



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 4 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during February 2012 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.47 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the amount certified in February 2011. The January 2012 revised certified total at 3.62 billion pounds, was down 1 percent from January 2011. The January revision represented an increase of 2.69 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during February 2012 was 4.60 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 4.42 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.93 billion pounds, up 4 percent from February 2011. Mature chickens, at 61.0 million pounds, were down slightly from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 586 million pounds, up 7 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.5 million pounds, up 7 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during February 2012 averaged 5.82 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from February 2011. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.52 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2012 averaged 30.8 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from February 2011.

Ante-mortem condemnations during February 2012 totaled 9.56 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.21 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.26 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.4 million pounds, were 0.98 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.09 percent a year earlier.

February 2011 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

February 2012 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2011	January 2012	February 2012	February 2012 as % of		January to February		2012 as percent of 2011
				February 2011	January 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	659,359	707,215	675,844	103	96	1,372,884	1,383,059	101
Mature	10,999	12,845	11,056	101	86	22,595	23,901	106
Light	5,587	6,975	5,568	100	80	11,482	12,543	109
Heavy	5,412	5,870	5,488	101	93	11,113	11,358	102
Total	670,358	720,060	686,900	102	95	1,395,479	1,406,960	101
Turkeys								
Young	17,833	19,291	18,931	106	98	36,583	38,222	104
Old	145	110	99	68	90	241	209	87
Total	17,978	19,401	19,030	106	98	36,824	38,431	104
Ducks	1,840	2,104	1,977	107	94	3,937	4,081	104
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	3,799,518	4,131,497	3,934,939	104	95	7,975,574	8,066,436	101
Mature	61,117	67,936	61,046	100	90	124,981	128,982	103
Light	17,858	22,570	18,101	101	80	36,555	40,671	111
Heavy	43,259	45,366	42,945	99	95	88,426	88,311	100
Total	3,860,635	4,199,433	3,995,985	104	95	8,100,555	8,195,418	101
Turkeys								
Young	544,803	597,390	583,200	107	98	1,123,364	1,180,590	105
Old	3,722	2,810	2,636	71	94	6,353	5,446	86
Total	548,525	600,200	585,836	107	98	1,129,717	1,186,036	105
Ducks	12,607	14,322	13,489	107	94	27,037	27,811	103
Other ¹	125	177	149	119	84	289	326	113
Total	4,421,892	4,814,132	4,595,459	104	95	9,257,598	9,409,591	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.76	5.84	5.82	101	100	5.81	5.83	100
Mature	5.56	5.29	5.52	99	104	5.53	5.40	98
Light	3.20	3.24	3.25	102	100	3.18	3.24	102
Heavy	7.99	7.73	7.83	98	101	7.96	7.78	98
Total	5.76	5.83	5.82	101	100	5.80	5.82	100
Turkeys								
Young	30.55	30.97	30.81	101	99	30.71	30.89	101
Old	25.67	25.55	26.63	104	104	26.36	26.06	99
Total	30.51	30.94	30.78	101	99	30.68	30.86	101
Ducks	6.85	6.81	6.82	100	100	6.87	6.81	99

