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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 7 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during January 2008 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.82 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the amount certified in January 2007. The December 2007 revised certified total at 3.41 billion pounds, was up 6 percent from December 2006. The December revision represented an increase of 17.9 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during January 2008 was 5.14 billion pounds, up 7 percent from 4.82 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.36 billion pounds, up 6 percent from January 2007. Mature chickens, at 73.3 million pounds, were up 15 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 688 million pounds, up 12 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.6 million pounds, down 13 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during January 2008 averaged 5.56 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from January 2007. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.66 pounds per bird, down 4 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during January 2008 averaged 30.4 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from January 2007.

Ante-mortem condemnations during January 2008 totaled 19.8 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.39 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.36 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 50.9 million pounds, were 1.31 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.33 percent a year earlier.

January 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays, while January 2007 had 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

### *Special Note*

Due to a policy change, beginning with this month's *Poultry Slaughter* report, voluntary poultry data will no longer be incorporated into the "Other Poultry" totals.

**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,  
United States, January, 2007-2008<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jan 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Pct of		January to Date		Pct of 2007
				Jan 2007	Dec 2007	2007	2008	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pct</i>
Number Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	750,576	702,172	784,314	104	112	750,576	784,314	104
Mature	10,821	10,756	12,969	120	121	10,821	12,969	120
Light	4,688	5,339	6,332	135	119	4,688	6,332	135
Heavy	6,133	5,417	6,637	108	123	6,133	6,637	108
Total	761,397	712,928	797,283	105	112	761,397	797,283	105
Turkeys								
Young	20,564	19,806	22,545	110	114	20,564	22,545	110
Old	194	196	118	61	60	194	118	61
Total	20,758	20,002	22,663	109	113	20,758	22,663	109
Ducks	2,498	2,206	2,155	86	98	2,498	2,155	86
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pct</i>
Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,125,796	3,927,040	4,364,584	106	111	4,125,796	4,364,584	106
Mature	63,740	60,871	73,346	115	120	63,740	73,346	115
Light	15,380	17,580	20,599	134	117	15,380	20,599	134
Heavy	48,360	43,291	52,747	109	122	48,360	52,747	109
Total	4,189,536	3,987,911	4,437,930	106	111	4,189,536	4,437,930	106
Turkeys								
Young	608,662	574,643	685,095	113	119	608,662	685,095	113
Old	5,183	5,338	3,051	59	57	5,183	3,051	59
Total	613,845	579,981	688,146	112	119	613,845	688,146	112
Ducks	16,869	15,034	14,599	87	97	16,869	14,599	87
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	206	211	186	90	88	206	186	90
Total Poultry	4,820,456	4,583,137	5,140,861	107	112	4,820,456	5,140,861	107
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pct</i>
Avg Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.50	5.59	5.56	101	99	5.50	5.56	101
Mature	5.89	5.66	5.66	96	100	5.89	5.66	96
Light	3.28	3.29	3.25	99	99	3.28	3.25	99
Heavy	7.89	7.99	7.95	101	99	7.89	7.95	101
Total	5.50	5.59	5.57	101	100	5.50	5.57	101
Turkeys								
Young	29.60	29.01	30.39	103	105	29.60	30.39	103
Old	26.72	27.23	25.86	97	95	26.72	25.86	97
Total	29.57	29.00	30.36	103	105	29.57	30.36	103
Ducks	6.75	6.82	6.77	100	99	6.75	6.77	100

<sup>1</sup> Federally inspected only.

<sup>2</sup> Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, and squab.

