801,622	5,865,810	101
Mature	10,078	10,984	12,480	124	114	90,688	94,854	105
Light	3,706	4,560	6,006	162	132	40,997	42,931	105
Heavy	6,372	6,424	6,474	102	101	49,691	51,923	104
Total	750,900	719,375	803,230	107	112	5,892,310	5,960,664	101
Turkeys								
Young	19,096	19,586	22,232	116	114	151,510	159,448	105
Old	163	141	184	113	130	996	1,263	127
Total	19,259	19,727	22,416	116	114	152,506	160,711	105
Ducks	2,171	2,021	2,429	112	120	18,341	17,988	98
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,534,088	4,313,651	4,812,131	106	112	35,354,902	36,074,828	102
Mature	64,102	67,840	73,157	114	108	537,201	564,306	105
Light	11,789	15,188	19,930	169	131	132,284	141,535	107
Heavy	52,313	52,652	53,227	102	101	404,917	422,771	104
Total	4,598,190	4,381,491	4,885,288	106	111	35,892,103	36,639,134	102
Turkeys								
Young	557,669	594,768	668,190	120	112	4,609,021	4,923,796	107
Old	4,523	4,019	5,033	111	125	28,068	35,333	126
Total	562,192	598,787	673,223	120	112	4,637,089	4,959,129	107
Ducks	14,755	13,760	16,441	111	119	125,537	123,000	98
Other ¹	188	213	188	100	88	1,596	1,604	101
Total	5,175,325	4,994,251	5,575,140	108	112	40,656,325	41,722,867	103
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.12	6.09	6.09	100	100	6.09	6.15	101
Mature	6.36	6.18	5.86	92	95	5.92	5.95	101
Light	3.18	3.33	3.32	104	100	3.23	3.30	102
Heavy	8.21	8.20	8.22	100	100	8.15	8.14	100
Total	6.12	6.09	6.08	99	100	6.09	6.15	101
Turkeys								
Young	29.20	30.37	30.06	103	99	30.42	30.88	102
Old	27.75	28.50	27.35	99	96	28.18	27.98	99
Total	29.19	30.35	30.03	103	99	30.41	30.86	101
Ducks	6.80	6.81	6.77	100	99	6.84	6.84	100

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	August 2015	July 2016	August 2016	August 2016 as % of		January to August		2016 as percent of 2015
				August 2015	July 2016	2015	2016	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,139,537	3,009,930	3,366,867	107	112	24,353,964	25,148,673	103
Mature	42,895	43,714	47,123	110	108	346,312	363,363	105
Light	6,417	7,822	10,327	161	132	73,101	73,951	101
Heavy	36,478	35,892	36,796	101	103	273,211	289,412	106
Total	3,182,432	3,053,644	3,413,990	107	112	24,700,276	25,512,036	103
Turkeys								
Young	259,491	269,891	300,056	116	111	2,146,112	2,268,720	106
Old	3,341	2,938	3,442	103	117	20,014	24,077	120
Total	262,832	272,829	303,498	115	111	2,166,126	2,292,797	106
Ducks	4,107	3,900	4,666	114	120	33,890	34,317	101
Other ¹	119	135	117	98	87	1,011	1,024	101
Total	3,449,490	3,330,508	3,722,271	108	112	26,901,303	27,840,174	103
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	277,933	236,225	257,884	93	109	2,270,993	2,014,587	89
Mature	3	-	4	133	(X)	15	39	260
Light	-	-	4	(X)	(X)	1	8	800
Heavy	3	-	-	(X)	(X)	14	31	221
Total	277,936	236,225	257,888	93	109	2,271,008	2,014,626	89
Turkeys								
Young	187,810	206,313	235,187	125	114	1,549,808	1,678,085	108
Old	104	71	326	313	459	1,127	2,487	221
Total	187,914	206,384	235,513	125	114	1,550,935	1,680,572	108
Ducks	6,603	6,092	7,326	111	120	56,834	55,214	97
Other ¹	7	7	9	129	129	62	58	94
Total	472,460	448,708	500,736	106	112	3,878,839	3,750,470	97
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,417,470	3,246,155	3,624,751	106	112	26,624,957	27,163,260	102
Mature	42,898	43,714	47,127	110	108	346,327	363,402	105
Light	6,417	7,822	10,331	161	132	73,102	73,959	101
Heavy	36,481	35,892	36,796	101	103	273,225	289,443	106
Total	3,460,368	3,289,869	3,671,878	106	112	26,971,284	27,526,662	102
Turkeys								
Young	447,301	476,204	535,243	120	112	3,695,920	3,946,805	107
Old	3,445	3,009	3,768	109	125	21,141	26,564	126
Total	450,746	479,213	539,011	120	112	3,717,061	3,973,369	107
Ducks	10,710	9,992	11,992	112	120	90,724	89,531	99
Other ¹	126	142	126	100	89	1,073	1,082	101
Total	3,921,950	3,779,216	4,223,007	108	112	30,780,142	31,590,644	103

