



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 1 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during May 2013 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.84 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the amount certified in May 2012. The April 2013 revised certified total at 3.75 billion pounds, was up 7 percent from April 2012. The April revision represented an increase of 2.50 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during May 2013 was 5.09 billion pounds, down slightly from 5.11 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.37 billion pounds, down slightly from May 2012. Mature chickens, at 72.2 million pounds, were down 3 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 636 million pounds, down 2 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.9 million pounds, down 3 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during May 2013 averaged 5.87 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from May 2012. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.42 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2013 averaged 30.6 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from May 2012.

Ante-mortem condemnations during May 2013 totaled 10.0 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.20 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.20 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 36.8 million pounds, were 0.95 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.92 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	May 2013 as % of		January to May		2013 as percent of 2012
				May 2012	April 2013	2012	2013	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Number slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	749,248	720,296	743,771	99	103	3,513,123	3,528,454	100
Mature	14,205	13,931	13,317	94	96	63,348	63,518	100
Light	7,910	8,312	7,213	91	87	35,553	35,847	101
Heavy	6,295	5,619	6,104	97	109	27,795	27,671	100
Total	763,453	734,227	757,088	99	103	3,576,471	3,591,972	100
Turkeys								
Young	21,660	20,384	20,721	96	102	99,969	99,063	99
Old	152	110	108	71	98	615	606	99
Total	21,812	20,494	20,829	95	102	100,584	99,669	99
Ducks	2,104	2,134	2,014	96	94	10,223	10,272	100
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,370,321	4,252,247	4,368,136	100	103	20,480,132	20,801,130	102
Mature	74,833	72,311	72,232	97	100	332,942	338,185	102
Light	25,212	26,630	23,342	93	88	113,952	116,001	102
Heavy	49,621	45,681	48,890	99	107	218,990	222,184	101
Total	4,445,154	4,324,558	4,440,368	100	103	20,813,074	21,139,315	102
Turkeys								
Young	646,704	629,939	633,530	98	101	3,046,817	3,077,434	101
Old	4,086	3,003	2,918	71	97	16,126	16,393	102
Total	650,790	632,942	636,448	98	101	3,062,943	3,093,827	101
Ducks	14,288	14,710	13,860	97	94	69,566	70,182	101
Other ¹	207	180	185	89	103	876	838	96
Total	5,110,439	4,972,390	5,090,861	100	102	23,946,459	24,304,162	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.83	5.90	5.87	101	99	5.83	5.90	101
Mature	5.27	5.19	5.42	103	104	5.26	5.32	101
Light	3.19	3.20	3.24	102	101	3.21	3.24	101
Heavy	7.88	8.13	8.01	102	99	7.88	8.03	102
Total	5.82	5.89	5.87	101	100	5.82	5.89	101
Turkeys								
Young	29.86	30.90	30.57	102	99	30.48	31.07	102
Old	26.88	27.30	27.02	101	99	26.22	27.05	103
Total	29.84	30.88	30.56	102	99	30.45	31.04	102
Ducks	6.79	6.89	6.88	101	100	6.80	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	May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	May 2013 as % of		January to May		2013 as percent of 2012
				May 2012	April 2013	2012	2013	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,993,707	2,894,257	2,992,640	100	103	13,943,432	14,193,283	102
Mature	47,558	45,502	46,102	97	101	211,146	215,389	102
Light	13,503	14,375	12,677	94	88	60,755	64,528	106
Heavy	34,055	31,127	33,425	98	107	150,391	150,861	100
Total	3,041,265	2,939,759	3,038,742	100	103	14,154,578	14,408,672	102
Turkeys								
Young	305,135	302,036	300,517	98	99	1,490,820	1,505,256	101
Old	2,982	2,109	2,011	67	95	11,922	11,405	96
Total	308,117	304,145	302,528	98	99	1,502,742	1,516,661	101
Ducks	3,736	3,873	3,838	103	99	18,759	19,334	103
Other ¹	139	115	122	88	106	585	552	94
Total	3,353,257	3,247,892	3,345,230	100	103	15,676,664	15,945,219	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	288,090	299,958	278,296	97	93	1,421,397	1,415,038	100
Mature	180	15	82	46	547	285	103	36
Light	180	7	-	(X)	(X)	285	9	3
Heavy	-	8	82	(X)	1,025	-	94	(X)
Total	288,270	299,973	278,378	97	93	1,421,682	1,415,141	100
Turkeys								
Young	211,775	200,240	205,263	97	103	940,507	953,774	101
Old	57	167	227	398	136	309	1,066	345
Total	211,832	200,407	205,490	97	103	940,816	954,840	101
Ducks	6,600	6,690	6,118	93	91	31,718	31,428	99
Other ¹	8	9	8	100	89	34	37	109
Total	506,710	507,079	489,994	97	97	2,394,250	2,401,446	100
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,281,797	3,194,215	3,270,936	100	102	15,364,829	15,608,321	102
Mature	47,738	45,517	46,184	97	101	211,431	215,492	102
Light	13,683	14,382	12,677	93	88	61,040	64,537	106
Heavy	34,055	31,135	33,507	98	108	150,391	150,955	100
Total	3,329,535	3,239,732	3,317,120	100	102	15,576,260	15,823,813	102
Turkeys								
Young	516,910	502,276	505,780	98	101	2,431,327	2,459,030	101
Old	3,039	2,276	2,238	74	98	12,231	12,471	102
Total	519,949	504,552	508,018	98	101	2,443,558	2,471,501	101
Ducks	10,336	10,563	9,956	96	94	50,477	50,762	101
Other ¹	147	124	130	88	105	619	589	95
Total	3,859,967	3,754,971	3,835,224	99	102	18,070,914	18,346,665	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	May 2013 as % of		January to May		2013 as percent of 2012
				May 2012	April 2013	2012	2013	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	8,004	8,236	7,994	100	97	38,623	41,056	106
Mature	727	767	664	91	87	3,687	3,349	91
Light	335	362	261	78	72	1,661	1,429	86
Heavy	392	405	403	103	100	2,026	1,920	95
Total	8,731	9,003	8,658	99	96	42,310	44,405	105
Turkeys								
Young	1,330	1,458	1,288	97	88	6,815	7,246	106
Old	31	35	21	68	60	141	175	124
Total	1,361	1,493	1,309	96	88	6,956	7,421	107
Ducks	32	39	50	156	128	155	204	132
Total	10,125	10,535	10,017	99	95	49,422	52,031	105
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.18	0.19	0.18	100	95	0.19	0.20	105
Mature	0.97	1.06	0.92	95	87	1.11	0.99	89
Light	1.33	1.36	1.12	84	82	1.46	1.23	84
Heavy	0.79	0.89	0.82	104	92	0.93	0.86	92
Total	0.20	0.21	0.19	95	90	0.20	0.21	105
Turkeys								
Young	0.21	0.23	0.20	95	87	0.22	0.24	109
Old	0.76	1.17	0.72	95	62	0.87	1.07	123
Total	0.21	0.24	0.21	100	88	0.23	0.24	104
Ducks	0.22	0.27	0.36	164	133	0.22	0.29	132
Total	0.20	0.21	0.20	100	95	0.21	0.21	100

