



# Poultry Slaughter

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

**October 2014** contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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

**Poultry certified wholesome** during October 2015 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.05 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the amount certified in October 2014. The September 2015 revised certified total at 4.00 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from September 2014. The September revision represented an increase of 2.48 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during October 2015 was 5.34 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 5.47 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.60 billion pounds, down 2 percent from October 2014. Mature chickens, at 73.6 million pounds, were down 1 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 654 million pounds, down 7 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.9 million pounds, down 4 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during October 2015 averaged a record high 6.19 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from October 2014. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.30 pounds per bird, up 6 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during October 2015 averaged 29.5 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from October 2014.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during October 2015 totaled 12.5 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.23 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.21 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 41.0 million pounds, were 1.00 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.96 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2014	September 2015	October 2015	October 2015 as % of		January to October		2015 as percent of 2014
				October 2014	September 2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Number slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	770,431	748,689	743,112	96	99	7,149,291	7,293,087	102
Mature .....	12,496	10,928	11,668	93	107	122,736	113,284	92
Light .....	5,567	4,144	4,435	80	107	61,589	49,576	80
Heavy .....	6,929	6,784	7,233	104	107	61,147	63,708	104
Total .....	782,927	759,617	754,780	96	99	7,272,027	7,406,371	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	23,067	18,889	21,991	95	116	195,419	192,388	98
Old .....	153	102	162	106	159	1,172	1,260	108
Total .....	23,220	18,991	22,153	95	117	196,591	193,648	99
Ducks .....	2,428	2,326	2,314	95	99	21,790	22,981	105
	(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 .....	4,680,099	4,623,321	4,600,691	98	100	42,847,772	44,577,502	104
Mature .....	74,375	68,862	73,561	99	107	697,067	679,624	97
Light .....	17,854	13,539	14,539	81	107	197,837	160,362	81
Heavy .....	56,521	55,323	59,022	104	107	499,230	519,262	104
Total .....	4,754,474	4,692,183	4,674,252	98	100	43,544,839	45,257,126	104
Turkeys								
Young .....	695,579	561,099	649,263	93	116	5,964,124	5,819,329	98
Old .....	4,488	2,908	4,679	104	161	32,531	35,655	110
Total .....	700,067	564,007	653,942	93	116	5,996,655	5,854,984	98
Ducks .....	16,673	15,870	15,934	96	100	149,559	157,341	105
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	856	501	867	101	173	2,627	2,964	113
Total .....	5,472,070	5,272,561	5,344,995	98	101	49,693,680	51,272,415	103
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.07	6.18	6.19	102	100	5.99	6.11	102
Mature .....	5.95	6.30	6.30	106	100	5.68	6.00	106
Light .....	3.21	3.27	3.28	102	100	3.21	3.23	101
Heavy .....	8.16	8.15	8.16	100	100	8.16	8.15	100
Total .....	6.07	6.18	6.19	102	100	5.99	6.11	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	30.15	29.71	29.52	98	99	30.52	30.25	99
Old .....	29.33	28.51	28.88	98	101	27.76	28.30	102
Total .....	30.15	29.70	29.52	98	99	30.50	30.24	99
Ducks .....	6.87	6.82	6.89	100	101	6.86	6.85	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	October 2014	September 2015	October 2015	October 2015 as % of		January to October		2015 as percent of 2014
				October 2014	September 2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,212,597	3,206,705	3,183,324	99	99	29,432,173	30,742,760	104
Mature .....	47,374	45,544	47,571	100	104	440,713	439,427	100
Light .....	9,769	7,289	7,781	80	107	106,841	88,171	83
Heavy .....	37,605	38,255	39,790	106	104	333,872	351,256	105
Total .....	3,259,971	3,252,249	3,230,895	99	99	29,872,886	31,182,187	104
Turkeys								
Young .....	348,016	255,213	319,150	92	125	2,743,127	2,720,453	99
Old .....	3,280	2,065	3,250	99	157	22,943	25,329	110
Total .....	351,296	257,278	322,400	92	125	2,766,070	2,745,782	99
Ducks .....	4,393	4,410	4,540	103	103	40,863	42,840	105
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	160	125	168	105	134	1,201	1,304	109
Total .....	3,615,820	3,514,062	3,558,003	98	101	32,681,020	33,972,113	104
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	312,630	279,572	281,842	90	101	2,829,233	2,832,738	100
Mature .....	15	8	1	7	13	39	24	62
Light .....	6	-	1	17	(X)	18	2	11
Heavy .....	9	8	-	(X)	(X)	21	22	105
Total .....	312,645	279,580	281,843	90	101	2,829,272	2,832,762	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	210,180	194,875	202,752	96	104	2,032,055	1,947,434	96
Old .....	116	121	328	283	271	1,785	1,576	88
Total .....	210,296	194,996	203,080	97	104	2,033,840	1,949,010	96
Ducks .....	7,648	7,052	7,013	92	99	67,265	70,899	105
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	377	191	385	102	202	542	638	118
Total .....	530,966	481,819	492,321	93	102	4,930,919	4,853,309	98
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,525,227	3,486,277	3,465,166	98	99	32,261,406	33,575,498	104
Mature .....	47,389	45,552	47,572	100	104	440,752	439,451	100
Light .....	9,775	7,289	7,782	80	107	106,859	88,173	83
Heavy .....	37,614	38,263	39,790	106	104	333,893	351,278	105
Total .....	3,572,616	3,531,829	3,512,738	98	99	32,702,158	34,014,949	104
Turkeys								
Young .....	558,196	450,088	521,902	93	116	4,775,182	4,667,887	98
Old .....	3,396	2,186	3,578	105	164	24,728	26,905	109
Total .....	561,592	452,274	525,480	94	116	4,799,910	4,694,792	98
Ducks .....	12,041	11,462	11,553	96	101	108,128	113,739	105
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	537	316	553	103	175	1,743	1,942	111
Total .....	4,146,786	3,995,881	4,050,324	98	101	37,611,939	38,825,422	103

