



Poultry Slaughter

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

October 2015 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

October 2016 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during October 2016 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.99 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the amount certified in October 2015. The September 2016 revised certified total at 4.01 billion pounds, was up slightly from September 2015. The September revision represented an increase of 1.04 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during October 2016 was 5.26 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 5.35 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.53 billion pounds, down 1 percent from October 2015. Mature chickens, at 67.3 million pounds, were down 9 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 645 million pounds, down 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.0 million pounds, down 6 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during October 2016 averaged a record 6.20 pounds per bird, up slightly from October 2015. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.29 pounds per bird, down slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during October 2016 averaged 29.8 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from October 2015.

Ante-mortem condemnations during October 2016 totaled 12.4 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.23 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 37.9 million pounds, were 0.94 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.00 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2015	September 2016	October 2016	October 2016 as % of		January to October		2016 as percent of 2015
				October 2015	September 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	743,348	745,766	731,550	98	98	7,293,659	7,344,872	101
Mature	11,668	11,772	10,686	92	91	113,284	117,858	104
Light	4,435	4,814	4,197	95	87	49,576	51,942	105
Heavy	7,233	6,958	6,489	90	93	63,708	65,916	103
Total	755,016	757,538	742,236	98	98	7,406,943	7,462,730	101
Turkeys								
Young	22,007	20,086	21,541	98	107	192,406	201,078	105
Old	162	161	132	81	82	1,260	1,556	123
Total	22,169	20,247	21,673	98	107	193,666	202,634	105
Ducks	2,314	2,283	2,184	94	96	22,981	22,458	98
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,602,641	4,584,382	4,534,295	99	99	44,580,867	45,204,619	101
Mature	73,561	72,934	67,256	91	92	679,624	708,903	104
Light	14,539	16,137	14,127	97	88	160,362	171,799	107
Heavy	59,022	56,797	53,129	90	94	519,262	537,104	103
Total	4,676,202	4,657,316	4,601,551	98	99	45,260,491	45,913,522	101
Turkeys								
Young	649,866	615,552	641,103	99	104	5,819,986	6,180,528	106
Old	4,679	4,640	3,905	83	84	35,655	43,878	123
Total	654,545	620,192	645,008	99	104	5,855,641	6,224,406	106
Ducks	15,934	15,547	15,010	94	97	157,341	153,579	98
Other ¹	869	423	1,123	129	265	2,966	3,150	106
Total	5,347,550	5,293,478	5,262,692	98	99	51,276,439	52,294,657	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.19	6.15	6.20	100	101	6.11	6.15	101
Mature	6.30	6.20	6.29	100	101	6.00	6.01	100
Light	3.28	3.35	3.37	103	101	3.23	3.31	102
Heavy	8.16	8.16	8.19	100	100	8.15	8.15	100
Total	6.19	6.15	6.20	100	101	6.11	6.15	101
Turkeys								
Young	29.53	30.65	29.76	101	97	30.25	30.74	102
Old	28.88	28.82	29.58	102	103	28.30	28.20	100
Total	29.53	30.63	29.76	101	97	30.24	30.72	102
Ducks	6.89	6.81	6.87	100	101	6.85	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	October 2015	September 2016	October 2016	October 2016 as % of		January to October		2016 as percent of 2015
				October 2015	September 2016	2015	2016	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,185,324	3,201,642	3,161,959	99	99	30,745,995	31,518,246	103
Mature	47,571	47,321	44,023	93	93	439,427	457,644	104
Light	7,781	8,352	7,310	94	88	88,171	89,613	102
Heavy	39,790	38,969	36,713	92	94	351,256	368,031	105
Total	3,232,895	3,248,963	3,205,982	99	99	31,185,422	31,975,890	103
Turkeys								
Young	319,607	285,570	331,210	104	116	2,720,932	2,885,521	106
