



Poultry Slaughter

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

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Poultry certified wholesome during December 2015 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.85 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the amount certified in December 2014. The November 2015 revised certified total at 3.66 billion pounds, was up 5 percent from November 2014. The November revision represented an increase of 14 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during December 2015 was 5.09 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 5.13 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.42 billion pounds, down slightly from December 2014. Mature chickens, at 68.1 million pounds, were down 2 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 575 million pounds, down 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled a record 17.5 million pounds, up 1 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during December 2015 averaged 6.14 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from December 2014. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.96 pounds per bird, up 7 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during December 2015 averaged 31.1 pounds per bird, up slightly from December 2014.

Ante-mortem condemnations during December 2015 totaled 12.3 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 41.1 million pounds, were 1.06 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	December 2014	November 2015	December 2015	December 2015 as % of		January to December		2015 as percent of 2014
				December 2014	November 2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Number slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	728,499	674,127	720,056	99	107	8,522,427	8,687,284	102
Mature	12,415	9,518	11,428	92	120	144,235	134,230	93
Light	6,465	3,750	5,096	79	136	71,801	58,422	81
Heavy	5,950	5,768	6,332	106	110	72,434	75,808	105
Total	740,914	683,645	731,484	99	107	8,666,662	8,821,514	102
Turkeys								
Young	19,006	20,063	18,352	97	91	235,189	230,819	98
Old	138	182	135	98	74	1,428	1,577	110
Total	19,144	20,245	18,487	97	91	236,617	232,396	98
Ducks	2,513	2,216	2,552	102	115	26,368	27,749	105
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,445,747	4,159,180	4,424,149	100	106	51,204,575	53,160,715	104
Mature	69,426	59,301	68,112	98	115	822,537	807,037	98
Light	21,082	12,350	16,721	79	135	231,418	189,433	82
Heavy	48,344	46,951	51,391	106	109	591,119	617,604	104
Total	4,515,173	4,218,481	4,492,261	99	106	52,027,112	53,967,752	104
Turkeys								
Young	590,747	581,043	571,257	97	98	7,150,782	6,972,232	98
Old	3,782	5,073	3,814	101	75	39,442	44,542	113
Total	594,529	586,116	575,071	97	98	7,190,224	7,016,774	98
Ducks	17,370	15,175	17,546	101	116	181,068	190,062	105
Other ¹	229	478	232	101	49	3,139	3,676	117
Total	5,127,301	4,820,250	5,085,110	99	105	59,401,543	61,178,264	103
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.10	6.17	6.14	101	100	6.01	6.12	102
Mature	5.59	6.23	5.96	107	96	5.70	6.01	105
Light	3.26	3.29	3.28	101	100	3.22	3.24	101
Heavy	8.13	8.14	8.12	100	100	8.16	8.15	100
Total	6.09	6.17	6.14	101	100	6.00	6.12	102
Turkeys								
Young	31.08	28.96	31.13	100	107	30.40	30.21	99
Old	27.41	27.87	28.25	103	101	27.62	28.24	102
Total	31.06	28.95	31.11	100	107	30.39	30.19	99
Ducks	6.91	6.85	6.88	100	100	6.87	6.85	100