¹ Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	May 2013 as % of		January to May		2013 as percent of 2012
				May 2012	April 2013	2012	2013	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	26,090	28,784	26,811	103	93	128,363	141,004	110
Mature	2,545	2,276	2,412	95	106	10,995	10,094	92
Light	1,284	1,120	1,092	85	98	5,569	4,801	86
Heavy	1,261	1,156	1,320	105	114	5,426	5,293	98
Total	28,635	31,060	29,223	102	94	139,358	151,098	108
Turkeys								
Young	6,854	6,848	7,120	104	104	31,994	34,319	107
Old	111	139	148	133	106	484	704	145
Total	6,965	6,987	7,268	104	104	32,478	35,023	108
Ducks	261	285	313	120	110	1,301	1,351	104
Other	2	1	1	50	100	7	5	71
Total	35,863	38,333	36,805	103	96	173,144	187,477	108
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.79	0.89	0.81	103	91	0.83	0.90	108
Mature	5.06	4.76	4.96	98	104	4.94	4.47	90
Light	8.58	7.22	7.93	92	110	8.36	6.92	83
Heavy	3.57	3.58	3.79	106	106	3.48	3.39	97
Total	0.85	0.95	0.87	102	92	0.89	0.95	107
Turkeys								
Young	1.31	1.35	1.39	106	103	1.30	1.38	106
Old	3.52	5.76	6.20	176	108	3.81	5.34	140
Total	1.32	1.37	1.41	107	103	1.31	1.40	107
Ducks	2.46	2.63	3.05	124	116	2.51	2.59	103
Other	1.34	0.80	0.76	57	95	1.12	0.84	75
Total	0.92	1.01	0.95	103	94	0.95	1.01	106