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, January, 2007-2008<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jan 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Pct of		January to Date		Pct of 2007
				Jan 2007	Dec 2007	2007	2008	
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pct</i>
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,755,081	2,623,674	2,929,044	106	112	2,755,081	2,929,044	106
Mature	39,311	37,249	44,469	113	119	39,311	44,469	113
Light	7,840	8,496	9,991	127	118	7,840	9,991	127
Heavy	31,471	28,753	34,478	110	120	31,471	34,478	110
Total	2,794,392	2,660,923	2,973,513	106	112	2,794,392	2,973,513	106
Turkeys								
Young	271,820	263,716	307,653	113	117	271,820	307,653	113
Old	3,431	3,136	1,896	55	60	3,431	1,896	55
Total	275,251	266,852	309,549	112	116	275,251	309,549	112
Ducks	5,698	5,386	4,968	87	92	5,698	4,968	87
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	86	95	90	105	95	86	90	105
Total Poultry	3,075,427	2,933,256	3,288,120	107	112	3,075,427	3,288,120	107
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	274,369	275,132	293,101	107	107	274,369	293,101	107
Mature	195	1,028	1,268	650	123	195	1,268	650
Light		962	931		97		931	
Heavy	195	66	337	173	511	195	337	173
Total	274,564	276,160	294,369	107	107	274,564	294,369	107
Turkeys								
Young	209,027	193,620	235,988	113	122	209,027	235,988	113
Old	476	897	365	77	41	476	365	77
Total	209,503	194,517	236,353	113	122	209,503	236,353	113
Ducks	6,323	5,386	5,487	87	102	6,323	5,487	87
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	25	48	35	140	73	25	35	140
Total Poultry	490,415	476,111	536,244	109	113	490,415	536,244	109
Chilled and Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,029,450	2,898,806	3,222,145	106	111	3,029,450	3,222,145	106
Mature	39,506	38,277	45,737	116	119	39,506	45,737	116
Light	7,840	9,458	10,922	139	115	7,840	10,922	139
Heavy	31,666	28,819	34,815	110	121	31,666	34,815	110
Total	3,068,956	2,937,083	3,267,882	106	111	3,068,956	3,267,882	106
Turkeys								
Young	480,847	457,336	543,641	113	119	480,847	543,641	113
Old	3,907	4,033	2,261	58	56	3,907	2,261	58
Total	484,754	461,369	545,902	113	118	484,754	545,902	113
Ducks	12,021	10,772	10,455	87	97	12,021	10,455	87
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	111	143	125	113	87	111	125	113
Total Poultry	3,565,842	3,409,367	3,824,364	107	112	3,565,842	3,824,364	107

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

<sup>2</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,  
United States, January, 2007-2008 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jan 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2007
				Jan 2007	Dec 2007	2007	2008	
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	14,366	12,651	16,214	113	128	14,366	16,214	113
Mature	863	952	1,444	167	152	863	1,444	167
Light	272	296	395	145	133	272	395	145
Heavy	591	656	1,049	177	160	591	1,049	177
Total	15,229	13,603	17,658	116	130	15,229	17,658	116
Turkeys								
Young	1,944	1,522	2,104	108	138	1,944	2,104	108
Old	104	68	50	48	74	104	50	48
Total	2,048	1,590	2,154	105	135	2,048	2,154	105
Ducks	36	32	30	83	94	36	30	83
Other Poultry		1						
Total Poultry	17,313	15,226	19,842	115	130	17,313	19,842	115
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Percent of Live Weight Condemned <sup>2</sup>								
Chickens								
Young	0.35	0.32	0.37	106	116	0.35	0.37	106
Mature	1.35	1.56	1.97	146	126	1.35	1.97	146
Light	1.77	1.68	1.92	108	114	1.77	1.92	108
Heavy	1.22	1.52	1.99	163	131	1.22	1.99	163
Total	0.36	0.34	0.40	111	118	0.36	0.40	111
Turkeys								
Young	0.32	0.26	0.31	97	119	0.32	0.31	97
Old	2.01	1.27	1.64	82	129	2.01	1.64	82
Total	0.33	0.27	0.31	94	115	0.33	0.31	94
Ducks	0.21	0.21	0.21	100	100	0.21	0.21	100
Other Poultry		0.47						
Total Poultry	0.36	0.33	0.39	108	118	0.36	0.39	108

<sup>1</sup> Federally inspected only.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

