



Poultry Slaughter

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

Poultry certified wholesome during March 2013 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.52 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the amount certified in March 2012. The February 2013 revised certified total at 3.39 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from February 2012. The February revision represented an increase of 325 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during March 2013 was 4.66 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 4.77 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.99 billion pounds, down 2 percent from March 2012. Mature chickens, at 59.4 million pounds, were down 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 591 million pounds, down 6 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.7 million pounds, down slightly from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during March 2013 averaged 5.87 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from March 2012. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.26 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during March 2013 averaged 30.9 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from March 2012.

Ante-mortem condemnations during March 2013 totaled 10.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.20 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 37.5 million pounds, were 1.06 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.96 percent a year earlier.

March 2012 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

March 2013 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	March 2013 as % of		January to March		2013 as percent of 2012
				March 2012	February 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	699,277	650,086	679,579	97	105	2,080,684	2,064,310	99
Mature	12,264	11,077	11,287	92	102	36,165	36,270	100
Light	7,148	6,198	6,494	91	105	19,691	20,322	103
Heavy	5,116	4,879	4,793	94	98	16,474	15,948	97
Total	711,541	661,163	690,866	97	104	2,116,849	2,100,580	99
Turkeys								
Young	20,457	18,366	19,008	93	103	58,679	57,958	99
Old	108	142	125	116	88	317	388	122
Total	20,565	18,508	19,133	93	103	58,996	58,346	99
Ducks	2,037	1,960	1,997	98	102	6,118	6,122	100
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,060,986	3,838,905	3,991,209	98	104	12,123,660	12,179,612	100
Mature	63,477	59,645	59,366	94	100	192,459	193,642	101
Light	22,630	20,729	20,903	92	101	63,301	66,029	104
Heavy	40,847	38,916	38,463	94	99	129,158	127,613	99
Total	4,124,463	3,898,550	4,050,575	98	104	12,316,119	12,373,254	100
Turkeys								
Young	626,292	574,067	588,107	94	102	1,806,918	1,813,890	100
Old	2,899	3,781	3,380	117	89	8,345	10,472	125
Total	629,191	577,848	591,487	94	102	1,815,263	1,824,362	101
Ducks	13,784	13,296	13,748	100	103	41,595	41,598	100
Other ¹	170	155	142	84	92	496	473	95
Total	4,767,608	4,489,849	4,655,952	98	104	14,173,473	14,239,687	100
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.81	5.91	5.87	101	99	5.83	5.90	101
Mature	5.18	5.38	5.26	102	98	5.32	5.34	100
Light	3.17	3.34	3.22	102	96	3.21	3.25	101
Heavy	7.98	7.98	8.02	101	101	7.84	8.00	102
Total	5.80	5.90	5.86	101	99	5.82	5.89	101
Turkeys								
Young	30.62	31.26	30.94	101	99	30.79	31.30	102
Old	26.84	26.63	27.04	101	102	26.32	26.99	103
Total	30.60	31.22	30.91	101	99	30.77	31.27	102
Ducks	6.77	6.78	6.88	102	101	6.80	6.79	100