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2015	July 2016	August 2016	August 2016 as % of		January to August		2016 as percent of 2015
				August 2015	July 2016	2015	2016	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	10,484	10,533	11,686	111	111	80,205	84,129	105
Mature	702	867	889	127	103	6,304	6,852	109
Light	210	297	351	167	118	2,200	2,404	109
Heavy	492	570	538	109	94	4,104	4,448	108
Total	11,186	11,400	12,575	112	110	86,509	90,981	105
Turkeys								
Young	1,377	1,647	1,785	130	108	11,278	12,602	112
Old	49	60	61	124	102	379	442	117
Total	1,426	1,707	1,846	129	108	11,657	13,044	112
Ducks	34	47	59	174	126	319	338	106
Total ¹	12,646	13,154	14,480	115	110	98,485	104,363	106
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.23	0.24	0.24	104	100	0.23	0.23	100
Mature	1.10	1.28	1.22	111	95	1.17	1.21	103
Light	1.78	1.96	1.76	99	90	1.66	1.70	102
Heavy	0.94	1.08	1.01	107	94	1.01	1.05	104
Total	0.24	0.26	0.26	108	100	0.24	0.25	104
Turkeys								
Young	0.25	0.28	0.27	108	96	0.24	0.26	108
Old	1.08	1.49	1.21	112	81	1.35	1.25	93
Total	0.25	0.29	0.27	108	93	0.25	0.26	104
Ducks	0.23	0.34	0.36	157	106	0.25	0.27	108
Total ¹	0.24	0.26	0.26	108	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	August 2015	July 2016	August 2016	August 2016 as % of		January to August		2016 as percent of 2015
				August 2015	July 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	29,294	27,655	29,932	102	108	242,941	244,581	101
Mature	2,024	2,314	2,477	122	107	18,659	20,688	111
Light	449	597	745	166	125	5,785	5,500	95
Heavy	1,575	1,717	1,732	110	101	12,874	15,188	118
Total	31,318	29,969	32,409	103	108	261,600	265,269	101
Turkeys								
Young	6,470	7,196	7,771	120	108	52,317	58,428	112
Old	152	158	193	127	122	1,115	1,236	111
Total	6,622	7,354	7,964	120	108	53,432	59,664	112
Ducks	304	281	297	98	106	2,438	2,388	98
Other ¹	3	2	2	67	100	12	13	108
Total	38,247	37,606	40,672	106	108	317,482	327,334	103
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.85	0.84	0.82	96	98	0.90	0.89	99
Mature	4.51	5.03	4.99	111	99	5.11	5.39	105
Light	6.54	7.09	6.73	103	95	7.33	6.92	94
Heavy	4.14	4.57	4.50	109	98	4.50	4.99	111
Total	0.90	0.90	0.87	97	97	0.96	0.95	99
Turkeys								
Young	1.43	1.49	1.43	100	96	1.40	1.46	104
Old	4.23	4.99	4.87	115	98	5.01	4.45	89
Total	1.45	1.51	1.46	101	97	1.42	1.48	104
Ducks	2.76	2.74	2.42	88	88	2.62	2.60	99
Other ¹	2.33	1.39	1.56	67	112	1.11	1.19	107
Total	0.97	0.99	0.95	98	96	1.02	1.03	101

