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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during November 2009 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.29 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in November 2008. The October 2009 revised certified total at 3.63 billion pounds, was down 7 percent from October 2008. The October revision represented an increase of 3.15 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during November 2009 was 4.36 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 4.29 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.70 billion pounds, up 3 percent from November 2008. Mature chickens, at 53.7 million pounds, were down 13 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 597 million pounds, down 6 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 12.6 million pounds, up 5 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during November 2009 averaged 5.67 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from November 2008. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.75 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during November 2009 averaged 27.7 pounds per bird, down slightly from November 2008.

Ante-mortem condemnations during November 2009 totaled 9.46 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.27 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 32.2 million pounds, were 0.97 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.11 percent a year earlier.

November 2009 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays, while November 2008 had 20 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,  
United States, November, 2008-2009<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Nov 2008	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Nov 2008	Oct 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>
<b>Number Slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young	638,666	724,043	652,403	102	90	8,211,419	7,812,368	95
Mature	10,574	11,929	9,339	88	78	142,520	127,476	89
Light	4,439	5,077	4,186	94	82	64,156	57,821	90
Heavy	6,135	6,852	5,153	84	75	78,364	69,655	89
Total	649,240	735,972	661,742	102	90	8,353,939	7,939,844	95
Turkeys								
Young	22,802	22,213	21,471	94	97	248,413	224,752	90
Old	125	169	97	78	57	1,929	1,678	87
Total	22,927	22,382	21,568	94	96	250,342	226,430	90
Ducks	1,794	1,911	1,848	103	97	21,953	20,666	94
	<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>
<b>Live Weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young	3,582,424	4,102,002	3,697,860	103	90	45,837,125	43,603,462	95
Mature	61,577	69,693	53,696	87	77	827,149	734,200	89
Light	14,428	16,429	13,552	94	82	209,310	187,500	90
Heavy	47,149	53,264	40,144	85	75	617,839	546,700	88
Total	3,644,001	4,171,695	3,751,556	103	90	46,664,274	44,337,662	95
Turkeys								
Young	633,770	631,792	594,884	94	94	7,188,941	6,487,493	90
Old	3,315	4,317	2,575	78	60	51,226	44,192	86
Total	637,085	636,109	597,459	94	94	7,240,167	6,531,685	90
Ducks	12,026	13,035	12,599	105	97	147,137	139,793	95
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	483	1,331	559	116	42	4,046	4,396	109
Total Poultry	4,293,595	4,822,170	4,362,173	102	90	54,055,624	51,013,536	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>
<b>Average Live Weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young	5.61	5.67	5.67	101	100	5.58	5.58	100
Mature	5.82	5.84	5.75	99	98	5.80	5.76	99
Light	3.25	3.24	3.24	100	100	3.26	3.24	99
Heavy	7.69	7.77	7.79	101	100	7.88	7.85	100
Total	5.61	5.67	5.67	101	100	5.59	5.58	100
Turkeys								
Young	27.79	28.44	27.71	100	97	28.94	28.87	100
Old	26.52	25.54	26.55	100	104	26.56	26.34	99
Total	27.79	28.42	27.70	100	97	28.92	28.85	100
Ducks	6.70	6.82	6.82	102	100	6.70	6.76	101

