



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up Slightly from Last Year

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Poultry certified wholesome during September 2016 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.01 billion pounds, up slightly from the amount certified in September 2015. The August 2016 revised certified total at 4.23 billion pounds, was up 8 percent from August 2015. The August revision represented an increase of 11.3 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during September 2016 was 5.29 billion pounds, up slightly from 5.27 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.58 billion pounds, down 1 percent from September 2015. Mature chickens, at 72.9 million pounds, were up 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 620 million pounds, up 10 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.5 million pounds, down 2 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during September 2016 averaged 6.15 pounds per bird, down slightly from September 2015. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.20 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during September 2016 averaged 30.6 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from September 2015.

Ante-mortem condemnations during September 2016 totaled 12.9 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.25 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 38.3 million pounds, were 0.95 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.99 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2015	August 2016	September 2016	September 2016 as % of		January to September		2016 as percent of 2015
				September 2015	August 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	748,689	792,496	745,571	100	94	6,550,311	6,613,127	101
Mature	10,928	13,026	11,772	108	90	101,616	107,172	105
Light	4,144	6,006	4,814	116	80	45,141	47,745	106
Heavy	6,784	7,020	6,958	103	99	56,475	59,427	105
Total	759,617	805,522	757,343	100	94	6,651,927	6,720,299	101
Turkeys								
Young	18,889	22,235	20,086	106	90	170,399	179,537	105
Old	102	184	161	158	88	1,098	1,424	130
Total	18,991	22,419	20,247	107	90	171,497	180,961	106
Ducks	2,326	2,432	2,283	98	94	20,667	20,274	98
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,623,324	4,823,245	4,582,955	99	95	39,978,226	40,668,897	102
Mature	68,862	77,564	72,934	106	94	606,063	641,647	106
Light	13,539	19,930	16,137	119	81	145,823	157,672	108
Heavy	55,323	57,634	56,797	103	99	460,240	483,975	105
Total	4,692,186	4,900,809	4,655,889	99	95	40,584,289	41,310,544	102
Turkeys								
Young	561,099	668,267	615,551	110	92	5,170,120	5,539,424	107
Old	2,908	5,033	4,640	160	92	30,976	39,973	129
Total	564,007	673,300	620,191	110	92	5,201,096	5,579,397	107
Ducks	15,870	16,463	15,547	98	94	141,407	138,569	98
Other ¹	501	188	423	84	225	2,097	2,027	97
Total	5,272,564	5,590,760	5,292,050	100	95	45,928,889	47,030,537	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.18	6.09	6.15	100	101	6.10	6.15	101
Mature	6.30	5.95	6.20	98	104	5.96	5.99	101
Light	3.27	3.32	3.35	102	101	3.23	3.30	102
Heavy	8.15	8.21	8.16	100	99	8.15	8.14	100
Total	6.18	6.08	6.15	100	101	6.10	6.15	101
Turkeys								
Young	29.71	30.05	30.65	103	102	30.34	30.85	102
Old	28.51	27.35	28.82	101	105	28.21	28.07	100
Total	29.70	30.03	30.63	103	102	30.33	30.83	102
Ducks	6.82	6.77	6.81	100	101	6.84	6.83	100

