



Poultry Slaughter

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

January 2024 contained 23 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

January 2025 contained 23 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Poultry certified wholesome during January 2025 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.61 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the amount certified in January 2024. The December 2024 revised certified total at 4.31 billion pounds, was up 6 percent from December 2023. The December revision represented an increase of 5.36 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during January 2025 was 6.09 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 6.00 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.48 billion pounds, up 2 percent from January 2024. Mature chickens, at 70.6 million pounds, were up 3 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 523 million pounds, down 5 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.8 million pounds, down 14 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during January 2025 averaged 6.65 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from January 2024. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.95 pounds per bird, unchanged from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during January 2025 averaged 33.7 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from January 2024.

Ante-mortem condemnations during January 2025 totaled 14.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.25 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 28.3 million pounds, were 0.61 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.62 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2024	December 2024	January 2025	January 2025 as % of		January to January		2025 as percent of 2024
				January 2024	December 2024	2024	2025	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	815,273	777,360	823,669	101	106	815,273	823,669	101
Mature	9,822	8,660	10,152	103	117	9,822	10,152	103
Light	2,883	2,430	2,923	101	120	2,883	2,923	101
Heavy	6,939	6,230	7,229	104	116	6,939	7,229	104
Total	825,095	786,020	833,821	101	106	825,095	833,821	101
Turkeys								
Young	16,367	13,976	15,374	94	110	16,367	15,374	94
Old	160	134	156	98	116	160	156	98
Total	16,527	14,110	15,530	94	110	16,527	15,530	94
Ducks	2,570	1,961	2,254	88	115	2,570	2,254	88
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5,362,059	5,133,653	5,476,640	102	107	5,362,059	5,476,640	102
Mature	68,303	61,620	70,604	103	115	68,303	70,604	103
Light	10,051	8,418	10,136	101	120	10,051	10,136	101
Heavy	58,252	53,202	60,468	104	114	58,252	60,468	104
Total	5,430,362	5,195,273	5,547,244	102	107	5,430,362	5,547,244	102
Turkeys								
Young	546,344	469,676	517,993	95	110	546,344	517,993	95
Old	4,794	4,015	4,930	103	123	4,794	4,930	103
Total	551,138	473,691	522,923	95	110	551,138	522,923	95
Ducks	18,456	14,154	15,848	86	112	18,456	15,848	86
Other ¹	176	194	175	99	90	176	175	99
Total	6,000,132	5,683,312	6,086,190	101	107	6,000,132	6,086,190	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	6.58	6.60	6.65	101	101	6.58	6.65	101
Mature	6.95	7.12	6.95	100	98	6.95	6.95	100
Light	3.49	3.46	3.47	99	100	3.49	3.47	99
Heavy	8.39	8.54	8.36	100	98	8.39	8.36	100
Total	6.58	6.61	6.65	101	101	6.58	6.65	101
Turkeys								
Young	33.38	33.61	33.69	101	100	33.38	33.69	101
Old	29.96	29.96	31.60	105	105	29.96	31.60	105
Total	33.35	33.57	33.67	101	100	33.35	33.67	101
Ducks	7.18	7.22	7.03	98	97	7.18	7.03	98