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: July and August 2016

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	5,548	4,673	778,672	812,123
Mature	-	-	337	243	138,306	152,539
Light	-	-	238	169	95,096	112,699
Heavy	-	-	99	74	43,210	39,840
Total	-	-	5,885	4,916	916,978	964,662
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	38	36	19,953	19,190
Old	-	-	8	-	1,455	1,620
Total	-	-	46	36	21,408	20,810
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	410,292	408,454	3,201	4,020	9,056	9,744
Mature	28,857	33,202	343	332	29,795	35,423
Light	9,328	11,096	184	150	20,357	25,166
Heavy	19,529	22,106	159	182	9,438	10,257
Total	439,149	441,656	3,544	4,352	38,851	45,167
Turkeys						
Young	2,657	3,366	301	399	58	71
Old	428	458	1	1	244	319
Total	3,085	3,824	302	400	302	390
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	13,203	14,299	42,845	47,333	96,811	103,531
Mature	9,113	10,599	1,372	1,319	61,387	71,861
Light	8,559	10,001	801	702	51,969	62,549
Heavy	554	598	571	617	9,418	9,312
Total	22,316	24,898	44,217	48,652	158,198	175,392
Turkeys						
Young	132	121	624	516	789	853
Old	20	14	86	107	120	133
Total	152	135	710	623	909	986
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	30,332	31,871	656,339	675,659	2,046,299	2,111,707
Mature	639	792	98,766	118,347	368,915	424,657
Light	164	241	49,556	59,044	236,252	281,817
Heavy	475	551	49,210	59,303	132,663	142,840
Total	30,971	32,663	755,105	794,006	2,415,214	2,536,364
Turkeys						
Young	388	452	9,762	10,764	34,702	35,768
Old	26	27	255	300	2,643	2,979
Total	414	479	10,017	11,064	37,345	38,747

- 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: July and August 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	84,931	94,579	472,572	525,474	5.56	5.56
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	72,661	84,426	459,902	539,243	6.33	6.39
California	22,642	23,702	136,427	141,193	6.03	5.96
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	31,271	34,760	225,078	252,953	7.20	7.28
Florida	5,411	5,765	31,196	33,325	5.77	5.78
Georgia	101,218	114,392	592,575	666,655	5.85	5.83
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,811	6,177	25,796	27,211	4.44	4.41
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	23,618	24,838	142,696	150,531	6.04	6.06
Louisiana	15,505	16,975	93,241	102,852	6.01	6.06
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	9,714	11,137	63,091	69,885	6.49	6.28
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,887	4,816	23,269	29,152	5.99	6.05
Mississippi	58,427	65,578	365,180	409,591	6.25	6.25
Missouri	34,510	39,050	162,095	187,832	4.70	4.81
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	120	131	618	657	5.14	5.01
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,062	2,206	10,363	11,078	5.02	5.02
North Carolina	62,018	68,554	484,131	535,002	7.81	7.80
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	7,255	8,058	40,005	43,823	5.51	5.44
Oklahoma	12,395	12,919	78,901	81,080	6.37	6.28
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	8,542	10,050	47,776	56,406	5.59	5.61
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	23,414	26,289	169,832	189,350	7.25	7.20
South Dakota	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Tennessee	23,842	27,501	124,414	145,659	5.22	5.30
Texas	51,695	56,682	315,828	341,270	6.11	6.02
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	27,888	30,136	157,606	169,422	5.65	5.62
Washington	3,807	4,294	23,890	26,619	6.28	6.20
West Virginia	9,418	10,311	36,933	40,204	3.92	3.90
Wisconsin	4,109	4,718	17,172	19,589	4.18	4.15
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	708,391	790,750	4,313,651	4,812,131	6.09	6.09

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: July and August 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	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	359,101	399,686	2,719	3,041	0.75	0.76
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	348,183	408,900	3,291	3,590	0.94	0.87
California	101,951	105,681	1,304	1,199	1.26	1.12
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	164,377	184,971	1,482	1,662	0.89	0.89
Florida	23,394	24,992	117	131	0.50	0.52
Georgia	444,063	500,441	3,444	4,048	0.77	0.80
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	18,817	19,854	132	132	0.70	0.66
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	108,123	114,442	1,849	1,773	1.68	1.53
Louisiana	70,699	77,573	487	498	0.68	0.64
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	46,119	50,939	536	586	1.15	1.14
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	19,383	24,374	241	291	1.23	1.18
Mississippi	280,413	314,447	1,918	2,180	0.68	0.69
Missouri	119,563	138,179	1,177	1,285	0.97	0.92
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	444	465	9	7	1.93	1.56
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,353	6,834	246	241	3.73	3.41
North Carolina	375,840	416,062	2,706	2,858	0.71	0.68
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	29,730	32,709	361	402	1.20	1.21
Oklahoma	59,421	61,033	358	370	0.60	0.60
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	32,496	38,189	775	887	2.33	2.27
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	128,026	142,590	572	700	0.44	0.49
South Dakota	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Tennessee	91,071	106,692	690	699	0.75	0.65
Texas	239,345	259,436	1,958	2,022	0.81	0.77
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	113,088	121,811	647	656	0.57	0.54
Washington	17,815	19,843	167	159	0.93	0.80
West Virginia	26,470	28,826	98	105	0.37	0.36
Wisconsin	12,543	14,310	142	148	1.12	1.02
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,246,155	3,624,751	27,655	29,932	0.84	0.82