¹ Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States: April and May 2013

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	11,591	10,103	825,332	824,951
Mature	-	-	663	725	84,010	157,180
Light	-	-	578	641	47,077	115,742
Heavy	-	-	85	84	36,933	41,438
Total	-	-	12,254	10,828	909,342	982,131
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	58	41	34,859	35,251
Old	-	-	-	2	500	683
Total	-	-	58	43	35,359	35,934
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	715,769	450,917	3,847	4,024	28,297	27,241
Mature	20,810	22,019	403	246	48,852	43,248
Light	12,488	9,281	305	160	42,705	36,472
Heavy	8,322	12,738	98	86	6,147	6,776
Total	736,579	472,936	4,250	4,270	77,149	70,489
Turkeys						
Young	4,129	4,309	994	1,421	126	106
Old	337	1,021	13	16	53	112
Total	4,466	5,330	1,007	1,437	179	218
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	11,108	11,005	58,821	54,181	102,100	95,222
Mature	17,886	16,760	1,957	1,857	84,618	77,781
Light	17,607	16,247	1,347	1,212	80,610	73,388
Heavy	279	513	610	645	4,008	4,393
Total	28,994	27,765	60,778	56,038	186,718	173,003
Turkeys						
Young	233	178	1,703	1,863	1,370	1,934
Old	4	4	113	8	26	10
Total	237	182	1,816	1,871	1,396	1,944
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	14,220	16,419	906,894	802,290	2,677,979	2,296,353
Mature	640	862	103,161	109,331	362,933	430,009
Light	154	275	58,079	54,747	260,883	308,165
Heavy	486	587	45,082	54,584	102,050	121,844
Total	14,860	17,281	1,010,055	911,621	3,040,912	2,726,362
Turkeys						
Young	729	901	17,833	14,975	62,034	60,979
Old	2	3	502	926	1,550	2,785
Total	731	904	18,335	15,901	63,584	63,764

- Represents zero.

¹ Includes any portion of the carcass affected by an inflammatory process, plant-rejected carcasses, missing viscera, or ascites fluid preventing proper inspection of the carcass.

Young Chickens, Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: April and May 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	85,672	87,604	479,634	492,027	5.60	5.62
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	77,519	76,326	465,630	448,306	6.01	5.87
California	21,521	22,654	124,625	131,268	5.79	5.79
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	26,203	27,931	185,875	195,493	7.09	7.00
Florida	5,581	5,451	34,518	33,462	6.18	6.14
Georgia	103,529	106,724	579,910	603,142	5.60	5.65
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,882	5,107	21,239	22,228	4.35	4.35
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,127	26,283	135,656	140,037	5.40	5.33
Louisiana	15,550	16,583	99,210	98,719	6.38	5.95
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	11,936	12,067	63,505	63,565	5.32	5.27
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,291	4,112	24,946	24,999	5.81	6.08
Mississippi	60,292	62,553	369,575	379,279	6.13	6.06
Missouri	37,416	38,426	178,329	182,868	4.77	4.76
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	111	123	547	577	4.92	4.70
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,764	1,806	8,960	9,063	5.08	5.02
North Carolina	61,330	64,927	466,373	490,576	7.60	7.56
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	5,904	5,983	34,945	34,183	5.92	5.71
Oklahoma	11,380	11,537	73,925	75,378	6.50	6.53
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,715	11,209	60,044	62,974	5.60	5.62
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	23,429	23,774	165,930	166,609	7.08	7.01
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	24,986	26,668	128,734	138,145	5.15	5.18
Texas	54,195	56,150	309,074	321,914	5.70	5.73
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	26,697	28,594	144,963	153,834	5.43	5.38
Washington	4,577	4,572	28,295	28,175	6.18	6.16
West Virginia	9,495	10,119	38,079	40,296	4.01	3.98
Wisconsin	4,230	4,439	17,672	18,331	4.18	4.13
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	720,296	743,771	4,252,247	4,368,136	5.90	5.87

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: April and May 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	364,274	372,311	3,998	3,360	1.09	0.89
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	354,748	339,606	3,071	2,872	0.86	0.84
California	92,820	97,675	752	678	0.80	0.69
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	134,481	141,773	1,819	1,786	1.33	1.24
Florida	25,888	25,187	193	179	0.74	0.71
Georgia	427,864	442,366	3,621	3,534	0.84	0.79
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	15,574	16,252	83	102	0.53	0.63
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	98,275	101,831	980	752	0.99	0.73
Louisiana	74,866	73,604	401	401	0.53	0.54
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	45,950	45,939	648	700	1.39	1.50
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	20,788	20,749	188	224	0.90	1.07
Mississippi	283,936	287,993	1,976	1,994	0.69	0.69
Missouri	135,332	138,254	1,052	977	0.77	0.70
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	388	408	15	11	3.81	2.69
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,527	5,617	158	150	2.78	2.60
North Carolina	365,333	384,063	3,482	3,243	0.94	0.84
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	26,041	25,459	269	254	1.02	0.99
Oklahoma	55,546	56,635	455	391	0.81	0.69
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	41,687	43,863	662	713	1.56	1.60
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	124,696	125,402	748	707	0.60	0.56
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	94,449	101,756	1,143	953	1.20	0.93
Texas	233,216	243,025	1,543	1,411	0.66	0.58
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	102,625	108,832	889	840	0.86	0.77
Washington	21,137	21,028	163	151	0.76	0.71
West Virginia	27,415	28,910	65	84	0.24	0.29
Wisconsin	12,908	13,325	157	159	1.20	1.18
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,194,215	3,270,936	28,784	26,811	0.89	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: April and May 2013