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	September 2015	August 2016	September 2016	September 2016 as % of		January to September		2016 as percent of 2015
				September 2015	August 2016	2015	2016	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,206,707	3,372,839	3,200,607	100	95	27,560,671	28,355,252	103
Mature	45,544	50,060	47,321	104	95	391,856	413,621	106
Light	7,289	10,327	8,352	115	81	80,390	82,303	102
Heavy	38,255	39,733	38,969	102	98	311,466	331,318	106
Total	3,252,251	3,422,899	3,247,928	100	95	27,952,527	28,768,873	103
Turkeys								
Young	255,213	300,077	285,570	112	95	2,401,325	2,554,311	106
Old	2,065	3,442	3,348	162	97	22,079	27,425	124
Total	257,278	303,519	288,918	112	95	2,423,404	2,581,736	107
Ducks	4,410	4,666	4,253	96	91	38,300	38,570	101
Other ¹	125	117	149	119	127	1,136	1,173	103
Total	3,514,064	3,731,201	3,541,248	101	95	30,415,367	31,390,352	103
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	279,572	260,235	253,122	91	97	2,550,565	2,270,060	89
Mature	8	4	-	(X)	(X)	23	39	170
Light	-	4	-	(X)	(X)	1	8	800
Heavy	8	-	-	(X)	(X)	22	31	141
Total	279,580	260,239	253,122	91	97	2,550,588	2,270,099	89
Turkeys								
Young	194,875	235,213	207,344	106	88	1,744,683	1,885,455	108
Old	121	326	120	99	37	1,248	2,607	209
Total	194,996	235,539	207,464	106	88	1,745,931	1,888,062	108
Ducks	7,052	7,339	6,997	99	95	63,886	62,224	97
Other ¹	191	9	127	66	1,411	253	185	73
Total	481,819	503,126	467,710	97	93	4,360,658	4,220,570	97
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,486,279	3,633,074	3,453,729	99	95	30,111,236	30,625,312	102
Mature	45,552	50,064	47,321	104	95	391,879	413,660	106
Light	7,289	10,331	8,352	115	81	80,391	82,311	102
Heavy	38,263	39,733	38,969	102	98	311,488	331,349	106
Total	3,531,831	3,683,138	3,501,050	99	95	30,503,115	31,038,972	102
Turkeys								
Young	450,088	535,290	492,914	110	92	4,146,008	4,439,766	107
Old	2,186	3,768	3,468	159	92	23,327	30,032	129
Total	452,274	539,058	496,382	110	92	4,169,335	4,469,798	107
Ducks	11,462	12,005	11,250	98	94	102,186	100,794	99
Other ¹	316	126	276	87	219	1,389	1,358	98
Total	3,995,883	4,234,327	4,008,958	100	95	34,776,025	35,610,922	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2015	August 2016	September 2016	September 2016 as % of		January to September		2016 as percent of 2015
				September 2015	August 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	10,970	11,729	10,423	95	89	91,175	94,595	104
Mature	808	951	840	104	88	7,112	7,754	109
Light	276	351	285	103	81	2,476	2,689	109
Heavy	532	600	555	104	93	4,636	5,065	109
Total	11,778	12,680	11,263	96	89	98,287	102,349	104
Turkeys								
Young	1,435	1,785	1,522	106	85	12,713	14,124	111
Old	40	61	68	170	111	419	510	122
Total	1,475	1,846	1,590	108	86	13,132	14,634	111
Ducks	43	59	53	123	90	362	391	108
Total ¹	13,296	14,585	12,907	97	88	111,781	117,375	105
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.24	0.24	0.23	96	96	0.23	0.23	100
Mature	1.17	1.23	1.15	98	93	1.17	1.21	103
Light	2.04	1.76	1.77	87	101	1.70	1.71	101
Heavy	0.96	1.04	0.98	102	94	1.01	1.05	104
Total	0.25	0.26	0.24	96	92	0.24	0.25	104
Turkeys								
Young	0.26	0.27	0.25	96	93	0.25	0.25	100
Old	1.38	1.21	1.47	107	121	1.35	1.28	95
Total	0.26	0.27	0.26	100	96	0.25	0.26	104
Ducks	0.27	0.36	0.34	126	94	0.26	0.28	108
Total ¹	0.25	0.26	0.24	96	92	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	September 2015	August 2016	September 2016	September 2016 as % of		January to September		2016 as percent of 2015
				September 2015	August 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	30,395	30,044	28,259	93	94	273,336	272,952	100
Mature	2,491	2,545	2,405	97	94	21,150	23,161	110
Light	518	745	608	117	82	6,303	6,108	97
Heavy	1,973	1,800	1,797	91	100	14,847	17,053	115
Total	32,886	32,589	30,664	93	94	294,486	296,113	101
Turkeys								
Young	6,616	7,774	7,141	108	92	58,933	65,572	111
Old	109	193	172	158	89	1,224	1,408	115
Total	6,725	7,967	7,313	109	92	60,157	66,980	111
Ducks	313	298	286	91	96	2,751	2,675	97
Other ¹	4	2	3	75	150	16	16	100
Total	39,928	40,856	38,266	96	94	357,410	365,784	102
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.86	0.82	0.81	94	99	0.90	0.88	98
Mature	5.18	4.84	4.84	93	100	5.12	5.30	104
Light	6.64	6.73	6.79	102	101	7.27	6.91	95
Heavy	4.90	4.33	4.41	90	102	4.55	4.89	107
Total	0.92	0.88	0.87	95	99	0.96	0.94	98
Turkeys								
Young	1.45	1.43	1.43	99	100	1.40	1.46	104
Old	4.75	4.87	4.73	100	97	4.99	4.48	90
Total	1.47	1.46	1.45	99	99	1.42	1.48	104
Ducks	2.66	2.42	2.48	93	102	2.62	2.59	99
Other ¹	1.25	1.56	1.08	86	69	1.14	1.16	102
Total	0.99	0.96	0.95	96	99	1.02	1.02	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: August and September 2016