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	December 2014	November 2015	December 2015	December 2015 as % of		January to December		2015 as percent of 2014
				December 2014	November 2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,052,182	2,887,555	3,075,217	101	106	35,167,450	36,705,788	104
Mature	44,191	38,753	44,218	100	114	520,987	522,398	100
Light	11,529	6,602	8,917	77	135	124,977	103,690	83
Heavy	32,662	32,151	35,301	108	110	396,010	418,708	106
Total	3,096,373	2,926,308	3,119,435	101	107	35,688,437	37,228,186	104
Turkeys								
Young	289,225	305,673	281,051	97	92	3,338,511	3,307,634	99
Old	2,709	3,241	2,020	75	62	27,981	30,590	109
Total	291,934	308,914	283,071	97	92	3,366,492	3,338,224	99
Ducks	4,890	4,344	5,205	106	120	49,838	52,389	105
Other ¹	156	127	157	101	124	1,492	1,590	107
Total	3,393,353	3,239,693	3,407,868	100	105	39,106,259	40,620,389	104
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	296,301	247,887	256,167	86	103	3,382,384	3,336,792	99
Mature	145	9	2	1	22	189	35	19
Light	143	6	-	(X)	(X)	166	8	5
Heavy	2	3	2	100	67	23	27	117
Total	296,446	247,896	256,169	86	103	3,382,573	3,336,827	99
Turkeys								
Young	182,840	161,244	177,243	97	110	2,387,157	2,285,921	96
Old	141	581	893	633	154	1,982	3,050	154
Total	182,981	161,825	178,136	97	110	2,389,139	2,288,971	96
Ducks	7,688	6,704	7,566	98	113	81,112	85,169	105
Other ¹	8	177	8	100	5	604	823	136
Total	487,123	416,602	441,879	91	106	5,853,428	5,711,790	98
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,348,483	3,135,442	3,331,384	99	106	38,549,834	40,042,580	104
Mature	44,336	38,762	44,220	100	114	521,176	522,433	100
Light	11,672	6,608	8,917	76	135	125,143	103,698	83
Heavy	32,664	32,154	35,303	108	110	396,033	418,735	106
Total	3,392,819	3,174,204	3,375,604	99	106	39,071,010	40,565,013	104
Turkeys								
Young	472,065	466,917	458,294	97	98	5,725,668	5,593,555	98
Old	2,850	3,822	2,913	102	76	29,963	33,640	112
Total	474,915	470,739	461,207	97	98	5,755,631	5,627,195	98
Ducks	12,578	11,048	12,771	102	116	130,950	137,558	105
Other ¹	164	304	165	101	54	2,096	2,413	115
Total	3,880,476	3,656,295	3,849,747	99	105	44,959,687	46,332,179	103

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	December 2014	November 2015	December 2015	December 2015 as % of		January to December		2015 as percent of 2014
				December 2014	November 2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	9,722	9,574	9,981	103	104	108,049	120,981	112
Mature	724	683	704	97	103	8,853	9,206	104
Light	283	201	246	87	122	3,366	3,128	93
Heavy	441	482	458	104	95	5,487	6,078	111
Total	10,446	10,257	10,685	102	104	116,902	130,187	111
Turkeys								
Young	1,503	1,272	1,494	99	117	16,491	16,874	102
Old	52	56	38	73	68	536	568	106
Total	1,555	1,328	1,532	99	115	17,027	17,442	102
Ducks	31	47	37	119	79	469	481	103
Total ¹	12,032	11,633	12,255	102	105	134,402	148,113	110
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.22	0.23	0.23	105	100	0.21	0.23	110
Mature	1.04	1.15	1.03	99	90	1.08	1.14	106
Light	1.34	1.63	1.47	110	90	1.45	1.65	114
Heavy	0.91	1.03	0.89	98	86	0.93	0.98	105
Total	0.23	0.24	0.24	104	100	0.22	0.24	109
Turkeys								
Young	0.25	0.22	0.26	104	118	0.23	0.24	104
Old	1.37	1.10	1.00	73	91	1.36	1.28	94
Total	0.26	0.23	0.27	104	117	0.24	0.25	104
Ducks	0.18	0.31	0.21	117	68	0.26	0.25	96
Total ¹	0.23	0.24	0.24	104	100	0.23	0.24	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	December 2014	November 2015	December 2015	December 2015 as % of		January to December		2015 as percent of 2014
				December 2014	November 2015	2014	2015	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	31,004	29,311	30,882	100	105	340,877	364,229	107
Mature	2,468	2,371	2,617	106	110	27,984	28,779	103
Light	796	462	585	73	127	9,805	7,968	81
Heavy	1,672	1,909	2,032	122	106	18,179	20,811	114
Total	33,472	31,682	33,499	100	106	368,861	393,008	107
Turkeys								
Young	7,032	6,730	7,132	101	106	77,912	79,934	103
Old	155	144	113	73	78	1,417	1,628	115
Total	7,187	6,874	7,245	101	105	79,329	81,562	103
Ducks	344	304	345	100	113	3,342	3,738	112
Other ¹	2	3	3	150	100	23	26	113
Total	41,005	38,863	41,092	100	106	451,555	478,334	106
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.92	0.93	0.92	100	99	0.88	0.90	102
Mature	5.27	5.76	5.59	106	97	5.10	5.22	102
Light	6.38	6.53	6.16	97	94	7.27	7.14	98
Heavy	4.87	5.60	5.44	112	97	4.39	4.73	108
Total	0.98	0.99	0.98	100	99	0.94	0.96	102
Turkeys								
Young	1.47	1.42	1.53	104	108	1.34	1.41	105
Old	5.16	3.63	3.73	72	103	4.52	4.62	102
Total	1.49	1.44	1.55	104	108	1.36	1.43	105
Ducks	2.66	2.68	2.63	99	98	2.49	2.65	106
Other ¹	1.20	0.98	1.79	149	183	1.09	1.07	98
Total	1.05	1.05	1.06	101	101	0.99	1.02	103

