

Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 7 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during October 2009 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.63 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the amount certified in October 2008. The September 2009 revised certified total at 3.59 billion pounds, was down 4 percent from September 2008. The September revision represented an increase of 829 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during October 2009 was 4.82 billion pounds, down 8 percent from 5.23 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.10 billion pounds, down 7 percent from October 2008. Mature chickens, at 69.7 million pounds, were down 13 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 635 million pounds, down 13 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.0 million pounds, down 7 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during October 2009 averaged 5.67 pounds per bird, up slightly from October 2008. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.84 pounds per bird, unchanged from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during October 2009 averaged 28.4 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from October 2008.

Ante-mortem condemnations during October 2009 totaled 10.8 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.26 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.7 million pounds, were 0.95 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.07 percent a year earlier.

October 2009 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays, while October 2008 had 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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

Commodity	Oct 2008	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Oct 2008	Sep 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	778,276	729,420	723,391	93	99	7,572,753	7,159,313	95
Mature	13,771	11,868	11,929	87	101	131,946	118,137	90
Light	5,852	5,471	5,077	87	93	59,717	53,635	90
Heavy	7,919	6,397	6,852	87	107	72,229	64,502	89
Total	792,047	741,288	735,320	93	99	7,704,699	7,277,450	94
Turkeys								
Young	25,149	20,280	22,196	88	109	225,611	203,264	90
Old	190	209	169	89	81	1,804	1,581	88
Total	25,339	20,489	22,365	88	109	227,415	204,845	90
Ducks	2,073	1,930	1,911	92	99	20,159	18,818	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	4,398,796	4,099,418	4,098,612	93	100	42,254,701	39,902,212	94
Mature	80,479	67,781	69,693	87	103	765,572	680,504	89
Light	19,008	17,669	16,429	86	93	194,882	173,948	89
Heavy	61,471	50,112	53,264	87	106	570,690	506,556	89
Total	4,479,275	4,167,199	4,168,305	93	100	43,020,273	40,582,716	94
Turkeys								
Young	725,609	581,586	631,090	87	109	6,555,171	5,891,907	90
Old	5,347	5,185	4,317	81	83	47,911	41,617	87
Total	730,956	586,771	635,407	87	108	6,603,082	5,933,524	90
Ducks	13,999	13,115	13,035	93	99	135,111	127,194	94
Other Poultry ²	1,078	1,191	1,331	123	112	3,563	3,837	108
Total Poultry	5,225,308	4,768,276	4,818,078	92	101	49,762,029	46,647,271	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	5.65	5.62	5.67	100	101	5.58	5.57	100
Mature	5.84	5.71	5.84	100	102	5.80	5.76	99
Light	3.25	3.23	3.24	100	100	3.26	3.24	99
Heavy	7.76	7.83	7.77	100	99	7.90	7.85	99
Total	5.66	5.62	5.67	100	101	5.58	5.58	100
Turkeys								
Young	28.85	28.68	28.43	99	99	29.06	28.99	100
Old	28.14	24.81	25.54	91	103	26.56	26.32	99
Total	28.85	28.64	28.41	98	99	29.04	28.97	100
Ducks	6.75	6.80	6.82	101	100	6.70	6.76	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, October, 2008-2009¹**

