



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up Slightly from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during August 2012 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.91 billion pounds, up slightly from the amount certified in August 2011. The July 2012 revised certified total at 3.68 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from July 2011. The July revision represented an increase of 908 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during August 2012 was 5.18 billion pounds, up slightly from 5.16 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.42 billion pounds, down slightly from August 2011. Mature chickens, at 80.7 million pounds, were up 2 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 662 million pounds, up 5 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.3 million pounds, down 1 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during August 2012 averaged 5.81 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from August 2011. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.88 pounds per bird, up slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2012 averaged 28.9 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from August 2011.

Ante-mortem condemnations during August 2012 totaled 12.3 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.1 million pounds, were 0.87 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.90 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	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012	August 2012 as % of		January to August		2012 as percent of 2011
				August 2011	July 2012	2011	2012	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Number slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	767,360	722,612	760,328	99	105	5,788,630	5,702,207	99
Mature	13,507	11,304	13,716	102	121	98,712	101,604	103
Light	5,850	4,453	6,004	103	135	46,607	52,264	112
Heavy	7,657	6,851	7,712	101	113	52,105	49,340	95
Total	780,867	733,916	774,044	99	105	5,887,342	5,803,811	99
Turkeys								
Young	21,980	21,104	22,745	103	108	160,344	164,803	103
Old	111	119	188	169	158	925	1,049	113
Total	22,091	21,223	22,933	104	108	161,269	165,852	103
Ducks	2,131	1,824	2,092	98	115	16,042	16,101	100
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,436,343	4,166,439	4,417,849	100	106	33,498,838	33,200,084	99
Mature	79,245	68,873	80,674	102	117	565,969	558,349	99
Light	18,699	13,939	19,164	102	137	149,492	167,757	112
Heavy	60,546	54,934	61,510	102	112	416,477	390,592	94
Total	4,515,588	4,235,312	4,498,523	100	106	34,064,807	33,758,433	99
Turkeys								
Young	627,021	617,916	657,119	105	106	4,771,025	4,952,745	104
Old	2,828	3,105	4,921	174	158	24,454	27,486	112
Total	629,849	621,021	662,040	105	107	4,795,479	4,980,231	104
Ducks	14,415	12,402	14,265	99	115	109,498	109,488	100
Other ¹	277	361	370	134	102	1,448	1,886	130
Total	5,160,129	4,869,096	5,175,198	100	106	38,971,232	38,850,038	100
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.78	5.77	5.81	101	101	5.79	5.82	101
Mature	5.87	6.09	5.88	100	97	5.73	5.50	96
Light	3.20	3.13	3.19	100	102	3.21	3.21	100
Heavy	7.91	8.02	7.98	101	100	7.99	7.92	99
Total	5.78	5.77	5.81	101	101	5.79	5.82	101
Turkeys								
Young	28.53	29.28	28.89	101	99	29.75	30.05	101
Old	25.48	26.09	26.18	103	100	26.44	26.20	99
Total	28.51	29.26	28.87	101	99	29.74	30.03	101
Ducks	6.76	6.80	6.82	101	100	6.83	6.80	100

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012	August 2012 as % of		January to August		2012 as percent of 2011
				August 2011	July 2012	2011	2012	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,038,786	2,823,825	3,006,658	99	106	22,946,193	22,605,551	99
Mature	49,843	43,428	50,969	102	117	348,552	354,643	102
Light	9,856	7,624	10,524	107	138	80,028	89,939	112
Heavy	39,987	35,804	40,445	101	113	268,524	264,704	99
Total	3,088,629	2,867,253	3,057,627	99	107	23,294,745	22,960,194	99
Turkeys								
Young	306,219	293,355	314,590	103	107	2,384,980	2,398,578	101
Old	2,147	2,285	3,643	170	159	17,939	20,300	113
Total	308,366	295,640	318,233	103	108	2,402,919	2,418,878	101
Ducks	3,797	3,205	3,569	94	111	27,477	28,884	105
Other ¹	190	234	246	129	105	918	1,250	136
Total	3,400,982	3,166,332	3,379,675	99	107	25,726,059	25,409,206	99
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	291,549	303,165	308,979	106	102	2,214,484	2,303,665	104
Mature	37	-	39	105	(X)	1,224	407	33
Light	3	-	11	367	(X)	308	334	108
Heavy	34	-	28	82	(X)	916	73	8
Total	291,586	303,165	309,018	106	102	2,215,708	2,304,072	104
Turkeys								
Young	192,896	201,497	211,728	110	105	1,418,626	1,558,002	110
Old	43	49	142	330	290	878	612	70
Total	192,939	201,546	211,870	110	105	1,419,504	1,558,614	110
Ducks	6,622	5,691	6,655	100	117	51,374	50,293	98
Other ¹	10	11	7	70	64	101	60	59
Total	491,157	510,413	527,550	107	103	3,686,687	3,913,039	106
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,330,335	3,126,990	3,315,637	100	106	25,160,677	24,909,216	99
Mature	49,880	43,428	51,008	102	117	349,776	355,050	102
Light	9,859	7,624	10,535	107	138	80,336	90,273	112
Heavy	40,021	35,804	40,473	101	113	269,440	264,777	98
Total	3,380,215	3,170,418	3,366,645	100	106	25,510,453	25,264,266	99
Turkeys								
Young	499,115	494,852	526,318	105	106	3,803,606	3,956,580	104
Old	2,190	2,334	3,785	173	162	18,817	20,912	111
Total	501,305	497,186	530,103	106	107	3,822,423	3,977,492	104
Ducks	10,419	8,896	10,224	98	115	78,851	79,177	100
Other ¹	200	245	253	127	103	1,019	1,310	129
Total	3,892,139	3,676,745	3,907,225	100	106	29,412,746	29,322,245	100