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	4,673	4,505	814,724	782,457
Mature	-	-	243	220	152,539	128,138
Light	-	-	169	146	112,699	89,686
Heavy	-	-	74	74	39,840	38,452
Total	-	-	4,916	4,725	967,263	910,595
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	36	32	19,194	20,315
Old	-	-	-	6	1,620	1,534
Total	-	-	36	38	20,814	21,849
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	409,899	424,814	4,954	3,512	9,855	9,587
Mature	33,202	27,864	332	405	35,423	32,712
Light	11,096	8,876	150	216	25,166	21,493
Heavy	22,106	18,988	182	189	10,257	11,219
Total	443,101	452,678	5,286	3,917	45,278	42,299
Turkeys						
Young	3,366	3,908	399	446	71	69
Old	458	389	1	1	319	231
Total	3,824	4,297	400	447	390	300
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	14,328	14,092	47,379	46,782	104,025	100,538
Mature	10,599	10,560	1,319	1,153	71,861	73,971
Light	10,001	9,960	702	636	62,549	65,930
Heavy	598	600	617	517	9,312	8,041
Total	24,927	24,652	48,698	47,935	175,886	174,509
Turkeys						
Young	121	98	516	454	853	1,015
Old	14	18	107	74	133	128
Total	135	116	623	528	986	1,143
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	31,876	32,269	679,669	658,949	2,121,382	2,077,505
Mature	792	777	118,347	126,436	424,657	402,236
Light	241	321	59,044	62,974	281,817	260,238
Heavy	551	456	59,303	63,462	142,840	141,998
Total	32,668	33,046	798,016	785,385	2,546,039	2,479,741
Turkeys						
Young	452	578	10,809	11,059	35,817	37,974
Old	27	17	300	342	2,979	2,740
Total	479	595	11,109	11,401	38,796	40,714

- 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: August and September 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	94,579	88,353	525,474	493,116	5.56	5.58
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	84,426	78,113	539,243	508,068	6.39	6.50
California	23,702	22,212	141,193	131,455	5.96	5.92
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	34,760	33,167	252,953	244,273	7.28	7.37
Florida	5,765	5,509	33,325	32,270	5.78	5.86
Georgia	114,907	108,738	670,333	640,871	5.83	5.89
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	6,177	5,850	27,211	26,164	4.41	4.47
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,728	25,098	155,906	153,940	6.06	6.13
Louisiana	16,975	15,698	102,852	96,098	6.06	6.12
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	11,137	10,104	69,885	63,787	6.28	6.31
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,816	3,799	29,152	23,283	6.05	6.13
Mississippi	65,578	61,043	409,591	380,608	6.25	6.24
Missouri	39,050	36,536	187,832	177,613	4.81	4.86
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	131	123	657	629	5.01	5.11
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,206	2,249	11,078	11,231	5.02	4.99
North Carolina	68,554	65,495	535,002	518,748	7.80	7.92
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	8,058	7,650	43,823	41,123	5.44	5.38
Oklahoma	12,919	12,523	81,080	80,903	6.28	6.46
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,170	9,639	57,047	54,345	5.61	5.64
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	26,289	23,378	189,350	171,740	7.20	7.35
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	27,501	25,975	145,659	138,688	5.30	5.34
Texas	56,740	54,215	341,667	327,444	6.02	6.04
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	30,299	29,771	170,445	171,360	5.63	5.76
Washington	4,294	3,841	26,619	24,076	6.20	6.27
West Virginia	10,311	9,697	40,204	37,974	3.90	3.92
Wisconsin	4,718	4,145	19,589	17,457	4.15	4.21
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	792,496	745,571	4,823,245	4,582,955	6.09	6.15

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 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	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	399,686	375,063	3,041	2,928	0.76	0.77
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	408,900	383,044	3,591	3,350	0.87	0.87
California	105,681	98,043	1,199	1,110	1.12	1.12
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	184,971	179,035	1,662	1,530	0.89	0.85
Florida	24,992	24,201	131	117	0.52	0.48
Georgia	503,437	484,097	4,070	3,971	0.80	0.81
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	19,854	19,091	132	119	0.66	0.62
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	118,311	116,450	1,820	1,502	1.51	1.27
Louisiana	77,573	72,761	498	490	0.64	0.67
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	50,939	46,862	586	480	1.14	1.01
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	24,374	19,415	291	276	1.18	1.40
Mississippi	314,447	292,135	2,180	2,142	0.69	0.73
Missouri	138,179	131,075	1,285	1,112	0.92	0.84
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	465	450	7	8	1.56	1.80
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,834	6,880	241	254	3.41	3.56
North Carolina	416,062	404,003	2,858	2,699	0.68	0.66
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	32,709	30,539	402	352	1.21	1.14
Oklahoma	61,033	60,924	370	335	0.60	0.55
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	38,532	37,016	916	881	2.32	2.33
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	142,590	129,129	700	726	0.49	0.56
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	106,692	101,458	699	659	0.65	0.65
Texas	259,731	249,545	2,032	1,904	0.78	0.76
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	122,631	123,377	659	645	0.53	0.52
Washington	19,843	17,970	159	153	0.80	0.85
West Virginia	28,826	27,223	105	89	0.36	0.32
Wisconsin	14,310	12,752	148	122	1.02	0.95
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,633,074	3,453,729	30,044	28,259	0.82	0.81