**Poultry Slaughter: Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type,  
United States, January, 2007-2008<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jan 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2007
				Jan 2007	Dec 2007	2007	2008	
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Carcass and Parts								
Chickens								
Young	35,544	30,948	37,650	106	122	35,544	37,650	106
Mature	2,887	2,756	3,394	118	123	2,887	3,394	118
Light	1,187	1,061	1,249	105	118	1,187	1,249	105
Heavy	1,700	1,695	2,145	126	127	1,700	2,145	126
Total	38,431	33,704	41,044	107	122	38,431	41,044	107
Turkeys								
Young	8,802	7,564	9,377	107	124	8,802	9,377	107
Old	323	269	176	54	65	323	176	54
Total	9,125	7,833	9,553	105	122	9,125	9,553	105
Ducks	393	280	286	73	102	393	286	73
Other Poultry	2	2	2	100	100	2	2	100
Total Poultry	47,951	41,819	50,885	106	122	47,951	50,885	106
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Percent of Weight Condemned <sup>2</sup>								
Chickens								
Young	1.16	1.06	1.15	100	109	1.16	1.15	100
Mature	6.81	6.72	6.91	101	103	6.81	6.91	101
Light	13.15	10.09	10.26	78	102	13.15	10.26	78
Heavy	5.10	5.55	5.80	114	104	5.10	5.80	114
Total	1.24	1.13	1.24	100	109	1.24	1.24	100
Turkeys								
Young	1.80	1.63	1.70	94	104	1.80	1.70	94
Old	7.64	6.25	7.22	95	115	7.64	7.22	95
Total	1.85	1.67	1.72	93	103	1.85	1.72	93
Ducks	3.17	2.53	2.66	84	105	3.17	2.66	84
Other Poultry	1.77	1.38	1.57	89	114	1.77	1.57	89
Total Poultry	1.33	1.21	1.31	99	108	1.33	1.31	99

<sup>1</sup> Federally inspected only.

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,  
United States, December 2007-January 2008**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young			4,498	6,181	1,000,293	1,182,670
Mature			1,749	1,937	182,094	193,414
Light			1,573	1,791	150,021	155,104
Heavy			176	146	32,073	38,310
Total			6,247	8,118	1,182,387	1,376,084
Turkeys						
Young			42	33	63,089	79,871
Old					3,480	1,967
Total			42	33	66,569	81,838
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	529,292	970,567	4,070	4,099	58,859	72,889
Mature	27,979	35,820	230	386	62,773	88,811
Light	24,540	32,514	162	198	57,008	82,111
Heavy	3,439	3,306	68	188	5,765	6,700
Total	557,271	1,006,387	4,300	4,485	121,632	161,700
Turkeys						
Young	9,402	10,748	2,519	4,536	245	201
Old	458	235	9	25	114	93
Total	9,860	10,983	2,528	4,561	359	294
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	19,722	22,024	119,724	144,550	148,541	149,442
Mature	14,509	12,423	4,575	5,573	89,962	105,717
Light	14,072	11,804	2,119	2,355	81,079	91,718
Heavy	437	619	2,456	3,218	8,883	13,999
Total	34,231	34,447	124,299	150,123	238,503	255,159
Turkeys						
Young	397	475	2,371	3,245	3,357	3,589
Old	10	4	55	9	62	24
Total	407	479	2,426	3,254	3,419	3,613
Commodity	Overscald		Other		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	44,972	48,523	871,830	1,070,459	2,801,801	3,671,404
Mature	473	570	123,500	146,203	507,844	590,854
Light	375	470	62,135	64,719	393,084	442,784
Heavy	98	100	61,365	81,484	114,760	148,070
Total	45,445	49,093	995,330	1,216,662	3,309,645	4,262,258
Turkeys						
Young	1,120	2,063	16,598	19,361	99,140	124,122
Old	10	7	1,887	1,557	6,085	3,921
Total	1,130	2,070	18,485	20,918	105,225	128,043

