



Poultry Slaughter

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

Poultry certified wholesome during September 2009 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.58 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the amount certified in September 2008. The August 2009 revised certified total at 3.53 billion pounds, was down 3 percent from August 2008. The August revision represented an increase of 5.49 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during September 2009 was 4.77 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 4.98 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.10 billion pounds, down 3 percent from September 2008. Mature chickens, at 67.8 million pounds, were down 12 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 587 million pounds, down 9 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.1 million pounds, down 6 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during September 2009 averaged 5.62 pounds per bird, unchanged from September 2008. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.71 pounds per bird, down 4 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during September 2009 averaged 28.6 pounds per bird, up slightly from September 2008.

Ante-mortem condemnations during September 2009 totaled 10.9 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.23 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.28 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.9 million pounds, were 0.97 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.08 percent a year earlier.

September 2009 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays, while September 2008 had 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, September, 2008-2009¹**

Commodity	Sep 2008	Aug 2009	Sep 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Sep 2008	Aug 2009	2008	2009	
	<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	753,911	726,297	729,195	97	100	6,794,477	6,435,697	95
Mature	12,959	12,244	11,868	92	97	118,175	106,208	90
Light	5,204	5,482	5,471	105	100	53,865	48,558	90
Heavy	7,755	6,762	6,397	82	95	64,310	57,650	90
Total	766,870	738,541	741,063	97	100	6,912,652	6,541,905	95
Turkeys								
Young	22,468	20,404	20,280	90	99	200,462	181,068	90
Old	233	132	209	90	158	1,614	1,412	87
Total	22,701	20,536	20,489	90	100	202,076	182,480	90
Ducks	2,081	1,844	1,930	93	105	18,086	16,907	93
	<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	4,237,925	4,036,100	4,098,217	97	102	37,855,905	35,802,399	95
Mature	76,883	70,727	67,781	88	96	685,093	610,811	89
Light	16,744	17,900	17,669	106	99	175,874	157,519	90
Heavy	60,139	52,827	50,112	83	95	509,219	453,292	89
Total	4,314,808	4,106,827	4,165,998	97	101	38,540,998	36,413,210	94
Turkeys								
Young	641,947	576,310	581,586	91	101	5,829,562	5,260,817	90
Old	5,950	3,474	5,185	87	149	42,564	37,300	88
Total	647,897	579,784	586,771	91	101	5,872,126	5,298,117	90
Ducks	14,006	12,404	13,115	94	106	121,112	114,159	94
Other Poultry ²	987	184	1,191	121	647	2,485	2,506	101
Total Poultry	4,977,698	4,699,199	4,767,075	96	101	44,536,721	41,827,992	94
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pct</i>
Average Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.62	5.56	5.62	100	101	5.57	5.56	100
Mature	5.93	5.78	5.71	96	99	5.80	5.75	99
Light	3.22	3.27	3.23	100	99	3.27	3.24	99
Heavy	7.75	7.81	7.83	101	100	7.92	7.86	99
Total	5.63	5.56	5.62	100	101	5.58	5.57	100
Turkeys								
Young	28.57	28.24	28.68	100	102	29.08	29.05	100
Old	25.54	26.32	24.81	97	94	26.37	26.42	100
Total	28.54	28.23	28.64	100	101	29.06	29.03	100
Ducks	6.73	6.73	6.80	101	101	6.70	6.75	101

¹ Federally inspected only.

² Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, and squab.