<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, November, 2008-2009<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Nov 2008	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Nov 2008	Oct 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>
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young	2,407,609	2,794,687	2,514,948	104	90	30,757,819	29,546,875	96
Mature	38,426	44,171	33,875	88	77	509,619	458,527	90
Light	7,245	8,948	7,466	103	83	103,418	98,252	95
Heavy	31,181	35,223	26,409	85	75	406,201	360,275	89
Total	2,446,035	2,838,858	2,548,823	104	90	31,267,438	30,005,402	96
Turkeys								
Young	326,229	328,728	310,978	95	95	3,410,327	3,231,625	95
Old	1,845	3,284	1,942	105	59	28,114	30,321	108
Total	328,074	332,012	312,920	95	94	3,438,441	3,261,946	95
Ducks	3,177	3,403	3,337	105	98	42,468	34,795	82
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	79	93	79	100	85	988	867	88
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>2,777,365</b>	<b>3,174,366</b>	<b>2,865,159</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>34,749,335</b>	<b>33,303,010</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young	255,080	272,174	253,599	99	93	3,216,953	2,971,133	92
Mature	173	416	188	109	45	9,839	3,251	33
Light		102				6,199	215	3
Heavy	173	314	188	109	60	3,640	3,036	83
Total	255,253	272,590	253,787	99	93	3,226,792	2,974,384	92
Turkeys								
Young	179,549	175,687	163,486	91	93	2,305,626	1,940,573	84
Old	697	59	41	6	69	10,555	3,601	34
Total	180,246	175,746	163,527	91	93	2,316,181	1,944,174	84
Ducks	5,424	5,937	5,725	106	96	63,298	65,085	103
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	203	695	259	128	37	1,414	1,799	127
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>441,126</b>	<b>454,968</b>	<b>423,298</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>5,607,685</b>	<b>4,985,442</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Chilled and Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young	2,662,689	3,066,861	2,768,547	104	90	33,974,772	32,518,008	96
Mature	38,599	44,587	34,063	88	76	519,458	461,778	89
Light	7,245	9,050	7,466	103	82	109,617	98,467	90
Heavy	31,354	35,537	26,597	85	75	409,841	363,311	89
Total	2,701,288	3,111,448	2,802,610	104	90	34,494,230	32,979,786	96
Turkeys								
Young	505,778	504,415	474,464	94	94	5,715,953	5,172,198	90
Old	2,542	3,343	1,983	78	59	38,669	33,922	88
Total	508,320	507,758	476,447	94	94	5,754,622	5,206,120	90
Ducks	8,601	9,340	9,062	105	97	105,766	99,880	94
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	282	788	338	120	43	2,402	2,666	111
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>3,218,491</b>	<b>3,629,334</b>	<b>3,288,457</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>40,357,020</b>	<b>38,288,452</b>	<b>95</b>

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

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,  
United States, November, 2008-2009 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Nov 2008	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Nov 2008	Oct 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	9,398	8,660	7,587	81	88	142,306	105,742	74
Mature	746	831	661	89	80	13,514	11,711	87
Light	166	135	141	85	104	3,913	2,568	66
Heavy	580	696	520	90	75	9,601	9,143	95
Total	10,144	9,491	8,248	81	87	155,820	117,453	75
Turkeys								
Young	1,341	1,240	1,165	87	94	18,229	15,581	85
Old	34	26	21	62	81	563	407	72
Total	1,375	1,266	1,186	86	94	18,792	15,988	85
Ducks	45	34	30	67	88	417	451	108
Other Poultry	1	2				13	5	38
Total Poultry	11,565	10,793	9,464	82	88	175,042	133,897	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 <sup>2</sup>								
Chickens								
Young	0.26	0.21	0.21	81	100	0.31	0.24	77
Mature	1.21	1.19	1.23	102	103	1.63	1.60	98
Light	1.15	0.82	1.04	90	127	1.87	1.37	73
Heavy	1.23	1.31	1.30	106	99	1.55	1.67	108
Total	0.28	0.23	0.22	79	96	0.33	0.26	79
Turkeys								
Young	0.21	0.20	0.20	95	100	0.25	0.24	96
Old	1.03	0.60	0.82	80	137	1.10	0.92	84
Total	0.22	0.20	0.20	91	100	0.26	0.24	92
Ducks	0.37	0.26	0.24	65	92	0.28	0.32	114
Other Poultry	0.21	0.15				0.32	0.11	34
Total Poultry	0.27	0.22	0.22	81	100	0.32	0.26	81

<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, November, 2008-2009 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Nov 2008	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Nov 2008	Oct 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	25,376	24,298	22,771	90	94	348,126	287,851	83
Mature	2,953	3,131	2,375	80	76	37,571	34,088	91
Light	1,075	1,082	882	82	82	13,280	12,808	96
Heavy	1,878	2,049	1,493	79	73	24,291	21,280	88
Total	28,329	27,429	25,146	89	92	385,697	321,939	83
Turkeys								
Young	7,331	6,979	6,701	91	96	92,333	78,630	85
Old	118	153	103	87	67	2,546	1,610	63
Total	7,449	7,132	6,804	91	95	94,879	80,240	85
Ducks	294	212	203	69	96	2,970	2,755	93
Other Poultry	2	5	2	100	40	23	25	109
Total Poultry	36,074	34,778	32,155	89	92	483,569	404,959	84
	<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	0.94	0.79	0.82	87	104	1.01	0.88	87
Mature	7.11	6.56	6.52	92	99	6.74	6.87	102
Light	12.92	10.68	10.57	82	99	10.81	11.51	106
Heavy	5.65	5.45	5.32	94	98	5.60	5.53	99
Total	1.04	0.87	0.89	86	102	1.11	0.97	87
Turkeys								
Young	1.43	1.36	1.39	97	102	1.59	1.50	94
Old	4.44	4.38	4.94	111	113	6.18	4.53	73
Total	1.44	1.39	1.41	98	101	1.62	1.52	94
Ducks	3.31	2.22	2.19	66	99	2.73	2.68	98
Other Poultry	0.70	0.63	0.59	84	94	0.95	0.93	98
Total Poultry	1.11	0.95	0.97	87	102	1.18	1.05	89