Old	3,250	3,348	2,815	87	84	25,329	30,240	119
Total	322,857	288,918	334,025	103	116	2,746,261	2,915,761	106
Ducks	4,540	4,253	4,517	99	106	42,840	43,087	101
Other ¹	170	149	209	123	140	1,306	1,382	106
Total	3,560,462	3,542,283	3,544,733	100	100	33,975,829	34,936,120	103
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	281,842	253,122	253,940	90	100	2,832,407	2,524,000	89
Mature	1	-	4	400	(X)	24	43	179
Light	1	-	4	400	(X)	2	12	600
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	22	31	141
Total	281,843	253,122	253,944	90	100	2,832,431	2,524,043	89
Turkeys								
Young	202,752	207,344	183,718	91	89	1,947,435	2,069,173	106
Old	328	120	123	38	103	1,576	2,730	173
Total	203,080	207,464	183,841	91	89	1,949,011	2,071,903	106
Ducks	7,013	6,997	6,346	90	91	70,899	68,570	97
Other ¹	385	127	498	129	392	638	683	107
Total	492,321	467,710	444,629	90	95	4,852,979	4,665,199	96
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,467,166	3,454,764	3,415,899	99	99	33,578,402	34,042,246	101
Mature	47,572	47,321	44,027	93	93	439,451	457,687	104
Light	7,782	8,352	7,314	94	88	88,173	89,625	102
Heavy	39,790	38,969	36,713	92	94	351,278	368,062	105
Total	3,514,738	3,502,085	3,459,926	98	99	34,017,853	34,499,933	101
Turkeys								
Young	522,359	492,914	514,928	99	104	4,668,367	4,954,694	106
Old	3,578	3,468	2,938	82	85	26,905	32,970	123
Total	525,937	496,382	517,866	98	104	4,695,272	4,987,664	106
Ducks	11,553	11,250	10,863	94	97	113,739	111,657	98
Other ¹	555	276	707	127	256	1,944	2,065	106
Total	4,052,783	4,009,993	3,989,362	98	99	38,828,808	39,601,319	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2015	September 2016	October 2016	October 2016 as % of		January to October		2016 as percent of 2015
				October 2015	September 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	10,272	10,424	10,050	98	96	101,447	104,646	103
Mature	707	840	764	108	91	7,819	8,518	109
Light	205	285	251	122	88	2,681	2,940	110
Heavy	502	555	513	102	92	5,138	5,578	109
Total	10,979	11,264	10,814	98	96	109,266	113,164	104
Turkeys								
Young	1,395	1,522	1,443	103	95	14,108	15,567	110
Old	55	68	54	98	79	474	564	119
Total	1,450	1,590	1,497	103	94	14,582	16,131	111
Ducks	35	53	48	137	91	397	439	111
Total ¹	12,465	12,908	12,360	99	96	124,246	129,736	104
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.22	0.23	0.22	100	96	0.23	0.23	100
Mature	0.96	1.15	1.14	119	99	1.15	1.20	104
Light	1.41	1.77	1.78	126	101	1.67	1.71	102
Heavy	0.85	0.98	0.97	114	99	0.99	1.04	105
Total	0.23	0.24	0.24	104	100	0.24	0.25	104
Turkeys								
Young	0.21	0.25	0.23	110	92	0.24	0.25	104
Old	1.18	1.47	1.38	117	94	1.33	1.29	97
Total	0.22	0.26	0.23	105	88	0.25	0.26	104
Ducks	0.22	0.34	0.32	145	94	0.25	0.29	116
Total ¹	0.23	0.24	0.23	100	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	October 2015	September 2016	October 2016	October 2016 as % of		January to October		2016 as percent of 2015
				October 2015	September 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	30,726	28,263	27,942	91	99	304,062	300,898	99
Mature	2,641	2,405	2,372	90	99	23,791	25,533	107
Light	618	608	595	96	98	6,921	6,703	97
Heavy	2,023	1,797	1,777	88	99	16,870	18,830	112
Total	33,367	30,668	30,314	91	99	327,853	326,431	100
Turkeys								
Young	7,144	7,141	7,074	99	99	66,077	72,646	110
Old	147	172	158	107	92	1,371	1,566	114
Total	7,291	7,313	7,232	99	99	67,448	74,212	110
Ducks	338	286	311	92	109	3,089	2,986	97
Other ¹	4	3	6	150	200	20	22	110
Total	41,000	38,270	37,863	92	99	398,410	403,651	101
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.88	0.81	0.81	92	100	0.90	0.88	98
Mature	5.26	4.84	5.11	97	106	5.14	5.28	103
Light	7.36	6.79	7.52	102	111	7.28	6.96	96
Heavy	4.84	4.41	4.62	95	105	4.58	4.87	106
Total	0.94	0.87	0.87	93	100	0.95	0.94	99
Turkeys								
Young	1.35	1.43	1.36	101	95	1.40	1.45	104
Old	3.95	4.73	5.10	129	108	4.85	4.53	93
Total	1.37	1.45	1.38	101	95	1.42	1.47	104
Ducks	2.84	2.48	2.78	98	112	2.64	2.60	98
Other ¹	0.72	1.08	0.84	117	78	1.02	1.05	103
Total	1.00	0.95	0.94	94	99	1.02	1.01	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: September and October 2016