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	February 2011	January 2012	February 2012	February 2012 as % of		January to February		2012 as percent of 2011
				February 2011	January 2012	2011	2012	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,607,053	2,807,455	2,670,645	102	95	5,464,459	5,478,100	100
Mature	37,089	43,249	38,805	105	90	76,890	82,054	107
Light	9,596	11,899	9,566	100	80	19,523	21,465	110
Heavy	27,493	31,350	29,239	106	93	57,367	60,589	106
Total	2,644,142	2,850,704	2,709,450	102	95	5,541,349	5,560,154	100
Turkeys								
Young	272,912	296,140	293,106	107	99	572,150	589,246	103
Old	2,800	2,097	1,930	69	92	4,752	4,027	85
Total	275,712	298,237	295,036	107	99	576,902	593,273	103
Ducks	3,222	3,979	3,691	115	93	7,118	7,670	108
Other ¹	73	119	99	136	83	157	218	139
Total	2,923,149	3,153,039	3,008,276	103	95	6,125,526	6,161,315	101
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	245,316	284,338	283,888	116	100	515,397	568,226	110
Mature	276	-	-	(X)	(X)	285	-	(X)
Light	260	-	-	(X)	(X)	269	-	(X)
Heavy	16	-	-	(X)	(X)	16	-	(X)
Total	245,592	284,338	283,888	116	100	515,682	568,226	110
Turkeys								
Young	159,862	178,390	171,745	107	96	321,534	350,135	109
Old	71	52	31	44	60	165	83	50
Total	159,933	178,442	171,776	107	96	321,699	350,218	109
Ducks	5,868	6,436	6,138	105	95	12,324	12,574	102
Other ¹	14	7	6	43	86	39	13	33
Total	411,407	469,223	461,808	112	98	849,744	931,031	110
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	2,852,369	3,091,793	2,954,533	104	96	5,979,856	6,046,326	101
Mature	37,365	43,249	38,805	104	90	77,175	82,054	106
Light	9,856	11,899	9,566	97	80	19,792	21,465	108
Heavy	27,509	31,350	29,239	106	93	57,383	60,589	106
Total	2,889,734	3,135,042	2,993,338	104	95	6,057,031	6,128,380	101
Turkeys								
Young	432,774	474,530	464,851	107	98	893,684	939,381	105
Old	2,871	2,149	1,961	68	91	4,917	4,110	84
Total	435,645	476,679	466,812	107	98	898,601	943,491	105
Ducks	9,090	10,415	9,829	108	94	19,442	20,244	104
Other ¹	87	126	105	121	83	196	231	118
Total	3,334,556	3,622,262	3,470,084	104	96	6,975,270	7,092,346	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2011	January 2012	February 2012	February 2012 as % of		January to February		2012 as percent of 2011
				February 2011	January 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	8,938	8,171	7,590	85	93	19,300	15,761	82
Mature	978	1,044	566	58	54	1,978	1,610	81
Light	271	487	241	89	49	515	728	141
Heavy	707	557	325	46	58	1,463	882	60
Total	9,916	9,215	8,156	82	89	21,278	17,371	82
Turkeys								
Young	1,593	1,413	1,364	86	97	3,200	2,777	87
Old	41	36	13	32	36	62	49	79
Total	1,634	1,449	1,377	84	95	3,262	2,826	87
Ducks	49	34	30	61	88	99	64	65
Total	11,599	10,698	9,563	82	89	24,639	20,261	82
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.24	0.20	0.19	79	95	0.24	0.20	83
Mature	1.60	1.54	0.93	58	60	1.58	1.25	79
Light	1.52	2.16	1.33	88	62	1.41	1.79	127
Heavy	1.63	1.23	0.76	47	62	1.65	1.00	61
Total	0.26	0.22	0.20	77	91	0.26	0.21	81
Turkeys								
Young	0.29	0.24	0.23	79	96	0.28	0.24	86
Old	1.10	1.28	0.49	45	38	0.98	0.90	92
Total	0.30	0.24	0.24	80	100	0.29	0.24	83
Ducks	0.39	0.24	0.22	56	92	0.37	0.23	62
Total	0.26	0.22	0.21	81	95	0.27	0.22	81

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

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2011	January 2012	February 2012	February 2012 as % of		January to February		2012 as percent of 2011
				February 2011	January 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	26,180	25,860	25,862	99	100	54,736	51,722	94
Mature	3,120	2,163	2,058	66	95	5,478	4,221	77
Light	1,276	1,087	873	68	80	1,963	1,960	100
Heavy	1,844	1,076	1,185	64	110	3,515	2,261	64
Total	29,300	28,023	27,920	95	100	60,214	55,943	93
Turkeys								
Young	7,033	6,333	6,126	87	97	13,930	12,459	89
Old	113	99	70	62	71	198	169	85
Total	7,146	6,432	6,196	87	96	14,128	12,628	89
Ducks	259	236	262	101	111	551	498	90
Other	1	2	1	100	50	2	3	150
Total	36,706	34,693	34,379	94	99	74,895	69,072	92
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.91	0.83	0.87	96	105	0.91	0.85	93
Mature	7.71	4.76	5.04	65	106	6.63	4.89	74
Light	11.46	8.37	8.36	73	100	9.02	8.37	93
Heavy	6.28	3.32	3.89	62	117	5.77	3.60	62
Total	1.00	0.89	0.92	92	103	0.98	0.90	92
Turkeys								
Young	1.60	1.32	1.30	81	98	1.53	1.31	86
Old	3.79	4.40	3.45	91	78	3.87	3.95	102
Total	1.61	1.33	1.31	81	98	1.55	1.32	85
Ducks	2.77	2.22	2.60	94	117	2.76	2.40	87
Other	1.14	1.56	0.94	82	60	1.01	1.28	127
Total	1.09	0.95	0.98	90	103	1.06	0.96	91

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

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States: January and February 2012