- 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: August and September 2016

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	584	663	86,702	81,447
Arkansas	-	-	162	133	70,765	68,784
Delaware	-	-	1,596	948	67,089	62,115
Georgia	-	-	58	42	65,020	67,211
Mississippi	-	-	88	100	23,519	20,703
Missouri	-	-	47	49	41,789	39,493
North Carolina	-	-	148	152	96,849	89,673
Texas	-	-	73	78	55,908	55,410
Virginia	-	-	52	69	14,489	16,671
United States	-	-	4,673	4,505	814,724	782,457

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	40,387	40,333	326	270	1,372	1,260
Arkansas	23,986	21,531	359	288	703	732
Delaware	33,545	28,740	66	89	605	505
Georgia	111,800	122,358	326	349	1,384	1,306
Mississippi	6,787	6,220	121	93	493	457
Missouri	4,501	4,764	68	88	246	274
North Carolina	32,820	24,926	454	323	1,006	1,193
Texas	16,913	18,993	403	425	547	516
Virginia	9,136	9,463	28	6	217	240
United States	409,899	424,814	4,954	3,512	9,855	9,587

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,180	960	6,031	6,386	18,395	16,018
Arkansas	415	389	2,961	2,562	7,055	5,751
Delaware	1,449	1,386	2,095	2,042	4,803	5,182
Georgia	738	748	14,127	13,557	13,746	15,566
Mississippi	590	514	1,973	1,895	1,835	1,787
Missouri	149	146	431	538	2,829	2,325
North Carolina	1,005	909	6,031	6,743	6,134	5,011
Texas	524	510	486	415	4,650	4,362
Virginia	550	589	552	684	1,877	2,037
United States	14,328	14,092	47,379	46,782	104,025	100,538

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	2,093	2,446	48,165	49,210	205,235	198,993
Arkansas	2,619	1,964	129,943	110,556	238,968	212,690
Delaware	3,004	3,952	6,314	5,814	120,566	110,773
Georgia	4,608	4,405	62,692	69,001	274,499	294,543
Mississippi	135	68	14,524	9,876	50,065	41,713
Missouri	163	153	23,126	19,961	73,349	67,791
North Carolina	2,664	2,478	36,535	38,667	183,646	170,075
Texas	1,369	1,006	17,089	15,822	97,962	97,537
Virginia	705	968	5,469	7,410	33,075	38,137
United States	31,876	32,269	679,669	658,949	2,121,382	2,077,505

- 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: August and September 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	3,226	2,681	63,823	55,997	19.79	20.89
California	1,016	980	27,308	26,945	26.87	27.49
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	2,094	1,815	82,176	70,264	39.25	38.72
Iowa	1,158	1,137	47,632	46,756	41.14	41.11
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,573	4,003	111,259	99,446	24.33	24.84
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	1,002	913	32,745	29,084	32.67	31.87
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	2,152	2,030	78,957	74,944	36.69	36.93
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	503	483	21,705	20,818	43.16	43.11
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	874	825	24,521	22,933	28.04	27.79
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	517	431	6,720	6,174	12.99	14.32
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,430	2,202	67,060	61,396	27.59	27.88
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	22,235	20,086	668,267	615,551	30.05	30.65

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 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	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	53,780	47,003	419	392	0.77	0.83
California	21,875	21,622	232	232	1.05	1.06
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)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	66,528	56,999	1,042	917	1.54	1.58
Iowa	37,487	36,816	521	490	1.37	1.31
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	89,023	79,608	1,457	1,285	1.61	1.59
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	26,489	23,514	231	191	0.86	0.80
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	61,669	58,843	657	595	1.05	1.00
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	17,333	16,612	359	309	2.03	1.82
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	19,310	17,964	486	508	2.45	2.75
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	5,526	5,063	30	27	0.54	0.53
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	54,419	49,799	709	618	1.29	1.23
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	535,290	492,914	7,774	7,141	1.43	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.

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.

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