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	4,505	4,049	782,539	794,724
Mature	-	-	220	192	128,138	130,654
Light	-	-	146	125	89,686	94,283
Heavy	-	-	74	67	38,452	36,371
Total	-	-	4,725	4,241	910,677	925,378
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	32	77	20,315	22,376
Old	-	-	6	12	1,534	1,292
Total	-	-	38	89	21,849	23,668
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	424,832	442,768	3,512	3,356	9,593	10,351
Mature	27,864	26,440	405	377	32,712	30,927
Light	8,876	9,546	216	218	21,493	18,984
Heavy	18,988	16,894	189	159	11,219	11,943
Total	452,696	469,208	3,917	3,733	42,305	41,278
Turkeys						
Young	3,908	3,765	446	414	69	70
Old	389	337	1	2	231	278
Total	4,297	4,102	447	416	300	348
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	14,094	12,737	46,788	47,355	100,550	96,293
Mature	10,560	12,623	1,153	1,022	73,971	75,486
Light	9,960	11,993	636	507	65,930	67,441
Heavy	600	630	517	515	8,041	8,045
Total	24,654	25,360	47,941	48,377	174,521	171,779
Turkeys						
Young	98	118	454	455	1,015	1,118
Old	18	19	74	43	128	112
Total	116	137	528	498	1,143	1,230
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	32,269	30,539	659,008	698,012	2,077,690	2,140,184
Mature	777	622	126,436	123,303	402,236	401,646
Light	321	222	62,974	68,637	260,238	271,956
Heavy	456	400	63,462	54,666	141,998	129,690
Total	33,046	31,161	785,444	821,315	2,479,926	2,541,830
Turkeys						
Young	578	576	11,059	10,752	37,974	39,721
Old	17	22	342	265	2,740	2,382
Total	595	598	11,401	11,017	40,714	42,103

- 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: September and October 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	88,546	89,881	494,426	500,462	5.58	5.57
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	78,115	80,705	508,078	532,002	6.50	6.59
California	22,212	21,125	131,455	125,874	5.92	5.96
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	33,167	32,519	244,273	240,858	7.37	7.41
Florida	5,509	5,641	32,270	33,074	5.86	5.86
Georgia	108,738	106,565	640,871	629,955	5.89	5.91
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,850	5,801	26,164	25,968	4.47	4.48
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,098	20,609	153,940	135,081	6.13	6.55
Louisiana	15,698	15,673	96,098	96,278	6.12	6.14
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	10,104	9,938	63,892	62,941	6.32	6.33
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,799	4,366	23,283	26,436	6.13	6.06
Mississippi	61,043	60,527	380,608	382,925	6.24	6.33
Missouri	36,536	35,831	177,613	173,248	4.86	4.84
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	123	132	629	674	5.11	5.12
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,249	1,860	11,231	9,224	4.99	4.96
North Carolina	65,495	61,052	518,748	495,336	7.92	8.11
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	7,650	7,834	41,123	42,410	5.38	5.41
Oklahoma	12,523	12,709	80,903	83,286	6.46	6.55
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,639	9,375	54,345	53,089	5.64	5.66
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	23,378	24,521	171,740	182,579	7.35	7.45
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	25,975	24,629	138,688	130,256	5.34	5.29
Texas	54,215	52,699	327,444	320,991	6.04	6.09
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	29,771	27,046	171,360	155,432	5.76	5.75
Washington	3,841	3,788	24,076	23,919	6.27	6.31
West Virginia	9,697	9,916	37,974	38,802	3.92	3.91
Wisconsin	4,145	4,411	17,457	18,647	4.21	4.23
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	745,766	731,550	4,584,382	4,534,295	6.15	6.20

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: September and October 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	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	376,022	381,001	2,932	2,869	0.77	0.75
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	383,051	399,832	3,350	3,392	0.87	0.84
California	98,043	94,041	1,110	1,160	1.12	1.22
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	179,035	176,690	1,530	1,461	0.85	0.82
Florida	24,201	24,805	117	133	0.48	0.53
Georgia	484,097	475,544	3,971	3,781	0.81	0.79
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	19,091	18,928	119	132	0.62	0.69
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	116,450	101,920	1,502	1,491	1.27	1.44
Louisiana	72,761	73,102	490	517	0.67	0.70
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	46,930	46,300	480	426	1.01	0.91
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	19,415	22,016	276	311	1.40	1.39
Mississippi	292,135	293,613	2,142	2,193	0.73	0.74
Missouri	131,075	127,812	1,112	1,167	0.84	0.90
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	450	480	8	6	1.80	1.28
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,880	5,654	254	241	3.56	4.08
North Carolina	404,003	384,728	2,699	2,820	0.66	0.73
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	30,539	31,599	352	381	1.14	1.19
Oklahoma	60,924	62,737	335	323	0.55	0.51
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	37,016	36,482	881	835	2.33	2.24
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	129,129	137,481	726	675	0.56	0.49
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	101,458	95,421	659	641	0.65	0.67
Texas	249,545	244,214	1,904	1,792	0.76	0.73
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	123,377	111,808	645	569	0.52	0.51
Washington	17,970	17,840	153	134	0.85	0.75
West Virginia	27,223	27,857	89	95	0.32	0.34
Wisconsin	12,752	13,623	122	117	0.95	0.85
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,454,764	3,415,899	28,263	27,942	0.81	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: September and October 2016