Commodity	Oct 2008	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Oct 2008	Sep 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	2,961,674	2,785,075	2,793,041	94	100	28,350,210	27,030,281	95
Mature	50,221	42,727	44,171	88	103	471,193	424,652	90
Light	9,652	9,463	8,948	93	95	96,173	90,786	94
Heavy	40,569	33,264	35,223	87	106	375,020	333,866	89
Total	3,011,895	2,827,802	2,837,212	94	100	28,821,403	27,454,933	95
Turkeys								
Young	363,463	283,994	328,184	90	116	3,084,098	2,920,103	95
Old	2,464	3,979	3,284	133	83	26,269	28,379	108
Total	365,927	287,973	331,468	91	115	3,110,367	2,948,482	95
Ducks	3,637	3,244	3,403	94	105	39,291	31,458	80
Other Poultry ²	91	83	93	102	112	909	788	87
Total Poultry	3,381,550	3,119,102	3,172,176	94	102	31,971,970	30,435,661	95
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	308,948	279,478	271,213	88	97	2,961,873	2,716,573	92
Mature	368	392	416	113	106	9,666	3,063	32
Light			102			6,199	215	3
Heavy	368	392	314	85	80	3,467	2,848	82
Total	309,316	279,870	271,629	88	97	2,971,539	2,719,636	92
Turkeys								
Young	213,999	179,842	175,687	82	98	2,126,077	1,777,087	84
Old	1,631	70	59	4	84	9,858	3,560	36
Total	215,630	179,912	175,746	82	98	2,135,935	1,780,647	83
Ducks	6,418	6,201	5,937	93	96	57,874	59,360	103
Other Poultry ²	518	608	695	134	114	1,211	1,540	127
Total Poultry	531,882	466,591	454,007	85	97	5,166,559	4,561,183	88
Chilled and Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,270,622	3,064,553	3,064,254	94	100	31,312,083	29,746,854	95
Mature	50,589	43,119	44,587	88	103	480,859	427,715	89
Light	9,652	9,463	9,050	94	96	102,372	91,001	89
Heavy	40,937	33,656	35,537	87	106	378,487	336,714	89
Total	3,321,211	3,107,672	3,108,841	94	100	31,792,942	30,174,569	95
Turkeys								
Young	577,462	463,836	503,871	87	109	5,210,175	4,697,190	90
Old	4,095	4,049	3,343	82	83	36,127	31,939	88
Total	581,557	467,885	507,214	87	108	5,246,302	4,729,129	90
Ducks	10,055	9,445	9,340	93	99	97,165	90,818	93
Other Poultry ²	609	691	788	129	114	2,120	2,328	110
Total Poultry	3,913,432	3,585,693	3,626,183	93	101	37,138,529	34,996,844	94

¹Ready-to-cook weights.

²Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, October, 2008-2009¹**

Commodity	Oct 2008	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Oct 2008	Sep 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	11,344	8,660	8,652	76	100	132,908	98,147	74
Mature	885	956	831	94	87	12,768	11,050	87
Light	137	248	135	99	54	3,747	2,427	65
Heavy	748	708	696	93	98	9,021	8,623	96
Total	12,229	9,616	9,483	78	99	145,676	109,197	75
Turkeys								
Young	1,478	1,200	1,235	84	103	16,888	14,411	85
Old	37	26	26	70	100	529	386	73
Total	1,515	1,226	1,261	83	103	17,417	14,797	85
Ducks	44	51	34	77	67	372	421	113
Other Poultry	5	3	2	40	67	12	5	42
Total Poultry	13,793	10,896	10,780	78	99	163,477	124,420	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	0.21	0.21	81	100	0.31	0.25	81
Mature	1.10	1.41	1.19	108	84	1.67	1.62	97
Light	0.72	1.40	0.82	114	59	1.92	1.40	73
Heavy	1.22	1.41	1.31	107	93	1.58	1.70	108
Total	0.27	0.23	0.23	85	100	0.34	0.27	79
Turkeys								
Young	0.20	0.21	0.20	100	95	0.26	0.24	92
Old	0.69	0.50	0.60	87	120	1.10	0.93	85
Total	0.21	0.21	0.20	95	95	0.26	0.25	96
Ducks	0.31	0.39	0.26	84	67	0.28	0.33	118
Other Poultry	0.46	0.25	0.15	33	60	0.34	0.13	38
Total Poultry	0.26	0.23	0.22	85	96	0.33	0.27	82

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

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

Commodity	Oct 2008	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Oct 2008	Sep 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	29,354	24,477	24,282	83	99	322,750	265,064	82
Mature	3,636	3,296	3,131	86	95	34,618	31,713	92
Light	1,252	1,288	1,082	86	84	12,205	11,926	98
Heavy	2,384	2,008	2,049	86	102	22,413	19,787	88
Total	32,990	27,773	27,413	83	99	357,368	296,777	83
Turkeys								
Young	8,782	6,786	6,965	79	103	85,002	71,915	85
Old	195	152	153	78	101	2,428	1,507	62
Total	8,977	6,938	7,118	79	103	87,430	73,422	84
Ducks	311	231	212	68	92	2,676	2,552	95
Other Poultry	4	4	5	125	125	21	23	110
Total Poultry	42,282	34,946	34,748	82	99	447,495	372,774	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	0.79	0.79	89	100	1.02	0.88	86
Mature	6.71	7.10	6.56	98	92	6.72	6.90	103
Light	11.48	11.98	10.68	93	89	10.65	11.59	109
Heavy	5.50	5.63	5.45	99	97	5.59	5.55	99
Total	0.98	0.89	0.87	89	98	1.11	0.97	87
Turkeys								
Young	1.50	1.44	1.36	91	94	1.61	1.51	94
Old	4.55	3.62	4.38	96	121	6.30	4.51	72
Total	1.52	1.46	1.38	91	95	1.64	1.53	93
Ducks	3.00	2.39	2.22	74	93	2.68	2.73	102
Other Poultry	0.65	0.58	0.63	97	109	0.98	0.98	100
Total Poultry	1.07	0.97	0.95	89	98	1.19	1.05	88

