



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 7 Percent from Last Year

**November 2015** contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**November 2016** contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**Poultry certified wholesome** during November 2016 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.91 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the amount certified in November 2015. The October 2016 revised certified total at 3.99 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from October 2015. The October revision represented an increase of 1.22 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during November 2016 was 5.15 billion pounds, up 7 percent from 4.82 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.43 billion pounds, up 6 percent from November 2015. Mature chickens, at 67.9 million pounds, were up 14 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 642 million pounds, up 10 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.7 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during November 2016 averaged a record 6.21 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from November 2015. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.13 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during November 2016 averaged 29.5 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from November 2015.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during November 2016 totaled 12.3 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 38.1 million pounds, were 0.97 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.05 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2015	October 2016	November 2016	November 2016 as % of		January to November		2016 as percent of 2015
				November 2015	October 2016	2015	2016	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Number slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	674,127	731,963	712,337	106	97	7,967,786	8,057,622	101
Mature .....	9,518	10,686	11,066	116	104	122,802	128,924	105
Light .....	3,750	4,197	4,701	125	112	53,326	56,643	106
Heavy .....	5,768	6,489	6,365	110	98	69,476	72,281	104
Total .....	683,645	742,649	723,403	106	97	8,090,588	8,186,546	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	20,063	21,541	21,598	108	100	212,469	222,676	105
Old .....	182	132	129	71	98	1,442	1,685	117
Total .....	20,245	21,673	21,727	107	100	213,911	224,361	105
Ducks .....	2,216	2,184	2,284	103	105	25,197	24,742	98
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Total live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	4,159,180	4,535,961	4,426,527	106	98	48,740,047	49,632,812	102
Mature .....	59,301	67,256	67,881	114	101	738,925	776,784	105
Light .....	12,350	14,127	15,970	129	113	172,712	187,769	109
Heavy .....	46,951	53,129	51,911	111	98	566,213	589,015	104
Total .....	4,218,481	4,603,217	4,494,408	107	98	49,478,972	50,409,596	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	581,043	641,103	638,102	110	100	6,401,029	6,818,630	107
Old .....	5,073	3,905	3,731	74	96	40,728	47,609	117
Total .....	586,116	645,008	641,833	110	100	6,441,757	6,866,239	107
Ducks .....	15,175	15,010	15,715	104	105	172,516	169,294	98
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	478	1,123	704	147	63	3,444	3,854	112
Total .....	4,820,250	5,264,358	5,152,660	107	98	56,096,689	57,448,983	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.17	6.20	6.21	101	100	6.12	6.16	101
Mature .....	6.23	6.29	6.13	98	97	6.02	6.03	100
Light .....	3.29	3.37	3.40	103	101	3.24	3.31	102
Heavy .....	8.14	8.19	8.16	100	100	8.15	8.15	100
Total .....	6.17	6.20	6.21	101	100	6.12	6.16	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	28.96	29.76	29.54	102	99	30.13	30.62	102
Old .....	27.87	29.58	28.92	104	98	28.24	28.25	100
Total .....	28.95	29.76	29.54	102	99	30.11	30.60	102
Ducks .....	6.85	6.87	6.88	100	100	6.85	6.84	100

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, and squab.

## Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	November 2015	October 2016	November 2016	November 2016 as % of		January to November		2016 as percent of 2015
				November 2015	October 2016	2015	2016	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	2,887,555	3,162,913	3,085,152	107	98	33,633,550	34,604,352	103
Mature .....	38,753	44,023	43,903	113	100	478,180	501,547	105
Light .....	6,602	7,310	8,366	127	114	94,773	97,979	103
Heavy .....	32,151	36,713	35,537	111	97	383,407	403,568	105
Total .....	2,926,308	3,206,936	3,129,055	107	98	34,111,730	35,105,899	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	305,673	331,210	320,357	105	97	3,026,605	3,205,878	106
Old .....	3,241	2,815	2,564	79	91	28,570	32,804	115
Total .....	308,914	334,025	322,921	105	97	3,055,175	3,238,682	106
Ducks .....	4,344	4,517	5,101	117	113	47,184	48,188	102
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	127	209	191	150	91	1,433	1,573	110
Total .....	3,239,693	3,545,687	3,457,268	107	98	37,215,522	38,394,342	103
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	247,887	254,207	249,770	101	98	3,080,294	2,774,037	90
Mature .....	9	4	6	67	150	33	49	148
Light .....	6	4	6	100	150	8	18	225
Heavy .....	3	-	-	(X)	(X)	25	31	124
Total .....	247,896	254,211	249,776	101	98	3,080,327	2,774,086	90
Turkeys								
Young .....	161,244	183,718	191,540	119	104	2,108,679	2,260,713	107
Old .....	581	123	258	44	210	2,157	2,988	139
Total .....	161,825	183,841	191,798	119	104	2,110,836	2,263,701	107
Ducks .....	6,704	6,346	6,348	95	100	77,603	74,918	97
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	177	498	264	149	53	815	947	116
Total .....	416,602	444,896	448,186	108	101	5,269,581	5,113,652	97
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,135,442	3,417,120	3,334,922	106	98	36,713,844	37,378,389	102
Mature .....	38,762	44,023	43,909	113	100	478,213	501,596	105
Light .....	6,608	7,314	8,372	127	114	94,781	97,997	103
Heavy .....	32,154	36,713	35,537	111	97	383,432	403,599	105
Total .....	3,174,204	3,461,147	3,378,831	106	98	37,192,057	37,879,985	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	466,917	514,928	511,897	110	99	5,135,284	5,466,591	106
Old .....	3,822	2,938	2,822	74	96	30,727	35,792	116
Total .....	470,739	517,866	514,719	109	99	5,166,011	5,502,383	107
Ducks .....	11,048	10,863	11,449	104	105	124,787	123,106	99
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	304	707	455	150	64	2,248	2,520	112
Total .....	3,656,295	3,990,583	3,905,454	107	98	42,485,103	43,507,994	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2015	October 2016	November 2016	November 2016 as % of		January to November		2016 as percent of 2015
				November 2015	October 2016	2015	2016	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	9,580	10,065	9,917	104	99	111,027	114,578	103
Mature .....	683	764	799	117	105	8,502	9,317	110
Light .....	201	251	289	144	115	2,882	3,229	112
Heavy .....	482	513	510	106	99	5,620	6,088	108
Total .....	10,263	10,829	10,716	104	99	119,529	123,895	104
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,272	1,443	1,454	114	101	15,380	17,021	111
Old .....	56	54	43	77	80	530	607	115
Total .....	1,328	1,497	1,497	113	100	15,910	17,628	111
Ducks .....	47	48	39	83	81	444	478	108
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	11,639	12,375	12,254	105	99	135,885	142,005	105
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.23	0.22	0.22	96	100	0.23	0.23	100
Mature .....	1.15	1.14	1.18	103	104	1.15	1.20	104
Light .....	1.63	1.78	1.81	111	102	1.67	1.72	103
Heavy .....	1.03	0.97	0.98	95	101	0.99	1.03	104
Total .....	0.24	0.24	0.24	100	100	0.24	0.25	104
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.22	0.23	0.23	105	100	0.24	0.25	104
Old .....	1.10	1.38	1.15	105	83	1.30	1.27	98
Total .....	0.23	0.23	0.23	100	100	0.25	0.26	104
Ducks .....	0.31	0.32	0.25	81	78	0.26	0.28	108
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.24	0.24	0.24	100	100	0.24	0.25	104