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012	August 2012 as % of		January to August		2012 as percent of 2011
				August 2011	July 2012	2011	2012	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	10,048	9,175	9,159	91	100	72,498	65,260	90
Mature	786	622	1,186	151	191	6,606	6,458	98
Light	290	158	363	125	230	1,969	2,533	129
Heavy	496	464	823	166	177	4,637	3,925	85
Total	10,834	9,797	10,345	95	106	79,104	71,718	91
Turkeys								
Young	1,617	1,780	1,843	114	104	12,346	11,984	97
Old	22	52	60	273	115	226	301	133
Total	1,639	1,832	1,903	116	104	12,572	12,285	98
Ducks	58	79	65	112	82	412	350	85
Total	12,531	11,709	12,313	98	105	92,088	84,356	92
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.23	0.22	0.21	91	95	0.22	0.20	91
Mature	0.99	0.90	1.47	148	163	1.17	1.16	99
Light	1.55	1.13	1.89	122	167	1.32	1.51	114
Heavy	0.82	0.84	1.34	163	160	1.11	1.00	90
Total	0.24	0.23	0.23	96	100	0.23	0.21	91
Turkeys								
Young	0.26	0.29	0.28	108	97	0.26	0.24	92
Old	0.78	1.67	1.22	156	73	0.92	1.10	120
Total	0.26	0.29	0.29	112	100	0.26	0.25	96
Ducks	0.40	0.64	0.46	115	72	0.38	0.32	84
Total	0.24	0.24	0.24	100	100	0.24	0.22	92

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

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012	August 2012 as % of		January to August		2012 as percent of 2011
				August 2011	July 2012	2011	2012	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	24,553	23,501	24,422	99	104	207,195	200,275	97
Mature	3,015	1,843	2,132	71	116	23,337	17,257	74
Light	960	588	716	75	122	8,159	7,887	97
Heavy	2,055	1,255	1,416	69	113	15,178	9,370	62
Total	27,568	25,344	26,554	96	105	230,532	217,532	94
Turkeys								
Young	7,423	6,840	7,123	96	104	56,696	52,376	92
Old	85	104	137	161	132	799	846	106
Total	7,508	6,944	7,260	97	105	57,495	53,222	93
Ducks	257	215	305	119	142	2,068	2,063	100
Other	2	3	3	150	100	9	15	167
Total	35,335	32,506	34,122	97	105	290,104	272,832	94
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.73	0.75	0.73	100	97	0.82	0.80	98
Mature	5.70	4.07	4.01	70	99	6.25	4.64	74
Light	8.87	7.16	6.36	72	89	9.22	8.03	87
Heavy	4.88	3.39	3.38	69	100	5.33	3.42	64
Total	0.81	0.79	0.78	96	99	0.90	0.85	94
Turkeys								
Young	1.47	1.36	1.34	91	99	1.47	1.31	89
Old	3.74	4.27	3.49	93	82	4.07	3.89	96
Total	1.48	1.38	1.35	91	98	1.48	1.32	89
Ducks	2.41	2.36	2.90	120	123	2.56	2.54	99
Other	0.99	1.21	1.17	118	97	0.88	1.13	128
Total	0.90	0.88	0.87	97	99	0.98	0.92	94

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

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States: July and August 2012