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	4,969	6,155	709,439	694,922
Mature	-	-	1,822	801	191,633	144,537
Light	-	-	1,749	723	156,527	103,833
Heavy	-	-	73	78	35,106	40,704
Total	-	-	6,791	6,956	901,072	839,459
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	35	30	33,529	34,049
Old	-	-	-	-	1,228	833
Total	-	-	35	30	34,757	34,882
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	465,326	596,901	2,801	3,225	32,997	31,389
Mature	10,248	8,993	448	435	48,484	38,488
Light	6,143	4,288	134	138	42,634	32,985
Heavy	4,105	4,705	314	297	5,850	5,503
Total	475,574	605,894	3,249	3,660	81,481	69,877
Turkeys						
Young	4,381	4,687	1,520	987	125	44
Old	215	142	1	4	161	50
Total	4,596	4,829	1,521	991	286	94
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	10,854	10,220	67,548	60,597	91,284	100,741
Mature	18,618	9,813	3,410	3,403	88,496	62,921
Light	18,065	9,172	2,417	2,428	81,687	48,252
Heavy	553	641	993	975	6,809	14,669
Total	29,472	20,033	70,958	64,000	179,780	163,662
Turkeys						
Young	117	137	1,479	1,233	1,441	1,572
Old	1	1	7	12	16	14
Total	118	138	1,486	1,245	1,457	1,586
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	15,337	16,240	733,556	712,151	2,134,111	2,232,541
Mature	260	563	109,935	74,646	473,354	344,303
Light	141	370	59,634	34,889	369,131	236,781
Heavy	119	193	50,301	39,757	104,223	107,522
Total	15,597	16,803	843,491	786,797	2,607,465	2,576,844
Turkeys						
Young	509	540	17,390	17,695	60,526	60,974
Old	2	15	351	146	1,982	1,217
Total	511	555	17,741	17,841	62,508	62,191

- 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: January and February 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	82,019	80,857	467,993	456,342	5.71	5.64
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	75,802	72,016	443,053	415,855	5.84	5.77
California	22,823	20,772	129,778	119,518	5.69	5.75
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	26,585	24,417	188,777	171,971	7.10	7.04
Florida	5,158	4,875	31,689	28,702	6.14	5.89
Georgia	102,858	99,227	566,874	536,416	5.51	5.41
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,896	4,637	21,510	20,624	4.39	4.45
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	26,304	24,537	148,707	137,581	5.65	5.61
Louisiana	14,984	14,430	95,038	91,886	6.34	6.37
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	9,393	9,624	51,454	51,674	5.48	5.37
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,628	3,450	20,229	18,786	5.58	5.45
Mississippi	60,284	59,468	361,716	359,032	6.00	6.04
Missouri	35,120	33,973	170,160	165,053	4.85	4.86
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	149	190	697	793	4.68	4.16
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,779	1,715	9,133	8,680	5.13	5.06
North Carolina	62,017	58,701	434,273	416,575	7.00	7.10
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	4,184	3,518	27,046	24,046	6.46	6.83
Oklahoma	9,022	8,186	63,027	58,087	6.99	7.10
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11,441	11,098	63,196	61,093	5.52	5.50
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	23,794	22,825	162,940	159,469	6.85	6.99
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	25,475	23,703	133,027	122,191	5.22	5.16
Texas	52,509	49,970	304,241	289,508	5.79	5.79
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	26,318	24,448	140,685	130,784	5.35	5.35
Washington	4,781	4,197	27,832	25,429	5.82	6.06
West Virginia	9,571	9,105	38,122	36,630	3.98	4.02
Wisconsin	4,432	4,036	19,416	17,381	4.38	4.31
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	707,215	675,844	4,131,497	3,934,939	5.84	5.82

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: January and February 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
	January	February	Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
			January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	354,978	346,410	3,020	3,357	0.84	0.96
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	332,311	313,572	2,936	2,879	0.88	0.91
California	96,569	88,832	843	724	0.87	0.81
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	135,454	123,904	1,584	1,475	1.16	1.18
Florida	23,767	21,526	131	145	0.55	0.67
Georgia	428,088	400,411	3,247	3,264	0.75	0.81
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	15,692	15,153	81	78	0.51	0.51
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	108,050	100,082	785	783	0.72	0.78
Louisiana	70,002	67,690	410	364	0.58	0.53
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	37,187	37,442	702	750	1.85	1.96
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	16,653	15,362	169	141	1.01	0.91
Mississippi	276,590	281,268	1,935	1,891	0.69	0.67
Missouri	125,423	125,173	1,113	1,206	0.88	0.95
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	500	545	9	14	1.76	2.55
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,551	5,223	216	194	3.74	3.58
North Carolina	338,711	320,520	3,165	3,001	0.93	0.93
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	20,138	17,993	298	221	1.46	1.21
Oklahoma	47,377	43,670	254	271	0.53	0.62
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	43,849	42,310	698	673	1.57	1.56
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	120,371	118,071	708	678	0.58	0.57
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	97,121	89,971	771	886	0.79	0.97
Texas	226,531	220,489	1,493	1,541	0.65	0.69
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	100,809	93,921	725	697	0.71	0.74
Washington	20,792	18,745	120	110	0.57	0.58
West Virginia	27,391	25,861	83	66	0.30	0.25
Wisconsin	14,220	12,721	113	122	0.79	0.95
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,091,793	2,954,533	25,860	25,862	0.83	0.87