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2015	October 2016	November 2016	November 2016 as % of		January to November		2016 as percent of 2015
				November 2015	October 2016	2015	2016	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Carcass and parts</b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	29,311	27,949	28,055	96	100	333,373	328,960	99
Mature .....	2,371	2,372	2,362	100	100	26,162	27,895	107
Light .....	462	595	679	147	114	7,383	7,382	100
Heavy .....	1,909	1,777	1,683	88	95	18,779	20,513	109
Total .....	31,682	30,321	30,417	96	100	359,535	356,855	99
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	6,730	7,074	7,194	107	102	72,807	79,840	110
Old .....	144	158	146	101	92	1,515	1,712	113
Total .....	6,874	7,232	7,340	107	101	74,322	81,552	110
Ducks .....	304	311	319	105	103	3,393	3,305	97
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	3	6	4	133	67	23	26	113
Total .....	38,863	37,870	38,080	98	101	437,273	441,738	101
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.93	0.81	0.83	89	102	0.90	0.87	97
Mature .....	5.76	5.11	5.10	89	100	5.19	5.27	102
Light .....	6.53	7.52	7.50	115	100	7.23	7.01	97
Heavy .....	5.60	4.62	4.52	81	98	4.67	4.84	104
Total .....	0.99	0.87	0.89	90	102	0.96	0.93	97
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.42	1.36	1.39	98	102	1.40	1.44	103
Old .....	3.63	5.10	4.92	136	96	4.70	4.56	97
Total .....	1.44	1.38	1.41	98	102	1.42	1.46	103
Ducks .....	2.68	2.78	2.71	101	97	2.65	2.61	98
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	0.98	0.84	0.87	89	104	1.01	1.02	101
Total .....	1.05	0.94	0.97	92	103	1.02	1.01	99

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

## Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: October and November 2016

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	4,049	5,001	795,075	797,155
Mature .....	-	-	192	180	130,654	147,362
Light .....	-	-	125	110	94,283	107,234
Heavy .....	-	-	67	70	36,371	40,128
Total .....	-	-	4,241	5,181	925,729	944,517
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	77	82	22,376	25,831
Old .....	-	-	12	3	1,292	1,130
Total .....	-	-	89	85	23,668	26,961
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	443,187	482,104	3,356	3,281	10,351	11,358
Mature .....	26,440	24,498	377	357	30,927	29,210
Light .....	9,546	7,858	218	148	18,984	16,943
Heavy .....	16,894	16,640	159	209	11,943	12,267
Total .....	469,627	506,602	3,733	3,638	41,278	40,568
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	3,765	4,465	414	555	70	95
Old .....	337	341	2	1	278	294
Total .....	4,102	4,806	416	556	348	389
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	12,737	12,634	47,359	48,854	96,311	97,708
Mature .....	12,623	12,610	1,022	1,411	75,486	85,058
Light .....	11,993	11,916	507	764	67,441	77,195
Heavy .....	630	694	515	647	8,045	7,863
Total .....	25,360	25,244	48,381	50,265	171,797	182,766
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	118	160	455	607	1,118	1,463
Old .....	19	12	43	27	112	90
Total .....	137	172	498	634	1,230	1,553
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	30,539	27,828	698,026	731,852	2,140,990	2,217,775
Mature .....	622	600	123,303	112,546	401,646	413,832
Light .....	222	286	68,637	60,855	271,956	283,309
Heavy .....	400	314	54,666	51,691	129,690	130,523
Total .....	31,161	28,428	821,329	844,398	2,542,636	2,631,607
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	576	471	10,752	11,685	39,721	45,414
Old .....	22	12	265	201	2,382	2,111
Total .....	598	483	11,017	11,886	42,103	47,525