- 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: July and August 2016

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	457	584	77,969	86,702
Arkansas	-	-	199	162	58,246	70,750
Delaware	-	-	2,237	1,596	60,679	67,089
Georgia	-	-	34	58	69,102	64,797
Mississippi	-	-	125	88	18,677	23,519
Missouri	-	-	70	47	40,033	41,789
North Carolina	-	-	142	148	88,304	96,849
Texas	-	-	69	73	60,815	55,534
Virginia	-	-	64	52	14,787	14,429
United States	-	-	5,548	4,673	778,672	812,123
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	36,787	40,387	325	326	1,207	1,372
Arkansas	21,638	23,986	332	320	652	700
Delaware	38,985	33,545	87	66	574	605
Georgia	94,849	111,657	204	322	1,361	1,376
Mississippi	5,793	6,787	97	121	412	493
Missouri	4,288	4,501	49	68	244	246
North Carolina	30,516	32,820	428	454	1,056	1,006
Texas	17,299	16,879	139	403	560	545
Virginia	13,137	9,120	6	25	228	211
United States	410,292	408,454	3,201	4,020	9,056	9,744
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	956	1,180	5,869	6,031	20,078	18,395
Arkansas	349	415	2,535	2,961	6,735	7,055
Delaware	1,489	1,449	1,934	2,095	4,508	4,803
Georgia	699	729	12,635	14,096	10,925	13,714
Mississippi	616	590	1,497	1,973	1,589	1,835
Missouri	131	149	486	431	2,660	2,829
North Carolina	929	1,005	5,433	6,031	5,062	6,134
Texas	451	523	534	486	4,117	4,624
Virginia	635	543	551	550	2,153	1,865
United States	13,203	14,299	42,845	47,333	96,811	103,531
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,801	2,093	66,420	48,165	211,869	205,235
Arkansas	3,510	2,619	117,592	129,943	211,788	238,911
Delaware	2,479	3,004	7,808	6,314	120,780	120,566
Georgia	3,375	4,606	53,293	62,677	246,477	274,032
Mississippi	101	135	11,071	14,524	39,978	50,065
Missouri	213	163	26,275	23,126	74,449	73,349
North Carolina	3,323	2,664	38,198	36,535	173,391	183,646
Texas	1,499	1,368	18,128	17,059	103,611	97,494
Virginia	1,383	703	8,084	5,444	41,028	32,942
United States	30,332	31,871	656,339	675,659	2,046,299	2,111,707

- 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: July and August 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,679	3,226	52,831	63,823	19.72	19.79
California	1,013	1,016	27,412	27,308	27.05	26.87
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,743	2,094	69,451	82,176	39.84	39.25
Iowa	1,174	1,158	47,526	47,632	40.49	41.14
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,975	4,573	99,666	111,259	25.07	24.33
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	905	1,002	30,517	32,745	33.72	32.67
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	1,845	2,152	67,092	78,957	36.36	36.69
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	439	503	19,591	21,705	44.62	43.16
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	750	871	20,461	24,444	27.27	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	493	517	6,227	6,720	12.64	12.99
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Virginia	2,104	2,430	57,263	67,060	27.21	27.59
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,586	22,232	594,768	668,190	30.37	30.06

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: July and August 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	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	44,575	53,780	342	419	0.76	0.77
California	22,058	21,875	179	232	0.80	1.05
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	56,020	66,528	872	1,042	1.53	1.54
Iowa	37,392	37,487	573	521	1.51	1.37
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	79,572	89,023	1,510	1,457	1.86	1.61
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	24,745	26,489	227	231	0.91	0.86
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	52,269	61,669	583	657	1.10	1.05
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	15,642	17,333	307	359	1.93	2.03
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	16,208	19,263	422	483	2.54	2.45
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	5,230	5,526	32	30	0.61	0.54
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Virginia	46,485	54,419	553	709	1.18	1.29
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	476,204	535,243	7,196	7,771	1.49	1.43

- 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.

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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