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	March 2013 as % of		January to March		2013 as percent of 2012
				March 2012	February 2013	2012	2013	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,750,360	2,620,096	2,725,762	99	104	8,227,471	8,306,221	101
Mature	40,052	39,178	38,010	95	97	122,106	123,785	101
Light	12,110	12,834	11,720	97	91	33,575	37,476	112
Heavy	27,942	26,344	26,290	94	100	88,531	86,309	97
Total	2,790,412	2,659,274	2,763,772	99	104	8,349,577	8,430,006	101
Turkeys								
Young	305,501	284,973	295,841	97	104	894,525	902,643	101
Old	2,147	2,771	2,188	102	79	6,174	7,285	118
Total	307,648	287,744	298,029	97	104	900,699	909,928	101
Ducks	3,668	3,792	3,823	104	101	11,338	11,614	102
Other ¹	114	104	94	82	90	332	315	95
Total	3,101,842	2,950,914	3,065,718	99	104	9,261,946	9,351,863	101
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	293,461	257,237	273,080	93	106	861,790	836,764	97
Mature	-	-	4	(X)	(X)	-	6	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	2	(X)
Heavy	-	-	4	(X)	(X)	-	4	(X)
Total	293,461	257,237	273,084	93	106	861,790	836,770	97
Turkeys								
Young	194,363	173,821	174,151	90	100	544,708	548,271	101
Old	84	124	387	461	312	167	672	402
Total	194,447	173,945	174,538	90	100	544,875	548,943	101
Ducks	6,330	5,902	6,161	97	104	18,904	18,619	98
Other ¹	6	6	7	117	117	19	20	105
Total	494,244	437,090	453,790	92	104	1,425,588	1,404,352	99
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,043,821	2,877,333	2,998,842	99	104	9,089,261	9,142,985	101
Mature	40,052	39,178	38,014	95	97	122,106	123,791	101
Light	12,110	12,834	11,720	97	91	33,575	37,478	112
Heavy	27,942	26,344	26,294	94	100	88,531	86,313	97
Total	3,083,873	2,916,511	3,036,856	98	104	9,211,367	9,266,776	101
Turkeys								
Young	499,864	458,794	469,992	94	102	1,439,233	1,450,914	101
Old	2,231	2,895	2,575	115	89	6,341	7,957	125
Total	502,095	461,689	472,567	94	102	1,445,574	1,458,871	101
Ducks	9,998	9,694	9,984	100	103	30,242	30,233	100
Other ¹	120	110	101	84	92	351	335	95
Total	3,596,086	3,388,004	3,519,508	98	104	10,687,534	10,756,215	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	March 2013 as % of		January to March		2013 as percent of 2012
				March 2012	February 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	7,488	7,875	8,084	108	103	23,250	24,823	107
Mature	707	578	594	84	103	2,317	1,918	83
Light	305	241	221	72	92	1,033	806	78
Heavy	402	337	373	93	111	1,284	1,112	87
Total	8,195	8,453	8,678	106	103	25,567	26,741	105
Turkeys								
Young	1,485	1,426	1,425	96	100	4,262	4,500	106
Old	27	39	42	156	108	76	119	157
Total	1,512	1,465	1,467	97	100	4,338	4,619	106
Ducks	29	37	39	134	105	93	115	124
Total	9,736	9,955	10,184	105	102	29,998	31,476	105
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.18	0.21	0.20	111	95	0.19	0.20	105
Mature	1.11	0.97	1.00	90	103	1.20	0.99	83
Light	1.35	1.16	1.06	79	91	1.63	1.22	75
Heavy	0.98	0.87	0.97	99	111	0.99	0.87	88
Total	0.20	0.22	0.21	105	95	0.21	0.22	105
Turkeys								
Young	0.24	0.25	0.24	100	96	0.24	0.25	104
Old	0.93	1.03	1.24	133	120	0.91	1.14	125
Total	0.24	0.25	0.25	104	100	0.24	0.25	104
Ducks	0.21	0.28	0.28	133	100	0.22	0.28	127
Total	0.20	0.22	0.22	110	100	0.21	0.22	105

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

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	March 2013 as % of		January to March		2013 as percent of 2012
				March 2012	February 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	25,996	27,822	28,376	109	102	77,732	85,407	110
Mature	2,044	1,867	1,985	97	106	6,265	5,406	86
Light	1,097	845	1,038	95	123	3,057	2,589	85
Heavy	947	1,022	947	100	93	3,208	2,817	88
Total	28,040	29,689	30,361	108	102	83,997	90,813	108
Turkeys								
Young	6,551	6,449	6,782	104	105	19,010	20,351	107
Old	83	140	142	171	101	252	417	165
Total	6,634	6,589	6,924	104	105	19,262	20,768	108
Ducks	250	237	248	99	105	748	753	101
Other	1	1	1	100	100	4	3	75
Total	34,925	36,516	37,534	107	103	104,011	112,337	108
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.85	0.96	0.94	111	98	0.85	0.93	109
Mature	4.86	4.55	4.96	102	109	4.88	4.18	86
Light	8.31	6.18	8.14	98	132	8.35	6.46	77
Heavy	3.28	3.73	3.48	106	93	3.50	3.16	90
Total	0.90	1.01	0.99	110	98	0.90	0.97	108
Turkeys								
Young	1.29	1.39	1.42	110	102	1.30	1.38	106
Old	3.59	4.61	5.23	146	113	3.82	4.98	130
Total	1.30	1.41	1.44	111	102	1.31	1.40	107
Ducks	2.44	2.39	2.42	99	101	2.41	2.43	101
Other	0.83	0.90	0.98	118	109	1.13	0.89	79
Total	0.96	1.07	1.06	110	99	0.96	1.03	107

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

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States: February and March 2013