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	8,333	7,363	664,242	727,540
Mature	-	-	655	863	74,086	96,409
Light	-	-	582	753	38,804	55,388
Heavy	-	-	73	110	35,282	41,021
Total	-	-	8,988	8,226	738,328	823,949
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	33	44	31,414	35,516
Old	-	-	1	1	686	961
Total	-	-	34	45	32,100	36,477
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	202,970	216,140	3,880	3,860	22,629	25,820
Mature	9,387	15,198	328	221	24,912	29,896
Light	3,085	8,368	66	103	19,515	22,667
Heavy	6,302	6,830	262	118	5,397	7,229
Total	212,357	231,338	4,208	4,081	47,541	55,716
Turkeys						
Young	5,042	7,770	850	818	198	173
Old	267	301	-	1	117	192
Total	5,309	8,071	850	819	315	365
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	11,124	11,358	55,325	59,756	92,010	93,851
Mature	3,267	12,119	2,417	3,105	31,182	40,166
Light	2,964	11,611	1,696	2,229	22,885	30,715
Heavy	303	508	721	876	8,297	9,451
Total	14,391	23,477	57,742	62,861	123,192	134,017
Turkeys						
Young	235	179	1,711	1,601	1,958	2,196
Old	4	8	8	25	22	44
Total	239	187	1,719	1,626	1,980	2,240
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	16,255	20,402	764,085	746,775	1,840,853	1,912,865
Mature	731	785	72,966	112,009	219,931	310,466
Light	142	181	26,237	57,812	115,976	189,522
Heavy	589	604	46,729	54,197	103,955	120,944
Total	16,986	21,187	837,051	858,784	2,060,784	2,223,331
Turkeys						
Young	481	524	14,733	11,968	56,655	60,789
Old	-	3	271	399	1,376	1,935
Total	481	527	15,004	12,367	58,031	62,724

- 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: July and August 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	87,054	89,408	472,710	498,977	5.43	5.58
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Arkansas	75,875	80,753	448,548	477,373	5.91	5.91
California	22,613	24,253	130,205	133,899	5.76	5.52
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	25,919	27,675	179,565	193,204	6.93	6.98
Florida	5,219	5,246	31,678	31,719	6.07	6.05
Georgia	104,360	109,404	570,466	605,711	5.47	5.54
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,842	5,430	21,349	24,767	4.41	4.56
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,749	27,401	141,164	153,678	5.48	5.61
Louisiana	16,086	15,537	100,495	97,353	6.25	6.27
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	11,344	12,155	59,828	63,598	5.27	5.23
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,163	4,265	24,234	24,448	5.82	5.73
Mississippi	62,538	64,054	368,665	374,377	5.90	5.84
Missouri	35,285	37,736	168,813	182,709	4.78	4.84
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	161	158	774	774	4.81	4.89
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,716	1,866	8,693	9,516	5.07	5.10
North Carolina	62,030	67,011	436,831	479,817	7.04	7.16
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	5,560	5,993	30,060	34,655	5.41	5.78
Oklahoma	11,498	12,305	77,879	80,627	6.77	6.55
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,772	11,085	58,661	62,936	5.45	5.68
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	23,662	24,954	159,744	168,720	6.75	6.76
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	26,886	28,010	137,947	146,739	5.13	5.24
Texas	52,556	55,265	303,149	320,747	5.77	5.80
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	25,995	28,385	139,519	151,000	5.37	5.32
Washington	4,476	4,952	27,257	27,890	6.09	5.63
West Virginia	9,846	9,979	38,584	39,987	3.92	4.01
Wisconsin	4,326	4,875	17,827	19,914	4.12	4.09
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	722,612	760,328	4,166,439	4,417,849	5.77	5.81

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: July and August 2012

[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	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	358,742	378,017	2,983	2,902	0.82	0.76
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Arkansas	336,970	357,210	2,598	2,698	0.76	0.75
California	96,382	99,287	705	986	0.73	0.98
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	130,600	139,845	1,283	1,242	0.97	0.88
Florida	23,745	23,387	119	150	0.50	0.64
Georgia	431,007	457,651	2,867	2,885	0.66	0.63
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	15,343	17,932	63	75	0.41	0.42
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	102,621	111,722	690	681	0.67	0.61
Louisiana	75,630	73,255	343	358	0.45	0.49
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	43,317	45,980	336	378	0.77	0.82
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	20,092	20,312	181	202	0.89	0.98
Mississippi	285,432	290,403	1,938	1,870	0.67	0.64
Missouri	127,530	137,872	1,139	1,151	0.89	0.83
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	553	553	14	14	2.40	2.40
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,260	5,829	185	192	3.39	3.19
North Carolina	338,243	371,558	3,011	3,432	0.88	0.92
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	22,043	25,729	234	187	1.05	0.72
Oklahoma	58,561	60,672	378	421	0.64	0.69
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	40,500	43,880	625	649	1.52	1.46
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	118,154	124,764	732	769	0.62	0.61
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	101,227	108,032	639	573	0.63	0.53
Texas	227,072	242,209	1,393	1,474	0.61	0.60
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	98,658	106,917	493	500	0.50	0.47
Washington	20,327	20,439	130	137	0.64	0.67
West Virginia	27,691	28,597	85	98	0.30	0.34
Wisconsin	13,025	14,540	101	109	0.77	0.75
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,126,990	3,315,637	23,501	24,422	0.75	0.73

- 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.