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2014	September 2015	October 2015	October 2015 as % of		January to October		2015 as percent of 2014
				October 2014	September 2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	9,356	10,970	10,266	110	94	89,551	101,426	113
Mature .....	717	808	707	99	88	7,486	7,819	104
Light .....	276	276	205	74	74	2,892	2,681	93
Heavy .....	441	532	502	114	94	4,594	5,138	112
Total .....	10,073	11,778	10,973	109	93	97,037	109,245	113
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,505	1,435	1,394	93	97	13,753	14,107	103
Old .....	54	40	55	102	138	447	474	106
Total .....	1,559	1,475	1,449	93	98	14,200	14,581	103
Ducks .....	36	43	35	97	81	409	397	97
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	11,671	13,296	12,458	107	94	111,650	124,224	111
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.20	0.24	0.22	110	92	0.21	0.23	110
Mature .....	0.96	1.17	0.96	100	82	1.07	1.15	107
Light .....	1.55	2.04	1.41	91	69	1.46	1.67	114
Heavy .....	0.78	0.96	0.85	109	89	0.92	0.99	108
Total .....	0.21	0.25	0.23	110	92	0.22	0.24	109
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.22	0.26	0.21	95	81	0.23	0.24	104
Old .....	1.20	1.38	1.18	98	86	1.37	1.33	97
Total .....	0.22	0.26	0.22	100	85	0.24	0.25	104
Ducks .....	0.22	0.27	0.22	100	81	0.27	0.25	93
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.21	0.25	0.23	110	92	0.22	0.24	109