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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, September 2009-October 2009**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young			4,570	3,414	723,765	717,434
Mature			1,081	1,122	178,867	197,597
Light			924	985	150,395	162,717
Heavy			157	137	28,472	34,880
Total			5,651	4,536	902,632	915,031
Turkeys						
Young			42	33	32,244	40,987
Old					1,743	1,879
Total			42	34	33,987	42,866
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	215,839	245,368	7,936	6,759	45,165	44,425
Mature	16,891	12,044	680	390	60,749	43,692
Light	13,834	8,679	496	147	54,220	35,687
Heavy	3,057	3,365	184	243	6,529	8,005
Total	232,730	257,412	8,616	7,149	105,914	88,117
Turkeys						
Young	4,614	4,292	1,644	2,046	138	147
Old	328	373			55	41
Total	4,942	4,665	1,644	2,046	193	188
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	12,058	11,544	61,838	62,682	95,036	87,942
Mature	15,134	10,626	6,910	4,534	105,018	91,347
Light	14,217	9,310	5,705	3,328	95,592	76,384
Heavy	917	1,316	1,205	1,206	9,426	14,963
Total	27,192	22,170	68,748	67,216	200,054	179,289
Turkeys						
Young	297	297	1,175	1,457	1,997	2,733
Old	3	9	19	10	44	116
Total	300	306	1,194	1,467	2,041	2,849
Commodity	Overscald		Other		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	35,551	15,383	750,499	646,832	1,952,257	1,841,783
Mature	1,567	2,920	174,192	153,559	561,089	517,831
Light	353	450	77,795	53,175	413,531	350,862
Heavy	1,214	2,470	96,397	100,384	147,558	166,969
Total	37,118	18,303	924,691	800,391	2,513,346	2,359,614
Turkeys						
Young	473	407	12,592	12,866	55,216	65,265
Old		11	265	277	2,457	2,717
Total	473	418	12,857	13,143	57,673	67,982

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	91,259	88,725	503,625	495,891	5.52	5.59
AK						
AZ						
AR	80,529	80,862	454,953	461,140	5.65	5.70
CA	21,911	21,007	121,528	115,921	5.55	5.52
CO						
CT						
DE	25,905	25,399	179,886	177,027	6.94	6.97
FL	3,091	3,077	18,727	18,117	6.06	5.89
GA	103,091	102,446	547,313	539,524	5.31	5.27
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	4,644	4,669	20,545	20,568	4.42	4.41
IA						
KS						
KY	26,069	26,184	141,206	142,539	5.42	5.44
LA	15,651	15,805	93,812	95,620	5.99	6.05
ME						
MD	11,732	11,778	57,325	57,291	4.89	4.86
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	63,220	61,980	368,535	368,678	5.83	5.95
MO	35,640	33,299	167,577	156,532	4.70	4.70
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	486	353	2,161	1,609	4.44	4.56
NM						
NY	2,014	1,826	10,242	9,373	5.08	5.13
NC	58,507	60,163	407,411	427,837	6.96	7.11
ND						
OH	4,759	4,815	29,001	29,450	6.09	6.12
OK						
OR						
PA	10,468	10,450	59,184	60,354	5.65	5.78
RI						
SC	24,741	24,973	159,930	160,758	6.46	6.44
SD						
TN	24,527	24,184	123,209	122,103	5.02	5.05
TX	58,188	60,012	316,146	328,199	5.43	5.47
UT						
VT						
VA	28,015	27,792	140,592	139,746	5.02	5.03
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	729,420	723,391	4,099,418	4,098,612	5.62	5.67