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, September, 2008-2009¹**

Commodity	Sep 2008	Aug 2009	Sep 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Sep 2008	Aug 2009	2008	2009	
	<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	2,855,423	2,739,681	2,784,246	98	102	25,388,536	24,236,411	95
Mature	48,666	44,622	42,727	88	96	420,972	380,481	90
Light	8,562	9,572	9,463	111	99	86,521	81,838	95
Heavy	40,104	35,050	33,264	83	95	334,451	298,643	89
Total	2,904,089	2,784,303	2,826,973	97	102	25,809,508	24,616,892	95
Turkeys								
Young	307,703	280,486	283,994	92	101	2,720,635	2,591,919	95
Old	2,555	2,607	3,979	156	153	23,805	25,095	105
Total	310,258	283,093	287,973	93	102	2,744,440	2,617,014	95
Ducks	3,627	3,259	3,244	89	100	35,654	28,055	79
Other Poultry ²	100	87	83	83	95	818	695	85
Total Poultry	3,218,074	3,070,742	3,118,273	97	102	28,590,420	27,262,656	95
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	294,253	272,395	279,478	95	103	2,652,925	2,445,360	92
Mature	291	216	392	135	181	9,298	2,647	28
Light						6,199	113	2
Heavy	291	216	392	135	181	3,099	2,534	82
Total	294,544	272,611	279,870	95	103	2,662,223	2,448,007	92
Turkeys								
Young	203,155	180,204	179,842	89	100	1,912,078	1,601,400	84
Old	1,978	68	70	4	103	8,227	3,501	43
Total	205,133	180,272	179,912	88	100	1,920,305	1,604,901	84
Ducks	6,442	5,592	6,201	96	111	51,456	53,423	104
Other Poultry ²	468	31	608	130	1,961	693	845	122
Total Poultry	506,587	458,506	466,591	92	102	4,634,677	4,107,176	89
Chilled and Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,149,676	3,012,076	3,063,724	97	102	28,041,461	26,681,771	95
Mature	48,957	44,838	43,119	88	96	430,270	383,128	89
Light	8,562	9,572	9,463	111	99	92,720	81,951	88
Heavy	40,395	35,266	33,656	83	95	337,550	301,177	89
Total	3,198,633	3,056,914	3,106,843	97	102	28,471,731	27,064,899	95
Turkeys								
Young	510,858	460,690	463,836	91	101	4,632,713	4,193,319	91
Old	4,533	2,675	4,049	89	151	32,032	28,596	89
Total	515,391	463,365	467,885	91	101	4,664,745	4,221,915	91
Ducks	10,069	8,851	9,445	94	107	87,110	81,478	94
Other Poultry ²	568	118	691	122	586	1,511	1,540	102
Total Poultry	3,724,661	3,529,248	3,584,864	96	102	33,225,097	31,369,832	94

¹Ready-to-cook weights.

²Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, September, 2008-2009 ¹**

Commodity	Sep 2008	Aug 2009	Sep 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Sep 2008	Aug 2009	2008	2009	
	<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	11,120	9,569	8,658	78	90	121,564	89,493	74
Mature	1,049	1,270	956	91	75	11,883	10,219	86
Light	254	288	248	98	86	3,610	2,292	63
Heavy	795	982	708	89	72	8,273	7,927	96
Total	12,169	10,839	9,614	79	89	133,447	99,712	75
Turkeys								
Young	1,449	1,361	1,200	83	88	15,410	13,176	86
Old	57	32	26	46	81	492	360	73
Total	1,506	1,393	1,226	81	88	15,902	13,536	85
Ducks	54	55	51	94	93	328	387	118
Other Poultry	5		3	60		7	3	43
Total Poultry	13,734	12,287	10,894	79	89	149,684	113,638	76
	<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 ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.26	0.24	0.21	81	88	0.32	0.25	78
Mature	1.36	1.80	1.41	104	78	1.73	1.67	97
Light	1.52	1.61	1.40	92	87	2.05	1.46	71
Heavy	1.32	1.86	1.41	107	76	1.62	1.75	108
Total	0.28	0.26	0.23	82	88	0.35	0.27	77
Turkeys								
Young	0.23	0.24	0.21	91	88	0.26	0.25	96
Old	0.96	0.92	0.50	52	54	1.16	0.97	84
Total	0.23	0.24	0.21	91	88	0.27	0.26	96
Ducks	0.39	0.44	0.39	100	89	0.27	0.34	126
Other Poultry	0.51		0.25	49		0.28	0.12	43
Total Poultry	0.28	0.26	0.23	82	88	0.34	0.27	79