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: November and December 2015

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	4,404	5,493	850,523	879,767
Mature	-	-	703	553	113,425	131,390
Light	-	-	443	481	69,348	88,455
Heavy	-	-	260	72	44,077	42,935
Total	-	-	5,107	6,046	963,948	1,011,157
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	111	110	31,956	27,535
Old	-	-	4	-	904	882
Total	-	-	115	110	32,860	28,417
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	512,423	580,170	3,737	3,028	13,937	14,911
Mature	24,550	26,658	240	259	29,568	30,059
Light	8,204	7,935	44	73	21,216	20,735
Heavy	16,346	18,723	196	186	8,352	9,324
Total	536,973	606,828	3,977	3,287	43,505	44,970
Turkeys						
Young	5,378	3,703	912	352	70	102
Old	236	174	-	1	215	108
Total	5,614	3,877	912	353	285	210
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	11,825	12,625	50,104	51,145	98,523	102,043
Mature	5,672	5,951	1,018	1,214	52,374	61,250
Light	4,841	5,159	445	523	44,836	53,175
Heavy	831	792	573	691	7,538	8,075
Total	17,497	18,576	51,122	52,359	150,897	163,293
Turkeys						
Young	257	156	1,033	664	1,983	1,658
Old	13	16	37	27	47	39
Total	270	172	1,070	691	2,030	1,697
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	21,302	18,513	546,193	557,531	2,112,971	2,225,226
Mature	701	644	100,831	110,179	329,082	368,157
Light	123	185	31,809	43,880	181,309	220,601
Heavy	578	459	69,022	66,299	147,773	147,556
Total	22,003	19,157	647,024	667,710	2,442,053	2,593,383
Turkeys						
Young	504	371	11,141	10,082	53,345	44,733
Old	5	12	118	112	1,579	1,371
Total	509	383	11,259	10,194	54,924	46,104

- 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: November and December 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	82,153	88,438	471,507	508,750	5.74	5.75
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	72,721	74,213	476,047	486,825	6.55	6.56
California	16,577	21,873	100,283	133,210	6.05	6.09
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	26,904	29,290	197,742	213,029	7.35	7.27
Florida	5,098	5,668	29,510	32,607	5.79	5.75
Georgia	97,495	105,687	574,110	620,842	5.89	5.87
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,718	5,520	21,146	24,829	4.48	4.50
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	23,159	24,038	135,343	141,615	5.84	5.89
Louisiana	15,334	15,343	91,968	91,351	6.00	5.95
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	12,683	13,343	73,873	78,455	5.82	5.88
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,981	4,228	23,954	25,378	6.02	6.00
Mississippi	55,185	59,064	350,630	370,227	6.35	6.27
Missouri	34,320	36,299	168,378	177,921	4.91	4.90
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	83	107	438	561	5.29	5.23
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	2,029	2,130	10,091	10,587	4.97	4.97
North Carolina	58,905	62,962	468,970	493,571	7.96	7.84
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	6,760	7,287	36,448	39,856	5.39	5.47
Oklahoma	9,742	10,942	67,125	72,380	6.89	6.61
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	8,630	9,060	47,994	51,306	5.56	5.66
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	23,606	24,712	175,309	184,600	7.43	7.47
South Dakota	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Tennessee	21,990	24,221	115,622	126,424	5.26	5.22
Texas	46,478	48,561	281,662	293,157	6.06	6.04
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	26,294	27,629	150,089	154,998	5.71	5.61
Washington	3,940	3,991	24,850	25,396	6.31	6.36
West Virginia	9,078	8,879	35,237	34,260	3.88	3.86
Wisconsin	3,983	4,259	16,821	18,068	4.22	4.24
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	674,127	720,056	4,159,180	4,424,149	6.17	6.14