<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, October 2009-November 2009**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young			3,421	3,603	717,982	649,913
Mature			1,122	943	197,597	140,885
Light			985	846	162,717	116,604
Heavy			137	97	34,880	24,281
Total			4,543	4,546	915,579	790,798
Turkeys						
Young			33	53	40,987	43,831
Old			1	8	1,879	1,006
Total			34	61	42,866	44,837
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	245,919	246,834	6,760	4,799	44,494	43,688
Mature	12,044	11,594	390	497	43,692	38,325
Light	8,679	8,911	147	188	35,687	32,912
Heavy	3,365	2,683	243	309	8,005	5,413
Total	257,963	258,428	7,150	5,296	88,186	82,013
Turkeys						
Young	4,292	4,777	2,046	2,158	147	133
Old	373	217		1	41	34
Total	4,665	4,994	2,046	2,159	188	167
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	11,549	10,696	62,737	57,523	87,999	83,674
Mature	10,626	8,794	4,534	1,969	91,347	80,286
Light	9,310	7,967	3,328	1,116	76,384	69,599
Heavy	1,316	827	1,206	853	14,963	10,687
Total	22,175	19,490	67,271	59,492	179,346	163,960
Turkeys						
Young	297	269	1,457	1,575	2,733	2,316
Old	9	3	10	6	116	42
Total	306	272	1,467	1,581	2,849	2,358
Commodity	Overscald		Other		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	15,385	13,293	647,123	646,661	1,843,369	1,760,684
Mature	2,920	1,138	153,569	122,666	517,841	407,097
Light	450	276	53,185	43,044	350,872	281,463
Heavy	2,470	862	100,384	79,622	166,969	125,634
Total	18,305	14,431	800,692	769,327	2,361,210	2,167,781
Turkeys						
Young	407	700	12,880	12,683	65,279	68,495
Old	11	4	277	313	2,717	1,634
Total	418	704	13,157	12,996	67,996	70,129

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<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	88,725	77,522	495,891	429,672	5.59	5.54
AK						
AZ						
AR	80,808	73,888	461,140	421,207	5.71	5.70
CA	21,007	18,019	115,921	99,516	5.52	5.52
CO						
CT						
DE	25,399	22,416	177,027	155,696	6.97	6.95
FL	3,077	2,742	18,117	15,663	5.89	5.71
GA	102,712	93,260	541,144	491,980	5.27	5.28
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	4,669	4,117	20,568	17,834	4.41	4.33
IA						
KS						
KY	26,184	23,296	142,539	124,467	5.44	5.34
LA	15,805	14,448	95,620	87,772	6.05	6.08
ME						
MD	11,778	10,301	57,291	50,336	4.86	4.89
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	61,980	57,475	368,678	344,575	5.95	6.00
MO	33,299	31,312	156,532	148,918	4.70	4.76
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	353	409	1,609	1,848	4.56	4.52
NM						
NY	1,826	1,877	9,373	9,570	5.13	5.10
NC	60,163	54,066	427,837	389,282	7.11	7.20
ND						
OH	4,815	4,322	29,450	26,433	6.12	6.12
OK						
OR						
PA	10,450	9,382	60,354	52,505	5.78	5.60
RI						
SC	25,295	23,709	162,061	155,169	6.41	6.54
SD						
TN	24,184	21,397	122,103	107,564	5.05	5.03
TX	60,130	53,153	328,668	291,819	5.47	5.49
UT						
VT						
VA	27,792	23,920	139,746	119,651	5.03	5.00
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US <sup>1</sup>	724,043	652,403	4,102,002	3,697,860	5.67	5.67

<sup>1</sup> 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, October 2009-November 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<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	374,366	324,635	2,491	2,375	0.66	0.73
AK						
AZ						
AR	331,926	305,931	3,080	2,722	0.92	0.88
CA	85,822	73,609	844	705	0.97	0.95
CO						
CT						
DE	127,478	112,205	1,548	1,325	1.20	1.17
FL	12,599	10,874	92	58	0.73	0.53
GA	410,492	372,007	2,617	2,395	0.63	0.64
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	15,027	13,015	157	145	1.04	1.10
IA						
KS						
KY	103,067	91,124	509	629	0.49	0.69
LA	71,029	65,050	411	341	0.58	0.52
ME						
MD	41,833	36,842	382	840	0.91	2.23
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	280,810	263,306	2,105	1,894	0.74	0.71
MO	115,280	109,775	978	1,017	0.84	0.92
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	1,015	1,160	27	36	2.56	3.01
NM						
NY	5,854	6,040	131	137	2.19	2.22
NC	332,277	302,808	3,212	2,996	0.96	0.98
ND						
OH	21,692	19,374	389	324	1.76	1.64
OK						
OR						
PA	42,308	36,733	678	522	1.58	1.40
RI						
SC	121,997	116,933	904	910	0.74	0.77
SD						
TN	88,762	77,979	565	539	0.63	0.69
TX	256,774	227,780	1,605	1,478	0.62	0.64
UT						
VT						
VA	99,199	84,737	517	403	0.52	0.47
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US <sup>3</sup>	3,066,861	2,768,547	24,298	22,771	0.79	0.82