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,  
by State and United States, December 2007-January 2008**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AL	85,584	93,906	475,459	520,661	5.56	5.54
AR	87,017	97,813	471,507	529,275	5.42	5.41
DE	24,134	26,952	163,290	180,311	6.77	6.69
GA	103,145	116,135	543,737	611,525	5.27	5.27
KY	22,982	25,164	123,471	132,705	5.37	5.27
LA	15,557	17,854	91,950	104,419	5.91	5.85
MD	12,185	12,824	58,251	61,464	4.78	4.79
MS	61,510	67,442	349,328	380,655	5.68	5.64
MO	31,266	35,499	148,073	168,412	4.74	4.74
NY	1,598	1,716	8,425	9,107	5.27	5.31
NC	57,768	64,012	406,623	446,165	7.04	6.97
OH	3,707	4,503	21,236	26,183	5.73	5.81
PA	9,612	11,185	56,439	64,182	5.87	5.74
SC	24,748	26,123	161,153	171,269	6.51	6.56
TN	20,820	24,532	107,138	126,075	5.15	5.14
TX	51,038	57,768	270,264	310,854	5.30	5.38
VA	24,768	27,508	130,931	143,322	5.29	5.21
Oth Sts	64,733	73,378	339,765	378,000	5.25	5.15
US	702,172	784,314	3,927,040	4,364,584	5.59	5.56

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations  
by State and United States, December 2007-January 2008**

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
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	350,629	383,592	3,488	4,062	0.98	1.05
AR	342,544	382,941	3,944	4,496	1.14	1.16
DE	117,338	129,392	1,909	2,277	1.60	1.73
GA	404,637	455,237	3,500	5,385	0.86	1.17
KY	89,972	95,662	966	1,048	1.06	1.08
LA	67,799	76,796	396	483	0.58	0.63
MD	42,534	43,561	625	869	1.45	1.96
MS	262,703	286,461	2,332	2,909	0.88	1.01
MO	108,138	123,629	1,235	1,471	1.13	1.18
NY	5,059	5,489	146	167	2.80	2.95
NC	309,750	341,282	4,209	5,075	1.34	1.47
OH	15,524	19,321	313	358	1.98	1.82
PA	38,530	44,012	759	810	1.93	1.81
SC	119,265	128,314	1,013	1,182	0.84	0.91
TN	77,261	90,957	712	917	0.91	1.00
TX	205,888	238,787	1,735	2,023	0.84	0.84
VA	92,063	100,079	668	774	0.72	0.77
Oth Sts	249,172	276,633	2,998	3,344	1.19	1.19
US	2,898,806	3,222,145	30,948	37,650	1.06	1.15

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

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

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,  
by State and United States, December 2007-January 2008**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL			*	*	77,147	90,216
AR			600	455	146,428	155,593
DE			*	*	83,168	100,691
GA			323	310	78,333	106,299
KY			*	*	34,866	41,387
LA			*	*	11,513	13,948
MD			155	*	32,005	40,908
MS			*	130	31,092	45,721
MO			283	*	76,850	88,027
NY			169	*	5,774	*
NC			344	305	92,584	107,437
OH			*	*	6,559	7,531
PA			37	*	20,858	27,468
SC			*	*	7,409	9,525
TN			*	105	35,730	45,290
TX			52	46	44,205	50,302
VA			*	*	24,330	30,831
Oth Sts			2,535	4,830	191,442	221,496
US			4,498	6,181	1,000,293	1,182,670
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	64,172	107,116	417	426	*	*
AR	37,456	45,391	1,568	1,429	1,956	2,320
DE	44,208	57,109	75	*	*	*
GA	92,835	306,997	145	231	8,556	9,332
KY	*	40,771	*	*	*	*
LA	3,436	4,437	*	*	227	278
MD	34,329	*	57	*	*	*
MS	21,702	56,760	*	117	875	1,152
MO	16,078	17,811	269	*	1,416	1,682
NY	*	*	79	123	223	*
NC	68,799	133,965	*	229	9,151	11,249
OH	2,026	*	*	22	102	*
PA	13,988	13,532	*	53	236	287
SC	12,025	11,737	16	17	*	*
TN	15,986	26,386	55	*	688	800
TX	14,765	21,129	*	83	973	1,142
VA	12,874	20,162	*	8	*	*
Oth Sts	74,613	107,264	1,389	1,361	34,456	44,647
US	529,292	970,567	4,070	4,099	58,859	72,889

\* Included in "Other States" to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,  
by State and United States, December 2007-January 2008**