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	663	594	81,521	81,876
Arkansas	-	-	133	153	68,792	68,533
Delaware	-	-	948	678	62,115	62,286
Georgia	-	-	42	53	67,211	65,510
Mississippi	-	-	100	119	20,703	21,431
Missouri	-	-	49	38	39,493	40,962
North Carolina	-	-	152	163	89,673	88,519
Texas	-	-	78	149	55,410	58,147
Virginia	-	-	69	79	16,671	15,651
United States	-	-	4,505	4,049	782,539	794,724

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	40,351	39,671	270	320	1,266	1,389
Arkansas	21,531	25,555	288	350	732	807
Delaware	28,740	34,734	89	70	505	598
Georgia	122,358	121,380	349	266	1,306	1,348
Mississippi	6,220	7,444	93	198	457	522
Missouri	4,764	5,555	88	70	274	352
North Carolina	24,926	21,656	323	271	1,193	1,068
Texas	18,993	17,779	425	398	516	515
Virginia	9,463	8,970	6	3	240	282
United States	424,832	442,768	3,512	3,356	9,593	10,351

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	962	968	6,392	5,801	16,028	15,634
Arkansas	389	356	2,562	2,946	5,753	6,075
Delaware	1,386	1,202	2,042	1,904	5,182	4,656
Georgia	748	680	13,557	13,239	15,566	19,619
Mississippi	514	520	1,895	1,999	1,787	1,570
Missouri	146	148	538	497	2,325	2,275
North Carolina	909	809	6,743	7,343	5,011	4,367
Texas	510	443	415	403	4,362	3,975
Virginia	589	533	684	625	2,037	1,825
United States	14,094	12,737	46,788	47,355	100,550	96,293

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	2,446	1,607	49,265	51,116	199,164	198,976
Arkansas	1,964	1,875	110,560	117,573	212,704	224,223
Delaware	3,952	3,814	5,814	5,655	110,773	115,597
Georgia	4,405	3,869	69,001	77,916	294,543	303,880
Mississippi	68	96	9,876	13,579	41,713	47,478
Missouri	153	91	19,961	26,037	67,791	76,025
North Carolina	2,478	2,400	38,667	40,885	170,075	167,481
Texas	1,006	869	15,822	16,451	97,537	99,129
Virginia	968	881	7,410	7,647	38,137	36,496
United States	32,269	30,539	659,008	698,012	2,077,690	2,140,184

- 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: September and October 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,681	3,524	55,997	73,183	20.89	20.77
California	980	1,704	26,945	43,423	27.49	25.48
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	1,815	1,861	70,264	71,228	38.72	38.27
Iowa	1,137	1,146	46,756	48,549	41.11	42.36
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	4,003	3,891	99,446	98,234	24.84	25.25
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	913	950	29,084	30,256	31.87	31.86
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
North Carolina	2,030	1,859	74,944	66,561	36.93	35.81
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	483	464	20,818	20,001	43.11	43.06
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	825	892	22,933	22,684	27.79	25.43
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	431	579	6,174	8,883	14.32	15.35
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,202	2,246	61,396	63,064	27.88	28.08
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	20,086	21,541	615,552	641,103	30.65	29.76

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: September and October 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	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	47,003	61,617	392	438	0.83	0.71
California	21,622	34,888	232	292	1.06	0.83
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	56,999	57,681	917	881	1.58	1.51
Iowa	36,816	38,272	490	492	1.31	1.27
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	79,608	78,607	1,285	1,238	1.59	1.55
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	23,514	24,492	191	196	0.80	0.80
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
North Carolina	58,843	52,076	595	595	1.00	1.13
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	16,612	15,980	309	302	1.82	1.85
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	17,964	18,084	508	483	2.75	2.60
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	5,063	7,413	27	37	0.53	0.49
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	49,799	51,160	618	623	1.23	1.20
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	492,914	514,928	7,141	7,074	1.43	1.36

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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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