<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	October 2014	September 2015	October 2015	October 2015 as % of		January to October		2015 as percent of 2014
				October 2014	September 2015	2014	2015	
	(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 .....	29,325	30,395	30,718	105	101	282,707	304,034	108
Mature .....	2,586	2,491	2,641	102	106	23,493	23,791	101
Light .....	775	518	618	80	119	8,476	6,921	82
Heavy .....	1,811	1,973	2,023	112	103	15,017	16,870	112
Total .....	31,911	32,886	33,359	105	101	306,200	327,825	107
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	7,695	6,616	7,132	93	108	64,385	66,060	103
Old .....	134	109	147	110	135	1,148	1,371	119
Total .....	7,829	6,725	7,279	93	108	65,533	67,431	103
Ducks .....	304	313	338	111	108	2,740	3,089	113
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	6	4	4	67	100	19	20	105
Total .....	40,050	39,928	40,980	102	103	374,492	398,365	106
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.82	0.86	0.88	107	102	0.87	0.90	103
Mature .....	5.17	5.18	5.26	102	102	5.06	5.14	102
Light .....	7.35	6.64	7.36	100	111	7.35	7.28	99
Heavy .....	4.59	4.90	4.84	105	99	4.30	4.58	107
Total .....	0.89	0.92	0.94	106	102	0.93	0.95	102
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.36	1.45	1.35	99	93	1.33	1.40	105
Old .....	3.80	4.75	3.95	104	83	4.44	4.85	109
Total .....	1.37	1.47	1.37	100	93	1.35	1.42	105
Ducks .....	2.46	2.66	2.84	115	107	2.47	2.64	107
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1.10	1.25	0.72	65	58	1.08	1.02	94
Total .....	0.96	0.99	1.00	104	101	0.99	1.02	103

<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: September and October 2015

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	4,123	3,441	949,479	935,487
Mature .....	-	-	444	266	104,165	129,163
Light .....	-	-	377	138	63,151	88,446
Heavy .....	-	-	67	128	41,014	40,717
Total .....	-	-	4,567	3,707	1,053,644	1,064,650
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	77	43	29,363	34,694
Old .....	-	-	-	-	801	962
Total .....	-	-	77	43	30,164	35,656
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	369,101	434,861	4,224	3,494	13,912	13,869
Mature .....	25,159	25,641	216	353	25,617	30,083
Light .....	5,487	5,357	76	160	16,578	20,670
Heavy .....	19,672	20,284	140	193	9,039	9,413
Total .....	394,260	460,502	4,440	3,847	39,529	43,952
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	4,524	5,326	1,367	1,272	45	109
Old .....	246	331	1	-	142	166
Total .....	4,770	5,657	1,368	1,272	187	275
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	13,888	12,823	51,198	51,135	110,122	107,674
Mature .....	7,647	8,068	889	1,212	47,828	63,413
Light .....	7,153	7,426	386	574	41,175	56,610
Heavy .....	494	642	503	638	6,653	6,803
Total .....	21,535	20,891	52,087	52,347	157,950	171,087
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	117	197	938	1,110	1,910	2,125
Old .....	15	20	11	25	30	69
Total .....	132	217	949	1,135	1,940	2,194
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	20,429	17,935	546,961	558,830	2,083,437	2,139,549
Mature .....	691	591	96,576	96,346	309,232	355,136
Light .....	150	137	29,682	28,931	164,215	208,449
Heavy .....	541	454	66,894	67,415	145,017	146,687
Total .....	21,120	18,526	643,537	655,176	2,392,669	2,494,685
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	558	556	9,291	10,569	48,190	56,001
Old .....	6	15	114	157	1,366	1,745
Total .....	564	571	9,405	10,726	49,556	57,746

- 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: September and October 2015