¹ Federally inspected only.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

**Poultry Slaughter: Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, September, 2008-2009¹**

Commodity	Sep 2008	Aug 2009	Sep 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Sep 2008	Aug 2009	2008	2009	
	<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	28,325	24,279	24,468	86	101	293,396	240,773	82
Mature	3,607	3,160	3,296	91	104	30,982	28,582	92
Light	1,251	1,201	1,288	103	107	10,953	10,844	99
Heavy	2,356	1,959	2,008	85	103	20,029	17,738	89
Total	31,932	27,439	27,764	87	101	324,378	269,355	83
Turkeys								
Young	8,145	6,761	6,786	83	100	76,220	64,950	85
Old	258	108	152	59	141	2,233	1,354	61
Total	8,403	6,869	6,938	83	101	78,453	66,304	85
Ducks	307	279	231	75	83	2,365	2,340	99
Other Poultry	5	1	4	80	400	17	18	106
Total Poultry	40,647	34,588	34,937	86	101	405,213	338,017	83
	<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 ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.89	0.80	0.79	89	99	1.04	0.89	86
Mature	6.86	6.58	7.10	103	108	6.72	6.94	103
Light	12.75	11.15	11.98	94	107	10.56	11.69	111
Heavy	5.51	5.26	5.63	102	107	5.60	5.56	99
Total	0.99	0.89	0.89	90	100	1.13	0.99	88
Turkeys								
Young	1.57	1.45	1.44	92	99	1.62	1.53	94
Old	5.39	3.88	3.62	67	93	6.52	4.52	69
Total	1.60	1.46	1.46	91	100	1.65	1.55	94
Ducks	2.96	3.06	2.39	81	78	2.64	2.79	106
Other Poultry	0.87	0.84	0.58	67	69	1.11	1.16	105
Total Poultry	1.08	0.97	0.97	90	100	1.20	1.07	89

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
United States, August 2009-September 2009**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young			4,552	4,570	753,275	723,687
Mature			1,099	1,081	163,257	178,867
Light			975	924	136,502	150,395
Heavy			124	157	26,755	28,472
Total			5,651	5,651	916,532	902,554
Turkeys						
Young			48	42	31,611	32,244
Old					1,428	1,743
Total			48	42	33,039	33,987
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	220,197	215,828	8,321	7,936	45,383	45,163
Mature	12,613	16,891	301	680	52,167	60,749
Light	10,022	13,834	185	496	46,119	54,220
Heavy	2,591	3,057	116	184	6,048	6,529
Total	232,810	232,719	8,622	8,616	97,550	105,912
Turkeys						
Young	4,103	4,614	1,721	1,644	60	138
Old	178	328	6		82	55
Total	4,281	4,942	1,727	1,644	142	193
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	12,164	12,058	63,424	61,824	96,312	95,030
Mature	10,954	15,134	3,753	6,898	101,969	105,018
Light	10,500	14,217	2,442	5,693	93,217	95,592
Heavy	454	917	1,311	1,205	8,752	9,426
Total	23,118	27,192	67,177	68,722	198,281	200,048
Turkeys						
Young	398	297	1,565	1,175	2,162	1,997
Old	2	3	26	19	52	44
Total	400	300	1,591	1,194	2,214	2,041
Commodity	Overscald		Other		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	41,790	35,551	655,641	743,215	1,901,059	1,944,862
Mature	2,950	1,567	170,102	174,192	519,165	561,077
Light	234	353	69,267	77,795	369,463	413,519
Heavy	2,716	1,214	100,835	96,397	149,702	147,558
Total	44,740	37,118	825,743	917,407	2,420,224	2,505,939
Turkeys						
Young	458	473	11,120	12,592	53,246	55,216
Old	46		175	265	1,995	2,457
Total	504	473	11,295	12,857	55,241	57,673