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 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: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,  
by State and United States, October 2009-November 2009**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL			154	80	53,092	44,307
AR			372	324	88,604	82,196
DE			334	305	46,712	40,823
GA			116	62	51,746	48,953
MS			185	200	30,678	28,787
MO			296	269	58,861	58,260
NC			513	263	80,961	70,637
TX			106	100	47,894	45,434
VA			74	72	17,206	14,659
US <sup>1</sup>			3,421	3,603	717,982	649,913
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	34,145	28,917	340	267	3,828	4,588
AR	20,358	20,399	3,393	2,377	1,848	1,804
DE	15,484	16,177	63	106	6,438	6,715
GA	43,343	50,849	227	173	8,634	8,015
MS	9,941	8,796	166	127	352	362
MO	7,966	9,967	160	102	1,561	1,296
NC	20,900	20,394	618	412	7,101	6,831
TX	12,644	12,069	182	114	697	795
VA	8,556	6,761	18	24	2,443	2,329
US <sup>1</sup>	245,919	246,834	6,760	4,799	44,494	43,688
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	1,279	984	4,844	3,663	7,955	6,200
AR	1,143	1,086	6,632	6,113	7,678	7,005
DE	879	1,018	2,434	2,088	4,078	2,959
GA	850	751	12,504	10,482	5,806	6,370
MS	830	863	2,178	1,842	2,973	3,242
MO	356	352	1,999	1,793	4,971	5,718
NC	1,036	943	9,082	9,141	9,008	7,436
TX	458	378	4,442	4,491	4,449	2,764
VA	577	457	1,222	1,030	3,165	2,364
US <sup>1</sup>	11,549	10,696	62,737	57,523	87,999	83,674
State	Overscald		Other		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	4,437	1,668	93,783	86,507	203,857	177,181
AR	608	344	121,224	115,683	251,860	237,331
DE	500	205	16,352	29,011	93,274	99,407
GA	828	1,575	49,863	47,143	173,917	174,373
MS	381	409	47,796	48,743	95,480	93,371
MO	243	19	36,316	42,317	112,729	120,093
NC	3,755	5,725	56,301	47,334	189,275	169,116
TX	605	532	28,355	28,809	99,832	95,486
VA	800	580	24,410	18,907	58,471	47,183
US <sup>1</sup>	15,385	13,293	647,123	646,661	1,843,369	1,760,684

<sup>1</sup> 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, October 2009-November 2009**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<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	2,745	2,654	53,773	52,318	19.59	19.71
CA	2,052	2,106	52,979	51,473	25.82	24.44
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	1,499	1,295	53,011	45,945	35.37	35.49
IA	992	989	37,276	36,529	37.56	36.93
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	3,727	4,138	92,786	97,441	24.89	23.55
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	2,568	2,094	78,240	67,006	30.47	32.00
ND						
OH	442	469	19,055	18,156	43.14	38.72
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	362	363	15,528	15,473	42.88	42.65
TN						
TX						
UT	322	311	6,737	5,243	20.89	16.84
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US <sup>1</sup>	22,213	21,471	631,792	594,884	28.44	27.71

<sup>1</sup> 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, October 2009-November 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	October	November	Carcass and Parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
			October	November	October	November
	<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	45,444	43,232	304	296	0.66	0.68
CA	42,532	41,575	458	413	1.07	0.98
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	42,814	37,027	711	610	1.63	1.62
IA	29,150	28,712	488	546	1.65	1.87
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	74,246	78,050	1,260	1,388	1.67	1.75
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	61,591	52,668	548	478	0.88	0.90
ND						
OH	15,131	14,143	281	268	1.82	1.86
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	12,588	12,561	122	126	0.96	1.00
TN						
TX						
UT	5,578	4,310	40	38	0.71	0.88
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US <sup>3</sup>	504,415	474,464	6,979	6,701	1.36	1.39

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 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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