Young Chickens, Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: July and August 2012

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	144	276	69,555	75,865
Arkansas	-	-	447	334	67,358	69,870
Delaware	-	-	2,842	1,628	36,522	37,298
Georgia	-	-	238	201	53,462	53,259
Mississippi	-	-	505	354	23,905	24,877
Missouri	-	-	52	36	46,285	49,484
North Carolina	-	-	648	647	74,413	83,539
Texas	-	-	55	48	50,577	51,365
Virginia	-	-	75	52	13,075	14,176
United States	-	-	8,333	7,363	664,242	727,540
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	21,123	22,280	394	429	1,379	1,554
Arkansas	15,400	16,069	826	667	718	911
Delaware	17,349	13,794	31	52	2,236	2,262
Georgia	20,882	20,388	125	101	2,751	3,505
Mississippi	8,195	8,023	163	95	516	625
Missouri	12,054	23,749	280	150	853	864
North Carolina	27,118	26,148	172	286	5,285	6,448
Texas	10,842	10,416	32	63	825	827
Virginia	7,446	8,619	138	10	1,035	1,203
United States	202,970	216,140	3,880	3,860	22,629	25,820
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,266	1,069	4,603	4,479	12,013	11,281
Arkansas	791	775	6,544	6,805	5,999	5,952
Delaware	1,106	1,319	1,982	2,169	4,230	5,027
Georgia	579	660	12,212	12,358	8,372	8,005
Mississippi	904	648	2,017	2,070	2,427	2,274
Missouri	335	269	1,353	1,287	6,608	6,114
North Carolina	1,102	1,190	9,157	11,905	7,636	6,994
Texas	476	496	2,626	2,957	5,539	7,812
Virginia	450	512	394	609	2,429	2,715
United States	11,124	11,358	55,325	59,756	92,010	93,851
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,630	1,290	142,497	94,084	254,604	212,607
Arkansas	331	410	121,389	123,355	219,803	225,148
Delaware	1,767	3,461	28,326	19,139	96,391	86,149
Georgia	1,745	2,795	94,271	102,438	194,637	203,710
Mississippi	676	331	42,479	35,963	81,787	75,260
Missouri	194	188	45,330	41,321	113,344	123,462
North Carolina	2,382	3,630	65,581	97,933	193,494	238,720
Texas	1,847	1,706	41,417	38,878	114,236	114,568
Virginia	365	534	13,820	16,443	39,227	44,873
United States	16,255	20,402	764,085	746,775	1,840,853	1,912,865

- 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: July and August 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	2,743	3,150	51,568	60,600	18.80	19.24
California	1,115	1,340	34,287	38,215	30.74	28.51
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,526	1,635	55,305	59,146	36.25	36.17
Iowa	1,290	1,369	51,070	52,112	39.59	38.08
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,126	4,164	98,769	99,143	23.94	23.81
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	1,222	1,291	39,772	40,732	32.54	31.56
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	2,563	2,859	83,676	92,049	32.64	32.19
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	435	477	17,569	19,335	40.40	40.54
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Pennsylvania	522	589	12,804	14,238	24.52	24.16
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	554	587	8,211	8,843	14.83	15.07
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Virginia	2,213	2,404	56,860	62,966	25.70	26.20
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	21,104	22,745	617,916	657,119	29.28	28.89

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: July and August 2012

[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	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	43,157	50,962	292	362	0.67	0.71
California	27,440	30,846	296	310	1.07	1.00
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	44,554	47,751	917	884	2.02	1.82
Iowa	40,285	40,791	724	739	1.77	1.78
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	78,575	79,201	1,522	1,436	1.90	1.78
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	32,306	32,988	304	373	0.93	1.12
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	66,414	72,365	475	569	0.71	0.78
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	14,039	15,443	252	237	1.76	1.51
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,121	11,215	170	154	1.66	1.35
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	6,901	7,164	70	71	1.01	0.99
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Virginia	45,452	50,928	453	575	0.99	1.12
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	494,852	526,318	6,840	7,123	1.36	1.34

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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 310 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2011. Young chickens were slaughtered in 36 States, young turkeys in 29 States.

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