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	168	203	101,655	121,656
Arkansas	-	-	338	299	80,979	76,666
Delaware	-	-	4,943	3,831	46,219	45,627
Georgia	-	-	99	118	68,810	69,975
Mississippi	-	-	575	817	23,398	26,426
Missouri	-	-	49	55	56,331	50,589
North Carolina	-	-	391	664	87,590	87,309
Texas	-	-	211	159	50,762	53,812
Virginia	-	-	302	233	17,231	15,959
United States	-	-	11,591	10,103	825,332	824,951

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	96,470	55,426	721	669	1,518	1,473
Arkansas	27,523	23,903	997	1,425	902	855
Delaware	71,815	59,094	31	127	4,174	4,702
Georgia	79,437	49,159	101	97	5,553	4,484
Mississippi	9,894	10,442	35	60	593	474
Missouri	25,671	18,783	120	72	652	767
North Carolina	89,467	49,807	99	85	4,617	4,817
Texas	59,068	22,343	54	119	776	812
Virginia	31,810	27,504	11	19	975	1,106
United States	715,769	450,917	3,847	4,024	28,297	27,241

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,566	1,449	7,419	6,274	19,394	16,119
Arkansas	579	620	6,406	5,397	6,081	5,040
Delaware	942	996	1,618	1,767	2,939	3,384
Georgia	666	737	11,186	11,317	8,437	9,748
Mississippi	611	368	1,946	1,855	1,759	1,361
Missouri	279	231	1,506	1,249	4,752	5,436
North Carolina	980	1,120	11,074	11,070	4,503	4,697
Texas	345	401	1,611	1,565	4,340	5,818
Virginia	511	561	478	486	1,643	1,457
United States	11,108	11,005	58,821	54,181	102,100	95,222

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,560	2,514	166,033	103,264	396,504	309,047
Arkansas	562	662	93,954	92,819	218,321	207,686
Delaware	1,537	1,991	34,834	27,880	169,052	149,399
Georgia	1,915	2,025	132,083	151,380	308,287	299,040
Mississippi	471	136	35,009	38,458	74,291	80,397
Missouri	86	136	33,149	29,013	122,595	106,331
North Carolina	2,638	1,992	88,441	79,553	289,800	241,114
Texas	611	1,024	33,002	28,837	150,780	114,890
Virginia	333	245	51,040	31,437	104,334	79,007
United States	14,220	16,419	906,894	802,290	2,677,979	2,296,353

- Represents zero.

¹ Includes any portion of the carcass affected by an inflammatory process, plant-rejected carcasses, missing viscera, or ascites fluid preventing proper inspection of the carcass.

Young Turkeys, Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: April and May 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,997	2,973	58,958	59,229	19.67	19.92
California	895	929	25,501	28,937	28.49	31.15
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Indiana	1,556	1,612	59,753	62,791	38.41	38.95
Iowa	1,372	1,339	58,889	56,630	42.92	42.29
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,385	3,787	87,472	93,105	25.84	24.59
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	1,037	956	34,498	32,006	33.26	33.49
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	2,637	2,742	87,586	90,692	33.21	33.07
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	417	452	18,631	19,332	44.67	42.77
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	488	510	12,687	13,601	25.99	26.69
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	631	569	19,529	15,112	30.96	26.58
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,354	2,235	61,864	58,243	26.28	26.07
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	20,384	20,721	629,939	633,530	30.90	30.57

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: April and May 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	47,657	48,761	384	402	0.80	0.82
California	20,571	23,257	233	299	1.12	1.27
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Indiana	48,252	50,837	902	798	1.84	1.55
Iowa	46,388	44,415	775	794	1.64	1.76
Kansas	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	69,934	74,577	1,204	1,310	1.69	1.73
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	28,048	26,112	176	205	0.62	0.78
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	68,956	71,106	732	738	1.05	1.03
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	14,876	15,422	305	341	2.01	2.16
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	9,944	10,741	187	203	1.84	1.86
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	15,482	12,031	67	42	0.43	0.35
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	49,600	46,299	604	576	1.20	1.23
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	502,276	505,780	6,848	7,120	1.35	1.39

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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 300 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2012. Young chickens were slaughtered in 37 States, young turkeys in 28 States.

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