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> 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: October and November 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	89,881	87,113	500,462	483,329	5.57	5.55
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	80,706	78,105	532,008	515,153	6.59	6.60
California .....	21,125	22,101	125,874	130,068	5.96	5.89
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware .....	32,519	30,856	240,858	224,927	7.41	7.29
Florida .....	5,641	5,843	33,074	34,573	5.86	5.92
Georgia .....	106,976	102,408	631,623	608,465	5.90	5.94
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	5,801	5,503	25,968	24,891	4.48	4.52
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	20,609	23,837	135,081	148,576	6.55	6.23
Louisiana .....	15,673	14,754	96,278	91,029	6.14	6.17
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	9,938	10,013	62,941	63,077	6.33	6.30
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,366	4,389	26,436	26,843	6.06	6.12
Mississippi .....	60,527	58,069	382,914	371,095	6.33	6.39
Missouri .....	35,831	35,633	173,248	175,048	4.84	4.91
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	132	100	674	517	5.12	5.14
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	1,860	2,152	9,224	10,578	4.96	4.92
North Carolina .....	61,053	61,938	495,339	503,502	8.11	8.13
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	7,834	7,551	42,410	41,475	5.41	5.49
Oklahoma .....	12,709	11,565	83,286	75,621	6.55	6.54
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	9,375	9,321	53,089	52,389	5.66	5.62
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	24,521	23,398	182,579	177,311	7.45	7.58
South Dakota .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Tennessee .....	24,629	23,364	130,256	122,993	5.29	5.26
Texas .....	52,699	50,611	320,991	311,740	6.09	6.16
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	27,046	25,199	155,432	146,922	5.75	5.83
Washington .....	3,788	3,054	23,919	19,130	6.31	6.26
West Virginia .....	9,916	8,855	38,802	34,601	3.91	3.91
Wisconsin .....	4,411	4,154	18,647	17,722	4.23	4.27
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	731,963	712,337	4,535,961	4,426,527	6.20	6.21

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: October and November 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	381,001	367,744	2,869	2,742	0.75	0.74
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	399,836	388,371	3,392	3,266	0.84	0.83
California .....	94,041	96,947	1,160	1,234	1.22	1.26
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware .....	176,690	164,802	1,461	1,471	0.82	0.88
Florida .....	24,805	25,928	133	148	0.53	0.57
Georgia .....	476,759	457,419	3,788	3,538	0.79	0.77
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	18,928	18,123	132	128	0.69	0.70
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	101,920	112,845	1,491	1,651	1.44	1.44
Louisiana .....	73,102	69,008	517	533	0.70	0.77
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	46,300	46,412	426	464	0.91	0.99
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	22,016	22,517	311	313	1.39	1.37
Mississippi .....	293,613	284,632	2,193	2,119	0.74	0.74
Missouri .....	127,812	129,141	1,167	1,182	0.90	0.91
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	480	363	6	4	1.28	1.21
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	5,654	6,538	241	280	4.08	4.10
North Carolina .....	384,730	392,315	2,820	2,997	0.73	0.76
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	31,599	30,857	381	403	1.19	1.29
Oklahoma .....	62,737	56,964	323	284	0.51	0.50
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	36,482	36,046	835	908	2.24	2.46
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	137,481	133,348	675	654	0.49	0.49
South Dakota .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Tennessee .....	95,421	90,010	641	572	0.67	0.63
Texas .....	244,214	236,638	1,792	2,026	0.73	0.85
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	111,808	105,240	569	545	0.51	0.52
Washington .....	17,840	14,281	134	124	0.75	0.86
West Virginia .....	27,857	24,835	95	87	0.34	0.35
Wisconsin .....	13,623	12,945	117	112	0.85	0.86
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,417,120	3,334,922	27,949	28,055	0.81	0.83

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.