[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 .....	89,392	85,918	511,754	492,071	5.72	5.73
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	76,436	77,013	496,830	504,508	6.50	6.55
California .....	21,829	22,232	132,255	134,790	6.06	6.06
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	29,940	30,448	220,361	223,792	7.36	7.35
Florida .....	5,801	6,131	34,408	36,212	5.93	5.91
Georgia .....	109,899	108,551	652,209	644,893	5.93	5.94
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	5,165	5,672	23,329	25,341	4.52	4.47
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	26,102	25,721	152,657	150,159	5.85	5.84
Louisiana .....	17,049	17,030	103,654	104,054	6.08	6.11
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	13,456	14,176	78,527	82,556	5.84	5.82
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,239	4,232	25,722	25,564	6.07	6.04
Mississippi .....	61,073	60,940	386,999	393,416	6.34	6.46
Missouri .....	37,402	37,207	182,610	182,911	4.88	4.92
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	112	110	593	593	5.28	5.38
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	2,016	1,999	10,295	10,051	5.11	5.03
North Carolina .....	67,639	66,337	533,309	525,349	7.88	7.92
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	6,885	7,199	38,975	39,896	5.66	5.54
Oklahoma .....	11,314	12,206	74,651	80,192	6.60	6.57
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	9,167	9,505	51,158	53,678	5.58	5.65
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	24,304	24,425	177,616	179,478	7.31	7.35
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	26,012	25,368	138,540	133,564	5.33	5.27
Texas .....	53,957	52,105	336,876	320,012	6.24	6.14
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	29,256	28,835	166,599	165,377	5.69	5.74
Washington .....	3,981	4,003	24,093	25,017	6.05	6.25
West Virginia .....	9,814	9,253	37,770	35,258	3.85	3.81
Wisconsin .....	4,280	4,211	18,111	17,803	4.23	4.23
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	748,689	743,112	4,623,321	4,600,691	6.18	6.19

- 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 2015

[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>	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	389,394	374,053	3,011	2,997	0.77	0.79
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	379,015	382,797	3,922	4,159	1.02	1.07
California .....	98,388	100,318	1,115	1,003	1.12	0.99
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	160,517	162,535	1,529	1,584	0.94	0.97
Florida .....	25,804	27,232	137	138	0.53	0.51
Georgia .....	491,853	484,059	4,480	4,490	0.90	0.92
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	17,047	18,534	111	141	0.64	0.76
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	114,687	113,870	1,593	1,701	1.37	1.47
Louisiana .....	78,158	78,716	521	476	0.66	0.60
Maine .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland .....	57,267	60,128	682	733	1.18	1.20
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	21,797	21,710	229	217	1.04	0.99
Mississippi .....	299,412	306,459	2,090	2,169	0.69	0.70
Missouri .....	135,317	134,701	1,473	1,461	1.08	1.07
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	416	419	5	6	1.09	1.33
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	6,265	6,156	185	186	2.87	2.93
North Carolina .....	413,862	406,361	3,007	3,083	0.72	0.75
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	29,066	29,675	357	354	1.21	1.18
Oklahoma .....	56,042	60,331	415	431	0.74	0.71
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	34,779	36,520	652	696	1.84	1.87
Rhode Island .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina .....	133,499	134,881	725	807	0.54	0.59
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	101,683	97,907	606	588	0.59	0.60
Texas .....	255,148	242,160	2,195	1,919	0.85	0.79
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	119,060	118,499	803	839	0.67	0.70
Washington .....	17,963	18,693	108	101	0.60	0.54
West Virginia .....	27,050	25,273	97	92	0.36	0.36
Wisconsin .....	13,231	13,007	126	148	0.94	1.12
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,486,277	3,465,166	30,395	30,718	0.86	0.88

- 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: September and October 2015

[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 .....	-	-	166	142	95,905	100,291
Arkansas .....	-	-	255	197	83,265	86,051
Delaware .....	-	-	722	538	67,305	68,358
Georgia .....	-	-	76	128	95,835	100,451
Mississippi .....	-	-	58	37	19,575	20,570
Missouri .....	-	-	82	102	47,572	45,122
North Carolina .....	-	-	198	163	99,229	97,724
Texas .....	-	-	49	17	72,028	63,330
Virginia .....	-	-	47	25	24,007	23,158
United States .....	-	-	4,123	3,441	949,479	935,487