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: November and December 2015

[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	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	359,151	386,702	2,786	3,046	0.77	0.78
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	361,081	369,650	3,967	4,060	1.09	1.09
California	74,384	99,220	704	864	0.94	0.86
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	143,909	154,861	1,757	1,853	1.21	1.18
Florida	22,131	24,391	115	128	0.52	0.52
Georgia	432,756	466,717	4,291	4,319	0.98	0.92
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	15,437	18,103	141	163	0.90	0.89
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	102,614	107,489	1,771	1,833	1.70	1.68
Louisiana	69,144	68,887	494	469	0.71	0.68
Maine	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Maryland	53,950	57,423	843	1,042	1.54	1.78
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	20,192	21,539	215	232	1.06	1.07
Mississippi	270,925	287,678	1,919	2,075	0.70	0.72
Missouri	124,008	130,937	1,637	1,800	1.30	1.36
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	306	392	4	5	1.16	1.37
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	6,234	6,496	193	194	3.00	2.90
North Carolina	363,181	381,413	2,843	2,847	0.78	0.74
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	27,136	29,668	366	355	1.33	1.18
Oklahoma	50,457	54,447	395	366	0.78	0.67
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	32,473	34,694	620	712	1.87	2.01
Rhode Island	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Carolina	131,949	138,999	646	684	0.49	0.49
South Dakota	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Tennessee	84,977	92,957	412	505	0.48	0.54
Texas	215,252	221,221	1,744	2,059	0.80	0.92
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	107,643	110,836	750	668	0.69	0.60
Washington	18,560	18,953	96	91	0.51	0.48
West Virginia	25,338	24,510	151	107	0.59	0.43
Wisconsin	12,287	13,197	175	180	1.40	1.35
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,135,442	3,331,384	29,311	30,882	0.93	0.92

- 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: November and December 2015

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	168	331	93,397	85,297
Arkansas	-	-	173	254	79,938	77,086
Delaware	-	-	1,552	1,406	82,864	84,919
Georgia	-	-	39	58	73,965	73,660
Mississippi	-	-	84	168	19,064	21,726
Missouri	-	-	52	82	40,575	44,388
North Carolina	-	-	173	340	83,473	86,886
Texas	-	-	27	29	60,597	65,799
Virginia	-	-	30	32	19,266	17,523
United States	-	-	4,404	5,493	850,523	879,767

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	29,785	37,676	521	252	1,671	1,818
Arkansas	54,186	51,712	623	510	907	850
Delaware	49,229	66,693	86	65	965	1,116
Georgia	106,923	113,977	73	130	2,588	2,598
Mississippi	7,624	9,078	95	91	418	441
Missouri	5,063	6,541	44	29	417	371
North Carolina	27,725	34,955	313	378	1,790	1,995
Texas	20,851	28,636	74	90	534	712
Virginia	23,864	24,259	13	7	386	420
United States	512,423	580,170	3,737	3,028	13,937	14,911

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,117	1,142	6,077	6,687	18,123	21,372
Arkansas	281	456	3,661	3,739	6,581	6,519
Delaware	1,490	1,528	1,209	1,213	3,830	4,578
Georgia	587	625	12,214	13,395	14,737	16,171
Mississippi	399	553	1,887	2,046	1,399	1,531
Missouri	154	169	570	526	3,288	3,885
North Carolina	817	954	9,857	9,333	4,310	4,377
Texas	380	360	1,474	590	4,440	3,853
Virginia	754	661	563	458	3,530	2,508
United States	11,825	12,625	50,104	51,145	98,523	102,043