## Young Chickens, Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: October and November 2016

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	594	709	81,876	79,157
Arkansas .....	-	-	153	163	68,533	63,812
Delaware .....	-	-	678	938	62,286	60,410
Georgia .....	-	-	53	43	65,861	67,482
Mississippi .....	-	-	119	84	21,431	19,169
Missouri .....	-	-	38	52	40,962	43,867
North Carolina .....	-	-	163	237	88,519	92,297
Texas .....	-	-	149	187	58,147	62,594
Virginia .....	-	-	79	58	15,651	12,957
United States .....	-	-	4,049	5,001	795,075	797,155

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	39,671	43,155	320	427	1,389	1,520
Arkansas .....	25,555	21,686	350	241	807	876
Delaware .....	34,734	42,606	70	56	598	724
Georgia .....	121,799	123,823	266	201	1,348	1,540
Mississippi .....	7,444	8,044	198	165	522	552
Missouri .....	5,555	6,812	70	92	352	366
North Carolina .....	21,656	28,908	271	241	1,068	1,199
Texas .....	17,779	21,529	398	466	515	636
Virginia .....	8,970	12,030	3	17	282	262
United States .....	443,187	482,104	3,356	3,281	10,351	11,358

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	968	889	5,801	5,526	15,634	15,660
Arkansas .....	356	343	2,946	2,800	6,075	5,535
Delaware .....	1,202	1,190	1,904	1,716	4,656	3,998
Georgia .....	680	716	13,241	14,590	19,637	22,675
Mississippi .....	520	557	1,999	1,872	1,570	1,530
Missouri .....	148	162	497	541	2,275	2,290
North Carolina .....	809	824	7,345	8,239	4,367	4,048
Texas .....	443	544	403	415	3,975	4,393
Virginia .....	533	474	625	728	1,825	1,993
United States .....	12,737	12,634	47,359	48,854	96,311	97,708

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,607	1,309	51,116	46,002	198,976	194,354
Arkansas .....	1,875	2,369	117,573	128,064	224,223	225,889
Delaware .....	3,814	3,871	5,655	6,259	115,597	121,768
Georgia .....	3,869	3,418	77,923	77,953	304,677	312,441
Mississippi .....	96	49	13,579	11,696	47,478	43,718
Missouri .....	91	78	26,037	26,481	76,025	80,741
North Carolina .....	2,400	2,196	40,892	45,162	167,490	183,351
Texas .....	869	1,125	16,451	19,135	99,129	111,024
Virginia .....	881	705	7,647	8,900	36,496	38,124
United States .....	30,539	27,828	698,026	731,852	2,140,990	2,217,775

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> 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: October and November 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	3,524	3,033	73,183	59,735	20.77	19.70
California .....	1,704	1,459	43,423	36,187	25.48	24.80
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 .....	1,861	1,744	71,228	65,705	38.27	37.68
Iowa .....	1,146	1,234	48,549	51,382	42.36	41.63
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 .....	3,891	4,085	98,234	100,654	25.25	24.64
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	950	883	30,256	28,899	31.86	32.73
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
North Carolina .....	1,859	1,988	66,561	71,882	35.81	36.16
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	464	516	20,001	20,810	43.06	40.35
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	892	1,024	22,684	24,668	25.43	24.08
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 .....	579	569	8,883	8,594	15.35	15.10
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	2,246	2,334	63,064	64,168	28.08	27.49
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	21,541	21,598	641,103	638,102	29.76	29.54

- Represents zero.

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## Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: October and November 2016

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(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 .....	61,617	50,418	438	365	0.71	0.72
California .....	34,888	29,036	292	284	0.83	0.97
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 .....	57,681	53,275	881	778	1.51	1.44
Iowa .....	38,272	40,480	492	534	1.27	1.30
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 .....	78,607	80,544	1,238	1,357	1.55	1.66
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	24,492	23,425	196	171	0.80	0.72
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
North Carolina .....	52,076	56,349	595	670	1.13	1.18
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	15,980	16,604	302	279	1.85	1.65
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	18,084	19,651	483	508	2.60	2.52
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 .....	7,413	7,210	37	39	0.49	0.53
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	51,160	52,100	623	614	1.20	1.17
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	514,928	511,897	7,074	7,194	1.36	1.39

- Represents zero.

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(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> 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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