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, September 2009-October 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	379,067	374,366	2,465	2,491	0.65	0.66
AK						
AZ						
AR	328,904	331,926	2,979	3,080	0.90	0.92
CA	89,652	85,822	862	844	0.95	0.97
CO						
CT						
DE	129,562	127,478	1,694	1,548	1.29	1.20
FL	13,017	12,599	103	92	0.78	0.73
GA	414,848	409,227	2,575	2,609	0.62	0.63
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	15,008	15,027	155	157	1.02	1.04
IA						
KS						
KY	102,460	103,067	686	509	0.66	0.49
LA	69,878	71,029	372	411	0.53	0.58
ME						
MD	42,170	41,833	344	382	0.81	0.91
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	283,794	280,810	2,060	2,105	0.72	0.74
MO	123,371	115,280	1,073	978	0.86	0.84
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	1,367	1,015	40	27	2.81	2.56
NM						
NY	6,238	5,854	367	131	5.56	2.19
NC	313,748	332,277	3,070	3,212	0.97	0.96
ND						
OH	21,424	21,692	305	389	1.40	1.76
OK						
OR						
PA	41,245	42,308	705	678	1.68	1.58
RI						
SC	120,400	120,990	865	898	0.71	0.74
SD						
TN	89,494	88,762	607	565	0.67	0.63
TX	247,216	256,439	1,530	1,603	0.62	0.62
UT						
VT						
VA	99,871	99,199	518	517	0.52	0.52
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	3,064,553	3,064,254	24,477	24,282	0.79	0.79

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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, September 2009-October 2009**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL			112	154	54,028	53,092
AR			428	372	86,035	88,604
DE			657	334	49,279	46,712
GA			55	116	51,888	51,659
MS			271	185	30,367	30,678
MO			247	296	61,101	58,861
NC			484	513	75,836	80,961
TX			68	100	41,874	47,658
VA			85	74	17,963	17,206
US ¹			4,570	3,414	723,765	717,434
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	31,431	34,145	303	340	3,996	3,828
AR	16,221	20,358	4,213	3,393	1,755	1,848
DE	14,649	15,484	55	63	6,519	6,438
GA	36,104	43,178	442	226	9,769	8,633
MS	9,193	9,941	178	166	371	352
MO	8,392	7,966	179	160	1,516	1,561
NC	18,218	20,900	438	618	8,121	7,101
TX	8,897	12,552	238	182	738	695
VA	6,540	8,556	87	18	2,690	2,443
US ¹	215,839	245,368	7,936	6,759	45,165	44,425
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	1,340	1,279	5,145	4,844	8,072	7,955
AR	1,259	1,143	6,119	6,632	8,815	7,678
DE	999	879	2,602	2,434	4,092	4,078
GA	1,113	848	11,549	12,486	5,823	5,805
MS	989	830	1,954	2,178	3,084	2,973
MO	354	356	2,292	1,999	6,026	4,971
NC	1,129	1,036	8,155	9,082	8,407	9,008
TX	465	455	4,245	4,437	5,582	4,431
VA	516	577	1,419	1,222	2,663	3,165
US ¹	12,058	11,544	61,838	62,682	95,036	87,942
State	Overscald		Other		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	6,287	4,437	87,040	93,783	197,754	203,857
AR	2,293	608	141,842	121,224	268,980	251,860
DE	1,253	500	42,005	16,352	122,110	93,274
GA	3,292	828	44,738	49,598	164,773	173,377
MS	457	381	44,558	47,796	91,422	95,480
MO	1,068	243	45,154	36,316	126,329	112,729
NC	10,253	3,755	53,028	56,301	184,069	189,275
TX	1,189	603	29,274	28,343	92,570	99,456
VA	1,888	800	24,216	24,410	58,067	58,471
US ¹	35,551	15,383	750,499	646,832	1,952,257	1,841,783

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, September 2009-October 2009**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	2,463	2,745	49,491	53,773	20.10	19.59
CA	1,191	2,052	32,303	52,979	27.13	25.82
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	1,456	1,499	51,978	53,011	35.70	35.37
IA	968	992	37,334	37,276	38.56	37.56
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	3,926	3,727	95,713	92,786	24.38	24.89
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	2,573	2,568	77,016	78,240	29.94	30.47
ND						
OH	409	442	17,456	19,055	42.65	43.14
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	333	362	13,663	15,528	41.02	42.88
TN						
TX						
UT	357	322	9,274	6,737	26.00	20.89
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	20,280	22,196	581,586	631,090	28.68	28.43

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, September 2009-October 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	41,389	45,444	418	304	1.00	0.66
CA	26,489	42,532	277	458	1.03	1.07
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	41,687	42,814	708	711	1.67	1.63
IA	29,272	29,150	515	488	1.73	1.65
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	76,785	74,246	1,292	1,260	1.66	1.67
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	60,488	61,591	569	548	0.93	0.88
ND						
OH	13,846	15,131	287	281	2.03	1.82
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	11,066	12,588	119	122	1.07	0.96
TN						
TX						
UT	7,700	5,578	61	40	0.79	0.71
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	463,836	503,871	6,786	6,965	1.44	1.36

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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