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	26,912	25,520	424	334	1,460	1,382
Arkansas .....	36,884	40,527	936	667	739	798
Delaware .....	31,573	38,499	52	78	988	935
Georgia .....	64,623	73,893	106	214	2,484	2,619
Mississippi .....	6,378	7,397	78	125	459	503
Missouri .....	5,586	5,655	54	30	395	381
North Carolina .....	25,438	31,321	408	392	1,769	1,927
Texas .....	16,359	20,295	59	81	623	595
Virginia .....	16,554	20,836	13	25	418	417
United States .....	369,101	434,861	4,224	3,494	13,912	13,869

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,550	1,248	5,637	6,237	21,343	20,814
Arkansas .....	374	366	4,605	3,955	8,367	7,192
Delaware .....	1,753	1,705	1,463	1,293	4,580	4,755
Georgia .....	839	737	12,942	13,624	15,523	15,586
Mississippi .....	412	353	1,859	1,872	1,544	1,537
Missouri .....	114	172	551	553	2,776	2,472
North Carolina .....	990	915	9,480	9,139	5,922	5,144
Texas .....	519	446	756	850	3,915	4,021
Virginia .....	1,117	937	858	560	4,092	3,616
United States .....	13,888	12,823	51,198	51,135	110,122	107,674

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,562	1,449	41,666	38,606	196,625	196,023
Arkansas .....	1,243	740	47,562	62,484	184,230	202,977
Delaware .....	2,726	2,019	12,438	13,426	123,600	131,606
Georgia .....	2,600	2,116	71,828	75,867	266,856	285,235
Mississippi .....	286	215	8,980	11,823	39,629	44,432
Missouri .....	136	100	27,324	25,170	84,590	79,757
North Carolina .....	3,247	3,075	42,041	48,134	188,722	197,934
Texas .....	701	775	19,346	17,199	114,355	107,609
Virginia .....	1,689	1,252	8,851	7,250	57,646	58,076
United States .....	20,429	17,935	546,961	558,830	2,083,437	2,139,549

- 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: September and October 2015

[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 .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	2,604	3,475	56,480	74,349	21.69	21.40
California .....	918	1,860	25,979	48,047	28.30	25.84
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	1,880	1,902	71,834	71,498	38.20	37.59
Iowa .....	913	906	35,319	34,753	38.68	38.36
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Maryland .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,471	3,662	76,741	88,358	22.11	24.13
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	975	971	30,995	32,825	31.79	33.80
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	1,990	2,170	74,023	80,324	37.20	37.01
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	457	462	18,652	18,890	40.82	40.92
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	670	951	17,772	23,334	26.53	24.54
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 .....	516	573	7,423	8,690	14.38	15.17
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	2,124	2,521	58,461	70,124	27.53	27.82
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	18,889	21,991	561,099	649,263	29.71	29.52

- Represents zero.

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## Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: September and October 2015

[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>	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	47,491	62,453	298	343	0.62	0.55
California .....	20,892	38,803	177	329	0.84	0.84
Colorado .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	58,063	57,759	1,038	1,002	1.76	1.71
Iowa .....	27,526	27,371	567	441	2.02	1.58
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Maryland .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	61,294	70,445	1,122	1,271	1.80	1.77
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	25,112	26,617	190	241	0.75	0.90
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)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	58,118	63,046	735	706	1.25	1.11
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	14,890	15,104	339	300	2.22	1.95
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	14,218	18,760	225	328	1.56	1.72
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 .....	6,178	7,431	41	44	0.66	0.59
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	47,435	56,954	592	670	1.23	1.16
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	450,088	521,902	6,616	7,132	1.45	1.35

- 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.

## 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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