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
by State and United States, August 2009-September 2009**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<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	91,010	91,259	501,992	503,625	5.52	5.52
AK						
AZ						
AR	82,117	80,529	448,107	454,953	5.46	5.65
CA	23,799	21,911	134,831	121,528	5.67	5.55
CO						
CT						
DE	25,162	25,905	172,783	179,886	6.87	6.94
FL	3,168	3,091	18,784	18,727	5.93	6.06
GA	101,773	103,091	533,717	547,313	5.24	5.31
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	4,678	4,644	20,793	20,545	4.44	4.42
IA						
KS						
KY	26,401	26,069	141,330	141,206	5.35	5.42
LA	14,351	15,651	85,334	93,812	5.95	5.99
ME						
MD	11,203	11,732	53,462	57,325	4.77	4.89
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	62,713	63,220	362,718	368,535	5.78	5.83
MO	34,454	35,640	160,262	167,577	4.65	4.70
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	461	486	2,026	2,161	4.39	4.44
NM						
NY	1,901	2,014	9,648	10,242	5.07	5.08
NC	59,219	58,507	411,378	407,411	6.95	6.96
ND						
OH	4,530	4,759	27,469	29,001	6.06	6.09
OK						
OR						
PA	9,409	10,468	52,755	59,184	5.61	5.65
RI						
SC	24,774	24,741	154,315	159,930	6.23	6.46
SD						
TN	24,019	24,527	118,151	123,209	4.92	5.02
TX	59,955	57,963	321,092	314,945	5.36	5.43
UT						
VT						
VA	26,849	28,015	134,349	140,592	5.00	5.02
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	726,297	729,195	4,036,100	4,098,217	5.56	5.62

¹ States with no data printed are included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations or no active slaughter facility exists in the State.

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by State and United States, August 2009-September 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<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	376,009	379,067	2,522	2,465	0.67	0.65
AK						
AZ						
AR	325,745	328,904	2,840	2,979	0.86	0.90
CA	99,428	89,652	1,071	862	1.07	0.95
CO						
CT						
DE	124,540	129,562	1,501	1,694	1.19	1.29
FL	13,216	13,017	119	103	0.89	0.78
GA	402,458	414,848	2,425	2,575	0.60	0.62
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	15,158	15,008	124	155	0.81	1.02
IA						
KS						
KY	101,834	102,460	583	686	0.57	0.66
LA	63,805	69,878	316	372	0.49	0.53
ME						
MD	39,192	42,170	332	344	0.84	0.81
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	276,905	283,794	2,036	2,060	0.73	0.72
MO	118,210	123,371	1,040	1,073	0.87	0.86
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	1,291	1,367	37	40	2.82	2.81
NM						
NY	5,868	6,238	390	367	6.23	5.56
NC	317,718	313,748	3,268	3,070	1.02	0.97
ND						
OH	20,258	21,424	294	305	1.43	1.40
OK						
OR						
PA	36,686	41,245	567	705	1.52	1.68
RI						
SC	115,946	120,400	858	865	0.73	0.71
SD						
TN	85,699	89,494	588	607	0.68	0.67
TX	250,291	246,387	1,694	1,521	0.67	0.61
UT						
VT						
VA	94,355	99,871	561	518	0.59	0.52
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	3,012,076	3,063,724	24,279	24,468	0.80	0.79