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

Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	January 2024	December 2024	January 2025	January 2025 as % of		January to January		2025 as percent of 2024
				January 2024	December 2024	2024	2025	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	3,770,945	3,638,893	3,872,621	103	106	3,770,945	3,872,621	103
Mature	47,368	42,045	48,025	101	114	47,368	48,025	101
Light	5,391	4,452	5,360	99	120	5,391	5,360	99
Heavy	41,977	37,593	42,665	102	113	41,977	42,665	102
Total	3,818,313	3,680,938	3,920,646	103	107	3,818,313	3,920,646	103
Turkeys								
Young	275,263	238,360	270,312	98	113	275,263	270,312	98
Old	3,439	2,170	2,767	80	128	3,439	2,767	80
Total	278,702	240,530	273,079	98	114	278,702	273,079	98
Ducks	5,206	3,275	3,534	68	108	5,206	3,534	68
Other ¹	107	119	105	98	88	107	105	98
Total	4,102,328	3,924,862	4,197,364	102	107	4,102,328	4,197,364	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	280,419	243,469	265,126	95	109	280,419	265,126	95
Mature	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Light	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Heavy	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total	280,419	243,469	265,126	95	109	280,419	265,126	95
Turkeys								
Young	156,232	134,820	141,142	90	105	156,232	141,142	90
Old	228	920	998	438	108	228	998	438
Total	156,460	135,740	142,140	91	105	156,460	142,140	91
Ducks	8,334	7,075	8,047	97	114	8,334	8,047	97
Other ¹	16	16	14	88	88	16	14	88
Total	445,229	386,300	415,327	93	108	445,229	415,327	93
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	4,051,364	3,882,362	4,137,747	102	107	4,051,364	4,137,747	102
Mature	47,368	42,045	48,025	101	114	47,368	48,025	101
Light	5,391	4,452	5,360	99	120	5,391	5,360	99
Heavy	41,977	37,593	42,665	102	113	41,977	42,665	102
Total	4,098,732	3,924,407	4,185,772	102	107	4,098,732	4,185,772	102
Turkeys								
Young	431,495	373,180	411,454	95	110	431,495	411,454	95
Old	3,667	3,090	3,765	103	122	3,667	3,765	103
Total	435,162	376,270	415,219	95	110	435,162	415,219	95
Ducks	13,540	10,350	11,581	86	112	13,540	11,581	86
Other ¹	123	135	119	97	88	123	119	97
Total	4,547,557	4,311,162	4,612,691	101	107	4,547,557	4,612,691	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2024	December 2024	January 2025	January 2024 as % of		January to January		2025 as percent of 2024
				January 2024	December 2024	2024	2025	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	11,869	9,682	11,649	98	120	11,869	11,649	98
Mature	910	700	938	103	134	910	938	103
Light	65	59	68	105	115	65	68	105
Heavy	845	641	870	103	136	845	870	103
Total	12,779	10,382	12,587	98	121	12,779	12,587	98
Turkeys								
Young	1,921	1,573	1,997	104	127	1,921	1,997	104
Old	50	26	31	62	119	50	31	62
Total	1,971	1,599	2,028	103	127	1,971	2,028	103
Ducks	108	85	112	104	132	108	112	104
Total ¹	14,858	12,066	14,727	99	122	14,858	14,727	99
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.22	0.19	0.21	95	111	0.22	0.21	95
Mature	1.33	1.14	1.33	100	117	1.33	1.33	100
Light	0.65	0.70	0.67	103	96	0.65	0.67	103
Heavy	1.45	1.20	1.44	99	120	1.45	1.44	99
Total	0.24	0.20	0.23	96	115	0.24	0.23	96
Turkeys								
Young	0.35	0.33	0.39	111	118	0.35	0.39	111
Old	1.04	0.65	0.63	61	97	1.04	0.63	61
Total	0.36	0.34	0.39	108	115	0.36	0.39	108
Ducks	0.59	0.60	0.71	120	118	0.59	0.71	120
Total ¹	0.25	0.21	0.24	96	114	0.25	0.24	96

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 condemned and establishment sorted and removed]

Commodity	January 2024	December 2024	January 2025	January 2024 as % of		January to January		2025 as percent of 2024
				January 2024	December 2024	2024	2025	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	19,694	18,386	19,824	101	108	19,694	19,824	101
Mature	1,736	1,549	1,645	95	106	1,736	1,645	95
Light	418	369	355	85	96	418	355	85
Heavy	1,318	1,180	1,290	98	109	1,318	1,290	98
Total	21,430	19,935	21,469	100	108	21,430	21,469	100
Turkeys								
Young	6,569	5,361	6,413	98	120	6,569	6,413	98
Old	157	131	177	113	135	157	177	113
Total	6,726	5,492	6,590	98	120	6,726	6,590	98
Ducks	225	152	208	92	137	225	208	92
Other ¹	3	4	4	133	100	3	4	133
Total	28,384	25,583	28,271	100	111	28,384	28,271	100
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.48	0.47	0.48	100	102	0.48	0.48	100
Mature	3.54	3.55	3.31	94	93	3.54	3.31	94
Light	7.20	7.65	6.21	86	81	7.20	6.21	86
Heavy	3.04	3.04	2.93	96	96	3.04	2.93	96
Total	0.52	0.51	0.51	98	100	0.52	0.51	98
Turkeys								
Young	1.50	1.42	1.53	102	108	1.50	1.53	102
Old	4.11	4.07	4.49	109	110	4.11	4.49	109
Total	1.52	1.44	1.56	103	108	1.52	1.56	103
Ducks	1.63	1.45	1.76	108	121	1.63	1.76	108
Other ¹	2.38	2.88	3.25	137	113	2.38	3.25	137
Total	0.62	0.59	0.61	98	103	0.62	0.61	98