- 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: January and February 2012

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	196	115	68,972	74,837
Arkansas	-	-	223	180	70,877	69,803
Delaware	-	-	623	1,794	39,456	37,864
Georgia	-	-	374	121	58,629	53,024
Mississippi	-	-	398	348	31,447	30,404
Missouri	-	-	84	67	58,324	57,630
North Carolina	-	-	818	764	77,956	77,785
Texas	-	-	113	97	48,289	42,792
Virginia	-	-	47	74	20,422	18,107
United States	-	-	4,969	6,155	709,439	694,922

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	56,115	95,962	290	322	1,748	2,007
Arkansas	33,392	33,433	834	748	1,771	1,456
Delaware	53,454	43,261	29	35	3,257	3,366
Georgia	44,210	44,180	91	83	4,158	3,058
Mississippi	11,857	10,470	105	106	612	717
Missouri	22,343	22,609	97	174	1,400	1,304
North Carolina	58,536	63,033	160	210	7,289	7,204
Texas	22,989	20,288	121	185	1,240	1,047
Virginia	31,518	40,612	28	13	1,437	1,202
United States	465,326	596,901	2,801	3,225	32,997	31,389

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,170	1,562	5,247	5,138	12,998	14,240
Arkansas	777	686	6,914	5,233	5,667	4,853
Delaware	983	949	2,903	2,463	3,872	5,109
Georgia	638	501	14,116	12,023	8,241	10,315
Mississippi	921	1,115	2,017	2,176	2,809	3,978
Missouri	275	205	2,106	1,478	7,078	7,168
North Carolina	1,161	987	12,420	11,541	6,640	6,774
Texas	406	359	2,580	2,826	4,136	5,211
Virginia	434	421	930	781	1,955	1,676
United States	10,854	10,220	67,548	60,597	91,284	100,741

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	977	1,910	98,362	108,103	246,075	304,196
Arkansas	290	211	69,668	66,958	190,413	183,561
Delaware	1,864	3,110	31,819	34,723	138,260	132,674
Georgia	2,019	1,992	79,174	75,859	211,650	201,156
Mississippi	533	713	35,726	35,958	86,425	85,985
Missouri	133	119	39,040	46,329	130,880	137,083
North Carolina	2,892	2,867	70,529	60,893	238,401	232,058
Texas	883	388	36,730	35,625	117,487	108,818
Virginia	872	231	34,165	30,659	91,808	93,776
United States	15,337	16,240	733,556	712,151	2,134,111	2,232,541

- 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: January and February 2012

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January (1,000 head)	February (1,000 head)	January (1,000 pounds)	February (1,000 pounds)	January (pounds)	February (pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,600	2,790	53,721	57,572	20.66	20.63
California	792	834	21,809	25,296	27.54	30.32
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,465	1,447	55,603	55,320	37.95	38.23
Iowa	1,223	1,236	51,582	51,075	42.18	41.33
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kentucky	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,458	3,116	90,663	83,816	26.22	26.90
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	1,127	1,229	39,971	41,851	35.48	34.05
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	2,389	2,177	80,591	72,851	33.73	33.47
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	439	454	19,342	19,722	44.05	43.42
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	477	471	11,799	11,855	24.72	25.15
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	590	506	8,698	7,336	14.73	14.51
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,218	2,173	57,864	59,590	26.09	27.42
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,291	18,931	597,390	583,200	30.97	30.81

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: January and February 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	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	43,256	47,190	346	367	0.79	0.77
California	17,354	20,386	230	229	1.31	1.11
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	44,655	44,840	735	693	1.62	1.52
Iowa	40,727	40,173	720	656	1.74	1.61
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Kentucky	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	72,069	67,010	1,303	1,091	1.78	1.60
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	32,574	33,970	315	342	0.96	1.00
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	63,006	57,056	382	379	0.60	0.66
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	15,318	15,712	264	317	1.69	1.98
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	9,198	9,231	237	257	2.51	2.71
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	7,084	5,795	57	53	0.79	0.90
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	45,554	46,866	446	480	0.97	1.01
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	474,530	464,851	6,333	6,126	1.32	1.30

- 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 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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