



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 3 Percent from Last Year

**January 2025** contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**January 2026** contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

**Poultry certified wholesome** during January 2026 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 4.49 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the amount certified in January 2025. The December 2025 revised certified total at 4.52 billion pounds, was up 5 percent from December 2024. The December revision represented an increase of 1 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during January 2026 was 5.91 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 6.09 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 5.32 billion pounds, down 3 percent from January 2025. Mature chickens, at 68.1 million pounds, were down 4 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 501 million pounds, down 4 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.8 million pounds, down 13 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during January 2026 averaged 6.66 pounds per bird, up slightly from January 2025. The average live weight of mature chickens was 7.06 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during January 2026 averaged 33.3 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from January 2025.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during January 2026 totaled 13.9 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 26.2 million pounds, were 0.58 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.61 percent a year earlier.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	January 2026 as % of		January to January		2026 as percent of 2025
				January 2025	December 2025	2025	2026	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	824,131	817,884	799,080	97	98	824,131	799,080	97
Mature .....	10,153	8,415	9,636	95	115	10,153	9,636	95
Light .....	2,924	2,794	2,745	94	98	2,924	2,745	94
Heavy .....	7,229	5,621	6,891	95	123	7,229	6,891	95
Total .....	834,284	826,299	808,716	97	98	834,284	808,716	97
Turkeys								
Young .....	15,374	14,457	14,900	97	103	15,374	14,900	97
Old .....	156	187	136	87	73	156	136	87
Total .....	15,530	14,644	15,036	97	103	15,530	15,036	97
Ducks .....	2,254	2,019	1,917	85	95	2,254	1,917	85
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Total live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	5,479,673	5,399,048	5,323,899	97	99	5,479,673	5,323,899	97
Mature .....	70,606	57,938	68,059	96	117	70,606	68,059	96
Light .....	10,138	9,852	9,759	96	99	10,138	9,759	96
Heavy .....	60,468	48,086	58,300	96	121	60,468	58,300	96
Total .....	5,550,279	5,456,986	5,391,958	97	99	5,550,279	5,391,958	97
Turkeys								
Young .....	517,993	479,175	496,630	96	104	517,993	496,630	96
Old .....	4,930	5,504	4,489	91	82	4,930	4,489	91
Total .....	522,923	484,679	501,119	96	103	522,923	501,119	96
Ducks .....	15,848	13,894	13,783	87	99	15,848	13,783	87
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	175	150	158	90	105	175	158	90
Total .....	6,089,225	5,955,709	5,907,018	97	99	6,089,225	5,907,018	97
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	6.65	6.60	6.66	100	101	6.65	6.66	100
Mature .....	6.95	6.89	7.06	102	102	6.95	7.06	102
Light .....	3.47	3.53	3.56	103	101	3.47	3.56	103
Heavy .....	8.36	8.55	8.46	101	99	8.36	8.46	101
Total .....	6.65	6.60	6.67	100	101	6.65	6.67	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	33.69	33.14	33.33	99	101	33.69	33.33	99
Old .....	31.60	29.43	33.01	104	112	31.60	33.01	104
Total .....	33.67	33.10	33.33	99	101	33.67	33.33	99
Ducks .....	7.03	6.88	7.19	102	105	7.03	7.19	102

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, and squab.

## Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	January 2026 as % of		January to January		2026 as percent of 2025
				January 2025	December 2025	2025	2026	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,874,911	3,807,649	3,774,580	97	99	3,874,911	3,774,580	97
Mature .....	48,026	40,361	47,893	100	119	48,026	47,893	100
Light .....	5,361	5,282	5,040	94	95	5,361	5,040	94
Heavy .....	42,665	35,079	42,853	100	122	42,665	42,853	100
Total .....	3,922,937	3,848,010	3,822,473	97	99	3,922,937	3,822,473	97
Turkeys								
Young .....	270,312	236,994	245,514	91	104	270,312	245,514	91
Old .....	2,767	3,875	3,223	116	83	2,767	3,223	116
Total .....	273,079	240,869	248,737	91	103	273,079	248,737	91
Ducks .....	3,534	3,361	3,319	94	99	3,534	3,319	94
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	105	106	106	101	100	105	106	101
Total .....	4,199,655	4,092,346	4,074,635	97	100	4,199,655	4,074,635	97
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	265,094	277,211	258,127	97	93	265,094	258,127	97
Mature .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	48	(X)
Light .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	48	(X)
Heavy .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	-	-	(X)
Total .....	265,094	277,211	258,127	97	93	265,094	258,175	97
Turkeys								
Young .....	141,142	144,480	149,746	106	104	141,142	149,746	106
Old .....	998	282	124	12	44	998	124	12
Total .....	142,140	144,762	149,870	105	104	142,140	149,870	105
Ducks .....	8,047	6,912	6,878	85	100	8,047	6,878	85
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	14	-	-	(X)	(X)	14	-	(X)
Total .....	415,295	428,885	414,875	100	97	415,295	414,923	100
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	4,140,005	4,084,860	4,032,707	97	99	4,140,005	4,032,707	97
Mature .....	48,026	40,361	47,893	100	119	48,026	47,941	100
Light .....	5,361	5,282	5,040	94	95	5,361	5,088	95
Heavy .....	42,665	35,079	42,853	100	122	42,665	42,853	100
Total .....	4,188,031	4,125,221	4,080,600	97	99	4,188,031	4,080,648	97
Turkeys								
Young .....	411,454	381,474	395,260	96	104	411,454	395,260	96
Old .....	3,765	4,157	3,347	89	81	3,765	3,347	89
Total .....	415,219	385,631	398,607	96	103	415,219	398,607	96
Ducks .....	11,581	10,273	10,197	88	99	11,581	10,197	88
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	119	106	106	89	100	119	106	89
Total .....	4,614,950	4,521,231	4,489,510	97	99	4,614,950	4,489,558	97

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	January 2026 as % of		January to January		2026 as percent of 2025
				January 2025	December 2025	2025	2026	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	11,653	10,458	11,118	95	106	11,653	11,118	95
Mature .....	938	743	847	90	114	938	847	90
Light .....	68	72	79	116	110	68	79	116
Heavy .....	870	671	768	88	114	870	768	88
Total .....	12,591	11,201	11,965	95	107	12,591	11,965	95
Turkeys								
Young .....	1,997	1,611	1,847	92	115	1,997	1,847	92
Old .....	31	32	37	119	116	31	37	119
Total .....	2,028	1,643	1,884	93	115	2,028	1,884	93
Ducks .....	112	100	100	89	100	112	100	89
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	14,731	12,944	13,949	95	108	14,731	13,949	95
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.21	0.19	0.21	100	111	0.21	0.21	100
Mature .....	1.33	1.28	1.24	93	97	1.33	1.24	93
Light .....	0.67	0.73	0.81	121	111	0.67	0.81	121
Heavy .....	1.44	1.40	1.32	92	94	1.44	1.32	92
Total .....	0.23	0.21	0.22	96	105	0.23	0.22	96
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.39	0.34	0.37	95	109	0.39	0.37	95
Old .....	0.63	0.58	0.82	130	141	0.63	0.82	130
Total .....	0.39	0.34	0.38	97	112	0.39	0.38	97
Ducks .....	0.71	0.72	0.73	103	101	0.71	0.73	103
Total <sup>1</sup> .....	0.24	0.22	0.24	100	109	0.24	0.24	100

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

<sup>2</sup> 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 2025	December 2025	January 2026	January 2026 as % of		January to January		2026 as percent of 2025
				January 2025	December 2025	2025	2026	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Carcass and parts</b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	19,832	18,341	18,356	93	100	19,832	18,356	93
Mature .....	1,645	1,327	1,554	94	117	1,645	1,554	94
Light .....	355	423	466	131	110	355	466	131
Heavy .....	1,290	904	1,088	84	120	1,290	1,088	84
Total .....	21,477	19,668	19,910	93	101	21,477	19,910	93
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	6,413	5,981	5,855	91	98	6,413	5,855	91
Old .....	177	163	247	140	152	177	247	140
Total .....	6,590	6,144	6,102	93	99	6,590	6,102	93
Ducks .....	208	177	140	67	79	208	140	67
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	4	3	2	50	67	4	2	50
Total .....	28,279	25,992	26,154	92	101	28,279	26,154	92
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.48	0.45	0.45	94	100	0.48	0.45	94
Mature .....	3.31	3.18	3.14	95	99	3.31	3.14	95
Light .....	6.21	7.41	8.46	136	114	6.21	8.39	135
Heavy .....	2.93	2.51	2.48	85	99	2.93	2.48	85
Total .....	0.51	0.47	0.49	96	104	0.51	0.49	96
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.53	1.54	1.46	95	95	1.53	1.46	95
Old .....	4.49	3.77	6.87	153	182	4.49	6.87	153
Total .....	1.56	1.57	1.51	97	96	1.56	1.51	97
Ducks .....	1.76	1.69	1.35	77	80	1.76	1.35	77
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	3.25	2.75	1.85	57	67	3.25	1.85	57
Total .....	0.61	0.57	0.58	95	102	0.61	0.58	95