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	1,842	1,856	8,336	10,353	12,070	12,424
AR	4,103	4,135	13,967	15,742	25,294	20,903
DE	1,137	1,470	4,204	5,196	6,069	7,141
GA	1,536	1,928	26,288	34,717	11,909	14,839
KY	143	147	3,674	4,922	4,060	4,205
LA	*	*	2,138	2,809	914	*
MD	1,111	1,280	3,213	2,567	*	*
MS	1,102	*	3,290	4,487	3,314	4,788
MO	1,063	967	4,050	4,950	9,859	10,244
NY	1,206	1,248	*	*	3,112	3,587
NC	1,678	2,095	23,362	24,859	15,721	11,838
OH	*	*	*	*	274	330
PA	639	819	1,589	1,680	2,358	2,972
SC	751	*	1,520	*	*	1,577
TN	594	766	1,429	2,208	2,140	2,513
TX	483	621	5,623	5,500	4,776	6,170
VA	787	800	2,025	2,989	2,729	3,574
Oth Sts	1,547	3,892	15,016	21,571	43,942	42,337
US	19,722	22,024	119,724	144,550	148,541	149,442

  

State	Overscald		Other		Total <sup>1</sup>	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	8,879	14,321	130,683	136,388	307,947	378,077
AR	3,120	2,396	87,233	99,561	321,725	347,925
DE	*	2,413	*	45,483	196,156	235,973
GA	4,155	4,591	74,289	101,305	298,369	580,549
KY	323	125	*	*	111,163	131,205
LA	*	125	*	*	33,201	41,626
MD	511	686	*	*	*	*
MS	1,103	*	47,442	64,087	110,257	179,938
MO	343	276	73,342	113,160	183,553	237,614
NY	184	210	*	10,401	28,959	31,393
NC	*	7,140	80,605	134,255	303,059	433,372
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	71,126	79,566
SC	1,307	1,182	49,151	50,472	75,812	78,548
TN	*	*	2,812	5,129	60,346	84,349
TX	*	1,956	35,011	37,222	107,679	124,171
VA	559	898	19,081	23,018	65,909	86,960
Oth Sts	24,488	12,204	272,181	249,978	526,540	620,138
US	44,972	48,523	871,830	1,070,459	2,801,801	3,671,404

\* Included in "Other States" to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> The sum of the individual diseases does not add to total for "Other States."

**Young Turkeys Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, by State and United States, December 2007-January 2008**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AR	2,735	2,999	53,214	59,079	19.46	19.70
MN	2,853	3,233	79,001	92,679	27.69	28.66
MO	1,259	1,548	39,920	51,177	31.71	33.07
Oth Sts	12,959	14,765	402,508	482,160	31.06	32.66
US	19,806	22,545	574,643	685,095	29.01	30.39

**Young Turkeys Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, by State and United States, December 2007-January 2008**

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
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	44,374	50,007	628	668	1.40	1.32
MN	62,890	73,922	1,447	1,519	2.25	2.01
MO	31,534	40,215	649	897	2.02	2.18
Oth Sts	318,538	379,497	4,840	6,293	1.50	1.63
US	457,336	543,641	7,564	9,377	1.63	1.70

<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 condemned prior to their entry into the slaughter plant.

**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.

**Ducks** - Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

**Fryer-Roaster Turkeys** - Young immature birds, usually under 16 weeks of age. Included with young turkeys.

**Mature Chickens** - Fowl from breeder and market egg flocks and stags and cocks.

**Old Turkeys** - Fully matured birds held for egg production, usually over 15 months of age.

**Post-Mortem Condemnations** - Carcasses or parts condemned by the inspector because of disease or mishandling and removed from the slaughter line and destroyed.

**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, about 5 months.

## Reliability of Poultry Slaughter Estimates

**Data Sources:** Data for poultry slaughter estimates are collected by inspectors of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA for all Federally Inspected (FI) plants. Over 99 percent of the total U.S. slaughter for any species is under FI. 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 305 plants slaughtered poultry in the U.S. under Federal Inspection in 2006. Young chickens were slaughtered in 35 States, young turkeys in 26 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 year's 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 1 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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Poultry slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants and, therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors are minimized through strict quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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