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	9,181	13,801	768,100	786,337
Mature	-	-	990	1,227	85,508	150,271
Light	-	-	918	1,149	53,483	116,735
Heavy	-	-	72	78	32,025	33,536
Total	-	-	10,171	15,028	853,608	936,608
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	42	44	37,242	38,805
Old	-	-	2	-	977	1,002
Total	-	-	44	44	38,219	39,807
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	654,399	785,397	3,570	4,465	26,410	26,375
Mature	14,041	16,423	105	306	25,260	35,772
Light	6,686	7,950	73	237	17,709	29,619
Heavy	7,355	8,473	32	69	7,551	6,153
Total	668,440	801,820	3,675	4,771	51,670	62,147
Turkeys						
Young	5,517	6,016	1,054	1,412	148	223
Old	227	320	2	1	166	180
Total	5,744	6,336	1,056	1,413	314	403
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	10,137	10,686	56,610	61,087	100,014	101,037
Mature	8,895	10,700	1,970	2,153	30,754	55,677
Light	8,607	10,404	1,349	1,452	26,956	51,527
Heavy	288	296	621	701	3,798	4,150
Total	19,032	21,386	58,580	63,240	130,768	156,714
Turkeys						
Young	138	176	1,588	1,990	1,234	1,756
Old	7	6	8	29	25	33
Total	145	182	1,596	2,019	1,259	1,789
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	17,182	23,531	868,029	979,598	2,513,632	2,792,314
Mature	611	429	81,917	86,592	250,051	359,550
Light	161	95	45,789	50,893	161,731	270,061
Heavy	450	334	36,128	35,699	88,320	89,489
Total	17,793	23,960	949,946	1,066,190	2,763,683	3,151,864
Turkeys						
Young	572	630	15,843	15,939	63,378	66,991
Old	7	2	120	271	1,541	1,844
Total	579	632	15,963	16,210	64,919	68,835

- 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: February and March 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	76,573	81,107	425,561	453,256	5.56	5.59
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Arkansas	68,687	71,686	415,263	424,984	6.05	5.93
California	20,054	21,021	118,880	124,027	5.93	5.90
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	24,064	25,003	168,485	176,546	7.00	7.06
Florida	4,853	5,088	29,789	31,181	6.14	6.13
Georgia	95,331	98,696	536,585	548,290	5.63	5.56
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,535	4,385	19,109	18,641	4.21	4.25
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	23,962	24,206	133,669	129,567	5.58	5.35
Louisiana	13,425	14,274	85,706	90,283	6.38	6.33
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	10,236	10,848	53,555	56,547	5.23	5.21
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,503	3,901	19,406	21,767	5.54	5.58
Mississippi	55,574	55,923	338,438	337,930	6.09	6.04
Missouri	32,542	35,691	154,775	172,299	4.76	4.83
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	118	109	586	530	4.94	4.88
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,683	1,719	8,251	8,582	4.90	4.99
North Carolina	56,260	58,518	419,237	441,133	7.45	7.54
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	5,098	5,331	29,213	31,009	5.73	5.82
Oklahoma	10,427	10,882	68,896	72,867	6.61	6.70
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,647	9,878	52,947	53,726	5.49	5.44
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	21,318	21,620	152,220	154,958	7.14	7.17
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	23,207	24,106	121,777	122,475	5.25	5.08
Texas	46,521	50,557	271,671	292,394	5.84	5.78
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	24,222	25,777	129,315	137,455	5.34	5.33
Washington	3,969	4,183	24,361	25,447	6.14	6.08
West Virginia	8,691	9,231	34,398	37,063	3.96	4.01
Wisconsin	3,755	4,003	15,955	17,047	4.25	4.26
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	650,086	679,579	3,838,905	3,991,209	5.91	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: February and March 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	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	323,332	343,056	3,634	3,939	1.11	1.14
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Arkansas	315,272	322,785	2,871	3,012	0.90	0.92
California	88,335	92,325	816	815	0.92	0.87
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	121,759	127,813	1,809	1,823	1.46	1.41
Florida	22,330	23,390	221	206	0.98	0.87
Georgia	392,328	412,902	3,661	3,616	0.92	0.87
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	13,922	13,393	88	78	0.63	0.58
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	97,419	93,810	993	1,030	1.01	1.09
Louisiana	64,924	68,167	398	388	0.61	0.57
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	38,639	40,547	703	736	1.79	1.78
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	16,050	18,187	164	165	1.01	0.90
Mississippi	258,481	257,335	1,860	1,917	0.71	0.74
Missouri	116,685	130,047	1,019	1,053	0.87	0.80
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	413	377	12	16	2.72	4.17
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,170	5,309	158	164	2.97	2.99
North Carolina	327,902	345,831	3,490	3,369	1.05	0.96
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	21,744	22,879	210	235	0.96	1.02
Oklahoma	51,780	54,760	412	440	0.79	0.80
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	36,545	37,080	601	592	1.62	1.57
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	114,568	116,591	734	769	0.64	0.66
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	89,740	89,856	1,131	1,148	1.25	1.26
Texas	206,818	219,660	1,419	1,407	0.68	0.64
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	91,024	96,904	812	799	0.88	0.82
Washington	18,119	18,958	178	162	0.97	0.85
West Virginia	24,826	26,732	61	67	0.25	0.25
Wisconsin	11,654	12,451	165	166	1.39	1.32
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	2,877,333	2,998,842	27,822	28,376	0.96	0.94