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

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

Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: December 2024 and January 2025

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	254	253	44,215	58,350
Mature	-	-	20	36	56,291	60,133
Light	-	-	19	34	50,867	54,144
Heavy	-	-	1	2	5,424	5,989
Total	-	-	274	289	100,506	118,483
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	2	8	5,182	4,955
Old	-	-	-	-	867	1,058
Total	-	-	2	8	6,049	6,013
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	104,865	127,442	778	673	1,296	1,674
Mature	12,875	12,790	125	152	16,328	16,364
Light	5,027	5,105	36	51	11,640	11,812
Heavy	7,848	7,685	89	101	4,688	4,552
Total	117,740	140,232	903	825	17,624	18,038
Turkeys						
Young	1,339	1,784	28	21	45	42
Old	230	404	15	29	125	209
Total	1,569	2,188	43	50	170	251
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	2,893	2,839	1,103	1,462	28,077	35,050
Mature	3,073	2,960	178	180	17,340	19,435
Light	2,350	2,176	168	153	16,659	18,665
Heavy	723	784	10	27	681	770
Total	5,966	5,799	1,281	1,642	45,417	54,485
Turkeys						
Young	27	36	257	251	369	440
Old	13	17	1	5	58	73
Total	40	53	258	256	427	513
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Unknown ²	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Chickens						
Young	2,298	1,920	67,475	88,751	1,968,593	2,181,249
Mature	96	163	37,609	41,971	31,819	38,906
Light	89	159	28,113	33,803	-	-
Heavy	7	4	9,496	8,168	31,819	38,906
Total	2,394	2,083	105,084	130,722	2,000,412	2,220,155
Turkeys						
Young	120	68	3,079	3,184	70,069	80,810
Old	2	8	66	28	144	345
Total	122	76	3,145	3,212	70,213	81,155

- 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.

² Birds condemned with no cause given by federal inspectors and establishment sorters.

Young Chickens Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: December 2024 and January 2025

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

State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	96,541	100,826	534,174	566,660	5.53	5.62
Arkansas	83,548	89,934	616,328	668,901	7.38	7.44
Delaware	30,063	33,079	233,841	252,474	7.78	7.63
Georgia	105,091	108,680	633,815	674,917	6.03	6.21
Illinois	56	64	364	412	6.46	6.44
Iowa	837	850	4,616	4,523	5.52	5.32
Kentucky	24,170	26,826	168,743	184,806	6.98	6.89
Louisiana	15,211	15,128	104,523	106,794	6.87	7.06
Maryland	11,952	12,798	78,311	84,885	6.55	6.63
Mississippi	61,499	63,758	411,956	425,807	6.70	6.68
Missouri	28,036	27,872	146,540	151,514	5.23	5.44
New Jersey	280	248	1,530	1,399	5.46	5.64
New York	3,106	3,201	15,849	16,700	5.10	5.22
North Carolina	76,612	83,827	652,258	715,936	8.51	8.54
Ohio	10,656	11,140	48,310	50,277	4.53	4.51
Oklahoma	7,836	8,111	64,072	63,270	8.18	7.80
Pennsylvania	14,542	14,113	82,820	79,156	5.70	5.61
South Carolina	25,941	25,739	192,221	187,266	7.41	7.28
Tennessee	33,012	36,618	203,817	227,518	6.17	6.21
Texas	59,701	64,800	418,256	449,041	7.01	6.93
Vermont	50	46	333	307	6.60	6.64
Virginia	23,543	25,589	150,693	162,747	6.40	6.36
United States	777,360	823,669	5,133,653	5,476,640	6.60	6.65

Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2024 and January 2025

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State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	411,715	435,395	1,681	1,841	0.41	0.42
Arkansas	465,268	502,650	2,062	2,278	0.44	0.45
Delaware	182,777	196,948	1,052	1,089	0.57	0.55
Georgia	481,491	512,836	2,646	2,740	0.55	0.53
Illinois	265	296	(Z)	(Z)	0.11	0.07
Iowa	3,273	3,284	143	148	4.19	4.32
Kentucky	127,243	139,366	754	900	0.59	0.64
Louisiana	77,984	78,451	343	430	0.44	0.54
Maryland	58,276	63,453	539	622	0.92	0.97
Mississippi	304,207	315,205	1,216	1,421	0.40	0.45
Missouri	106,757	110,376	313	299	0.29	0.27
New Jersey	1,129	1,032	18	20	1.57	1.92
New York	9,923	10,524	105	83	1.05	0.78
North Carolina	501,229	551,404	1,328	1,509	0.26	0.27
Ohio	36,196	37,639	281	273	0.77	0.72
Oklahoma	48,078	47,483	196	231	0.41	0.48
Pennsylvania	58,499	55,817	1,224	1,216	2.05	2.13
South Carolina	145,059	140,879	1,008	1,041	0.69	0.73
Tennessee	150,325	167,714	657	713	0.44	0.42
Texas	321,462	343,608	758	859	0.24	0.25
Vermont	250	230	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	114,904	123,196	279	259	0.24	0.21
United States	3,882,362	4,137,747	18,386	19,824	0.47	0.48

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Young Chickens Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: December 2024 and January 2025

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State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	-	-	13	4	6,363	3,519
Arkansas	-	-	-	-	261	29
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	8,591	11,469
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	3
Texas	-	-	-	1	121	86
Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	-	-	254	253	44,215	58,350
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	5,059	2,896	-	4	70	35
Arkansas	228	39	6	-	-	3
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	16,530	31,589	49	14	274	409
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	1	-
Texas	82	11	2	-	4	8
Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	104,865	127,442	778	673	1,296	1,674
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	91	47	26	10	797	405
Arkansas	33	2	-	-	99	8
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	125	141	285	320	3,099	2,976
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	11	3	9	18	42	78
Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	2,893	2,839	1,103	1,462	28,077	35,050
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Unknown ²	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama	336	115	3,960	1,567	177,850	219,148
Arkansas	-	-	368	10	204,676	232,244
Delaware	-	-	-	-	45,035	47,958
Georgia	241	238	10,541	16,434	232,832	255,422
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	196,295	218,543
North Carolina	-	-	-	3	104,695	115,928
Texas	-	3	1,584	1,852	61,335	77,257
Virginia	-	-	-	-	151,904	160,285
United States	2,298	1,920	67,475	88,751	1,968,593	2,181,249

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State	Slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
California	285	325	7,152	7,032	25.09	21.62
Illinois	1	-	33	8	33.60	33.75
Indiana	1,766	1,697	76,621	75,980	43.39	44.77
Iowa	900	1,131	40,866	53,622	45.43	47.40
Michigan	415	401	17,930	18,032	43.22	44.92
Minnesota	2,560	3,174	77,080	92,704	30.11	29.20
North Carolina	1,694	1,615	66,990	63,861	39.54	39.53
Ohio	500	674	22,282	30,690	44.58	45.55
Pennsylvania	542	523	15,642	16,305	28.84	31.18
South Carolina	479	531	21,000	24,284	43.80	45.71
Vermont	7	-	197	-	27.51	-
Wisconsin	(Z)	(Z)	1	(Z)	27.10	28.43
United States	13,976	15,374	469,676	517,993	33.61	33.69

- Represents zero.

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2024 and January 2025

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State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
	December	January	Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
			December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	5,720	5,624	31	36	0.55	0.64
Illinois	26	6	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana	61,412	60,945	895	953	1.44	1.54
Iowa	32,177	42,006	522	624	1.60	1.46
Michigan	13,896	13,975	171	178	1.21	1.26
Minnesota	61,407	74,518	719	959	1.16	1.27
North Carolina	52,333	49,810	334	365	0.63	0.73
Ohio	17,765	24,512	350	549	1.93	2.19
Pennsylvania	12,288	12,700	363	459	2.87	3.49
South Carolina	15,650	17,580	433	458	2.69	2.54
Vermont	155	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	1	(Z)	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	373,180	411,454	5,361	6,413	1.42	1.53

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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 federally condemned prior to entry into the slaughter plant which includes Dead-On-Arrival (DOA) and condemned for other causes.

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 of birds condemned includes federally inspected and establishment sorted 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 361 plants slaughtered poultry in the United States under Federal Inspection in 2024. Young chickens were slaughtered in 38 States, young turkeys in 30 States.

Revision Policy: Data for the previous month and year-to-date totals are subject to revision the following month after the initial monthly estimates are published. Final data are published in the annual summary released in February and include any revisions made to current and previous year's published data. Revisions are generally the result of late reports or corrections received by FSIS from plants and are usually less than one-half of one percent. No revisions will be made to the previous year's data after publication of the annual summary in February.

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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