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

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**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
by State and United States, August 2009-September 2009**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL			109	112	55,303	54,028
AR			541	428	93,253	86,035
DE			630	657	44,716	49,279
GA			81	55	52,457	51,888
MS			182	271	27,780	30,367
MO			252	247	64,364	61,101
NC			683	484	82,111	75,836
TX			75	68	43,299	41,796
VA			125	85	18,887	17,963
US ¹			4,552	4,570	753,275	723,687
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	35,497	31,431	446	303	3,593	3,996
AR	13,455	16,221	5,009	4,213	1,670	1,755
DE	11,982	14,649	39	55	5,991	6,519
GA	43,621	36,104	233	442	9,692	9,769
MS	7,463	9,193	182	178	409	371
MO	10,796	8,392	188	179	1,506	1,516
NC	18,413	18,218	388	438	8,926	8,121
TX	8,310	8,886	104	238	704	736
VA	7,769	6,540	37	87	2,553	2,690
US ¹	220,197	215,828	8,321	7,936	45,383	45,163
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	1,257	1,340	4,703	5,145	6,997	8,072
AR	1,362	1,259	5,838	6,119	10,240	8,815
DE	1,149	999	2,599	2,602	4,651	4,092
GA	1,055	1,113	10,920	11,549	5,937	5,823
MS	836	989	1,789	1,954	3,005	3,084
MO	380	354	1,763	2,292	6,417	6,026
NC	1,137	1,129	7,760	8,155	7,693	8,407
TX	477	465	4,871	4,231	5,022	5,576
VA	538	516	1,538	1,419	2,902	2,663
US ¹	12,164	12,058	63,424	61,824	96,312	95,030
State	Overscald		Other		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	6,622	6,287	87,673	87,040	202,200	197,754
AR	1,641	2,293	119,848	141,842	252,857	268,980
DE	915	1,253	34,322	42,005	106,994	122,110
GA	2,630	3,292	37,450	44,748	164,076	164,783
MS	273	457	42,912	44,558	84,831	91,422
MO	285	1,068	39,128	45,154	125,079	126,329
NC	9,921	10,253	51,369	53,028	188,401	184,069
TX	1,389	1,189	33,491	29,047	97,742	92,232
VA	3,793	1,888	20,490	24,216	58,632	58,067
US ¹	41,790	35,551	655,641	743,215	1,901,059	1,944,862

¹ Published States do not add to US total to avoid disclosure.

**Young Turkeys Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average
Live Weight, by State and United States, August 2009-September 2009**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<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						
AK						
AZ						
AR	2,524	2,463	49,265	49,491	19.52	20.10
CA	1,160	1,191	31,007	32,303	26.73	27.13
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	1,464	1,456	51,587	51,978	35.23	35.70
IA	922	968	34,804	37,334	37.75	38.56
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	3,841	3,926	93,141	95,713	24.25	24.38
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	2,697	2,573	81,045	77,016	30.05	29.94
ND						
OH	391	409	16,704	17,456	42.77	42.65
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	380	333	15,794	13,663	41.56	41.02
TN						
TX						
UT	300	357	6,695	9,274	22.30	26.00
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	20,404	20,280	576,310	581,586	28.24	28.68

¹ States with no data printed are included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations or no active slaughter facility exists in the State.

**Young Turkeys Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem
Condemnations, by State and United States, August 2009-September 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<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						
AK						
AZ						
AR	41,721	41,389	490	418	1.16	1.00
CA	25,297	26,489	273	277	1.07	1.03
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	41,535	41,687	699	708	1.65	1.67
IA	27,299	29,272	525	515	1.89	1.73
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	74,575	76,785	1,244	1,292	1.64	1.66
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	64,261	60,488	561	569	0.86	0.93
ND						
OH	13,253	13,846	312	287	2.30	2.03
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	12,808	11,066	119	119	0.92	1.07
TN						
TX						
UT	5,503	7,700	68	61	1.23	0.79
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	460,690	463,836	6,761	6,786	1.45	1.44

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

³ States with no data printed are included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations or no active slaughter facility exists in the State.

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.

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 and other turkeys such as fryers/roasters and young breeders.

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 320 plants slaughtered poultry in the U.S. under Federal Inspection in 2008. Young chickens were slaughtered in 34 States, young turkeys in 26 States.

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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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