- 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: February and March 2013

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	290	145	87,948	83,619
Arkansas	-	-	219	351	72,595	79,080
Delaware	-	-	3,908	7,253	41,642	46,651
Georgia	-	-	184	199	62,536	64,635
Mississippi	-	-	346	521	22,245	22,996
Missouri	-	-	49	42	55,195	56,005
North Carolina	-	-	273	250	78,191	84,367
Texas	-	-	275	119	43,505	49,717
Virginia	-	-	75	74	14,495	15,007
United States	-	-	9,181	13,801	768,100	786,337

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	102,340	127,092	554	658	1,424	1,385
Arkansas	29,978	33,420	996	1,003	904	839
Delaware	75,533	81,437	35	161	4,216	4,142
Georgia	70,250	76,654	83	202	4,643	4,504
Mississippi	10,529	10,276	216	55	462	488
Missouri	32,430	30,857	64	282	663	621
North Carolina	85,482	89,823	124	355	4,288	4,369
Texas	35,540	48,396	61	105	726	790
Virginia	32,070	32,172	60	16	1,126	1,112
United States	654,399	785,397	3,570	4,465	26,410	26,375

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,431	1,411	6,047	6,782	19,931	19,309
Arkansas	614	575	5,565	5,663	4,994	5,691
Delaware	773	864	1,035	1,238	2,371	2,050
Georgia	593	693	11,727	12,037	10,538	8,394
Mississippi	730	734	1,923	2,053	1,631	1,587
Missouri	180	289	1,060	1,564	3,902	4,165
North Carolina	839	861	11,774	13,728	6,765	4,868
Texas	355	361	1,263	1,335	5,037	4,167
Virginia	462	407	559	451	1,373	1,592
United States	10,137	10,686	56,610	61,087	100,014	101,037

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,442	1,936	125,712	163,860	347,119	406,197
Arkansas	589	1,134	85,016	130,872	201,470	258,628
Delaware	1,506	3,020	43,585	53,501	174,604	200,317
Georgia	2,850	2,498	133,668	140,582	297,072	310,398
Mississippi	215	241	46,155	44,077	84,452	83,028
Missouri	125	112	30,355	30,353	124,023	124,290
North Carolina	2,861	2,285	92,495	78,568	283,092	279,474
Texas	1,072	1,582	29,875	31,563	117,709	138,135
Virginia	389	498	46,799	53,192	97,408	104,521
United States	17,182	23,531	868,029	979,598	2,513,632	2,792,314

- 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: February and March 2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,590	2,728	54,226	55,599	20.94	20.38
California	822	998	23,945	27,578	29.13	27.63
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,496	1,557	57,173	60,389	38.23	38.80
Iowa	1,206	1,174	51,760	49,932	42.93	42.54
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,208	3,150	82,848	84,391	25.82	26.79
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	861	1,009	28,226	32,639	32.79	32.34
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	2,416	2,526	80,685	84,573	33.40	33.48
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	370	366	16,600	15,997	44.87	43.69
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	434	454	11,250	11,272	25.91	24.84
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	567	463	17,719	14,298	31.27	30.91
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,051	1,912	53,714	49,349	26.18	25.81
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	18,366	19,008	574,067	588,107	31.26	30.94

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: February and March 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	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	45,201	46,659	371	400	0.81	0.85
California	19,358	22,160	227	212	1.16	0.95
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	46,143	48,768	807	942	1.72	1.89
Iowa	41,052	39,394	712	656	1.70	1.64
Kansas	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	65,984	66,914	1,190	1,305	1.77	1.91
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	22,979	26,577	166	158	0.72	0.59
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	63,917	66,353	651	698	1.01	1.04
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	13,261	12,775	268	261	1.98	2.00
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	8,768	8,868	168	154	1.88	1.71
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	14,080	11,367	49	50	0.35	0.44
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	42,205	39,450	515	480	1.20	1.20
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	458,794	469,992	6,449	6,782	1.39	1.42

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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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