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

## Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause and Type – United States: December 2025 and January 2026

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	174	146	34,234	30,917
Mature .....	-	-	11	3	70,640	76,255
Light .....	-	-	11	3	65,146	69,403
Heavy .....	-	-	-	-	5,494	6,852
Total .....	-	-	185	149	104,874	107,172
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	1	2	3,810	3,089
Old .....	-	-	-	-	1,053	1,311
Total .....	-	-	1	2	4,863	4,400
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	55,020	51,156	854	693	361	273
Mature .....	2,634	3,129	7	4	13,862	19,656
Light .....	2,633	3,121	7	4	13,849	19,619
Heavy .....	1	8	-	-	13	37
Total .....	57,654	54,285	861	697	14,223	19,929
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	1,057	1,554	45	15	16	25
Old .....	1,045	1,033	18	51	386	474
Total .....	2,102	2,587	63	66	402	499
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	1,917	1,853	754	1,088	23,672	19,553
Mature .....	4,745	3,781	105	137	18,295	18,801
Light .....	4,732	3,778	103	135	18,284	18,799
Heavy .....	13	3	2	2	11	2
Total .....	6,662	5,634	859	1,225	41,967	38,354
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	104	57	185	224	487	349
Old .....	25	25	11	10	151	330
Total .....	129	82	196	234	638	679
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Unknown <sup>2</sup>	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	1,287	967	59,084	53,745	2,132,213	2,253,994
Mature .....	85	221	31,459	35,239	49,236	61,268
Light .....	85	217	31,448	35,229	-	-
Heavy .....	-	4	11	10	49,236	61,268
Total .....	1,372	1,188	90,543	88,984	2,181,449	2,315,262
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	11	26	2,715	2,509	77,860	70,437
Old .....	16	23	108	75	147	113
Total .....	27	49	2,823	2,584	78,007	70,550

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 2025 and January 2026

[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 .....	100,961	98,987	561,367	542,800	5.56	5.48
Arkansas .....	87,420	84,777	643,124	629,619	7.36	7.43
Delaware .....	32,908	34,239	255,440	260,712	7.76	7.61
Georgia .....	113,513	108,231	706,218	681,161	6.22	6.29
Illinois .....	57	59	357	376	6.32	6.41
Iowa .....	772	646	4,197	3,379	5.44	5.23
Kentucky .....	24,537	24,495	168,471	165,154	6.87	6.74
Louisiana .....	16,222	13,877	112,746	91,979	6.95	6.63
Maryland .....	12,404	12,074	76,950	76,215	6.20	6.31
Mississippi .....	61,783	62,117	410,607	434,615	6.65	7.00
Missouri .....	27,521	27,566	151,975	153,911	5.52	5.58
New Jersey .....	264	214	1,365	1,130	5.18	5.29
New York .....	3,406	3,183	17,393	16,603	5.11	5.22
North Carolina .....	80,916	78,701	674,248	661,444	8.33	8.40
Ohio .....	11,362	11,840	53,848	57,096	4.74	4.82
Oklahoma .....	8,873	8,432	71,171	67,056	8.02	7.95
Pennsylvania .....	16,917	14,645	94,648	82,950	5.59	5.66
South Carolina .....	23,640	23,719	170,317	180,715	7.20	7.62
Tennessee .....	33,422	32,724	205,565	205,990	6.15	6.29
Texas .....	64,282	59,077	444,932	410,723	6.92	6.95
Vermont .....	56	40	369	263	6.61	6.64
Virginia .....	27,178	28,073	170,669	179,845	6.28	6.41
United States .....	817,884	799,080	5,399,048	5,323,899	6.60	6.66