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,821	1,479	45,432	51,782	198,112	207,836
Arkansas	1,264	2,208	67,647	70,854	215,261	214,188
Delaware	2,978	2,699	12,885	14,105	157,088	178,322
Georgia	1,870	2,307	70,685	61,710	283,681	284,631
Mississippi	144	135	11,105	12,011	42,219	47,780
Missouri	77	65	27,885	24,817	78,125	80,873
North Carolina	3,387	2,045	45,367	46,860	177,212	188,123
Texas	860	623	16,942	19,901	106,179	120,593
Virginia	1,581	1,343	8,299	7,019	58,286	54,230
United States	21,302	18,513	546,193	557,531	2,112,971	2,225,226

- 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: November and December 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	3,232	2,794	64,424	57,057	19.93	20.42
California	1,580	1,006	41,846	30,093	26.48	29.92
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,632	1,682	63,063	66,440	38.65	39.50
Iowa	826	967	30,288	37,234	36.68	38.49
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	3,593	2,998	87,081	81,362	24.24	27.14
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	861	890	28,628	31,315	33.24	35.17
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	1,871	1,789	66,231	65,799	35.39	36.78
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	488	439	18,409	17,724	37.68	40.35
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	944	655	22,798	16,472	24.15	25.17
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	566	438	8,703	7,013	15.39	16.00
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,134	2,159	57,749	60,692	27.06	28.11
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	20,063	18,352	581,043	571,257	28.96	31.13

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: November and December 2015

[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	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	54,419	47,795	335	311	0.61	0.65
California	33,691	24,194	232	242	0.68	0.99
Colorado	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	50,819	53,728	923	1,017	1.78	1.86
Iowa	23,849	29,386	373	557	1.54	1.86
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	69,506	64,857	1,293	1,277	1.83	1.93
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	23,176	25,327	225	246	0.96	0.96
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	51,864	51,608	670	669	1.27	1.28
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	14,712	14,219	241	278	1.62	1.92
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	17,981	13,036	397	303	2.16	2.27
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	7,522	5,942	41	33	0.54	0.55
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	46,953	49,243	517	551	1.09	1.11
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	466,917	458,294	6,730	7,132	1.42	1.53

- Represents zero.

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(X) Not applicable.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Terms and Definitions Used for Poultry Slaughter Estimates

Ante-Mortem Condemnations: Birds condemned prior to their entry into the slaughter plant.

Average Live Weight: The weight of the whole bird, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

Certified Ready-to-Cook: The weight of poultry certified wholesome by inspection after post-mortem condemnation pounds are removed. Ready-to-cook represents poultry meat ready for the marketing channel.

Dressing Percent: Usually expressed as a percentage yield of frozen and chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live bird.

Ducks: Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

Federally Inspected (FI) Plants: Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards.

Mature Chickens: Fowl from breeder and market egg flocks and stags and cocks.

Number of Head: Includes post-mortem condemnations.

Old Turkeys: Fully matured birds held for egg production, usually over 15 months of age.

Plant, Slaughter: An establishment where birds are killed and butchered.

Post-Mortem Condemnations: Carcasses or parts condemned by the inspector because of disease or mishandling and removed from the slaughter line and destroyed.

Slaughter: Killing and butchering of birds primarily for food.

Total Live Weight: The total weight of live birds, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

Young Chickens: Commercially grown broilers-fryers and other young immature birds such as roasters and capons.

Young Turkeys: Young birds grown to a matured market age, and other turkeys such as fryers/roasters and young breeders.

Statistical Methodology

Data Sources: Data for poultry slaughter estimates are collected by inspectors of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA for all Federally Inspected plants. Over 99 percent of the total United States slaughter for any species is under Federal Inspection. The number of head slaughtered daily, by species and class, as well as condemnations and total live and dressed weights are obtained by shift for each plant. Approximately 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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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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