## Young Chickens Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2025 and January 2026

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

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	431,934	416,945	1,401	1,349	0.32	0.32
Arkansas .....	490,461	479,180	1,625	1,704	0.33	0.35
Delaware .....	204,352	208,480	1,175	1,237	0.57	0.59
Georgia .....	536,036	516,850	2,584	2,510	0.48	0.48
Illinois .....	266	280	-	-	(X)	(X)
Iowa .....	3,029	2,443	89	85	2.85	3.37
Kentucky .....	127,382	124,589	717	679	0.56	0.54
Louisiana .....	81,823	67,067	889	615	1.07	0.91
Maryland .....	57,413	57,171	640	615	1.10	1.06
Mississippi .....	301,967	316,762	737	848	0.24	0.27
Missouri .....	110,138	112,110	234	291	0.21	0.26
New Jersey .....	1,003	833	24	17	2.30	2.00
New York .....	10,936	10,464	106	76	0.96	0.72
North Carolina .....	518,297	513,019	1,268	1,121	0.24	0.22
Ohio .....	40,421	42,521	179	227	0.44	0.53
Oklahoma .....	53,616	50,486	244	301	0.45	0.59
Pennsylvania .....	66,718	58,819	1,260	1,148	1.85	1.91
South Carolina .....	127,952	135,714	942	896	0.73	0.66
Tennessee .....	151,740	152,105	565	417	0.37	0.27
Texas .....	338,254	315,346	723	695	0.21	0.22
Vermont .....	278	198	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia .....	130,222	137,358	241	266	0.18	0.19
United States .....	4,084,860	4,032,707	18,341	18,356	0.45	0.45

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

## Young Chickens Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: December 2025 and January 2026

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	-	-	-	-	384	46
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	-	-	-	-	2,016	3,238
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	-	-	-	11	230	271
Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	-	-	174	146	34,234	30,917
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	178	40	7	5	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	2,026	5,002	-	2	122	84
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina .....	1	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	29	10	-	3	10	8
Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	55,020	51,156	854	693	361	273
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	2	4	-	-	75	11
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	65	69	17	33	396	365
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	58	21	11	44	42	23
Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	1,917	1,853	754	1,088	23,672	19,553
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Unknown <sup>2</sup>	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	199,446	201,743
Arkansas .....	1	-	83	8	139,214	146,903
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	117,422	132,713
Georgia .....	147	42	6,455	6,016	243,167	227,234
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	1	113,517	137,029
North Carolina .....	-	-	-	1	154,433	90,186
Texas .....	2	3	1,166	259	59,945	56,644
Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	188,122	275,739
United States .....	1,287	967	59,084	53,745	2,132,213	2,253,994

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Birds condemned with no cause given by federal inspectors and establishment sorters.

## Young Turkeys Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: December 2026 and January 2026

[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)
California .....	30	(Z)	766	(Z)	25.33	33.36
Illinois .....	1	1	42	18	28.75	27.43
Indiana .....	1,729	1,657	73,091	75,554	42.28	45.60
Iowa .....	916	1,128	41,614	54,012	45.44	47.87
Michigan .....	295	334	12,470	15,320	42.32	45.82
Minnesota .....	3,026	2,897	92,013	90,258	30.41	31.15
North Carolina .....	1,768	2,273	71,982	76,191	40.72	33.52
Ohio .....	516	539	23,243	25,645	45.05	47.60
Pennsylvania .....	648	552	19,204	17,532	29.62	31.79
South Carolina .....	511	560	23,632	23,042	46.26	41.13
Vermont .....	10	(Z)	326	2	33.12	33.32
Wisconsin .....	(Z)	(Z)	1	1	24.94	17.56
United States .....	14,457	14,900	479,175	496,630	33.14	33.33

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

## Young Turkeys Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2025 and January 2026

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

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California .....	609	(X)	4	-	0.63	(X)
Illinois .....	31	13	-	-	(X)	(X)
Indiana .....	59,328	61,392	961	837	1.59	1.35
Iowa .....	32,666	42,427	485	595	1.46	1.38
Michigan .....	9,664	11,873	144	213	1.46	1.76
Minnesota .....	73,530	72,207	818	888	1.10	1.21
North Carolina .....	56,366	59,811	327	336	0.58	0.56
Ohio .....	18,402	20,500	285	403	1.52	1.93
Pennsylvania .....	15,110	13,727	637	465	4.04	3.27
South Carolina .....	17,742	17,076	560	542	3.06	3.08
Vermont .....	257	1	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	1	1	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	381,474	395,260	5,981	5,855	1.54	1.46

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> 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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