

# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 1 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during December 2009 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.45 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the amount certified in December 2008. The November 2009 revised certified total at 3.31 billion pounds, was up 3 percent from November 2008. The November revision represented an increase of 22.1 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during December 2009 was 4.60 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 4.64 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.95 billion pounds, up slightly from December 2008. Mature chickens, at 61.3 million pounds, were down 4 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 572 million pounds, down 8 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.4 million pounds, down 2 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during December 2009 averaged 5.65 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from December 2008. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.49 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during December 2009 averaged 29.6 pounds per bird, up slightly from December 2008.

Ante-mortem condemnations during December 2009 totaled 12.5 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.27 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.31 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.2 million pounds, were 0.98 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.17 percent a year earlier.

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

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

Commodity	Dec 2008	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Dec 2008	Nov 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	709,846	657,072	699,854	99	107	8,921,265	8,516,891	95
Mature	11,476	9,339	11,161	97	120	153,996	138,637	90
Light	5,527	4,186	5,755	104	137	69,683	63,576	91
Heavy	5,949	5,153	5,406	91	105	84,313	75,061	89
Total	721,322	666,411	711,015	99	107	9,075,261	8,655,528	95
Turkeys								
Young	20,732	21,491	19,177	92	89	269,145	243,949	91
Old	171	97	141	82	145	2,100	1,819	87
Total	20,903	21,588	19,318	92	89	271,245	245,768	91
Ducks	2,196	1,848	2,101	96	114	24,149	22,767	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>
Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	3,943,792	3,728,224	3,952,323	100	106	49,780,917	47,586,149	96
Mature	63,823	53,696	61,316	96	114	890,972	795,516	89
Light	17,807	13,552	18,881	106	139	227,117	206,381	91
Heavy	46,016	40,144	42,435	92	106	663,855	589,135	89
Total	4,007,615	3,781,920	4,013,639	100	106	50,671,889	48,381,665	95
Turkeys								
Young	613,756	595,993	568,231	93	95	7,802,697	7,056,833	90
Old	4,662	2,575	3,728	80	145	55,888	47,920	86
Total	618,418	598,568	571,959	92	96	7,858,585	7,104,753	90
Ducks	14,744	12,599	14,410	98	114	161,881	154,203	95
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	205	559	183	89	33	4,251	4,579	108
Total Poultry	4,640,982	4,393,646	4,600,191	99	105	58,696,606	55,645,200	95
	<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	5.56	5.67	5.65	102	100	5.58	5.59	100
Mature	5.56	5.75	5.49	99	95	5.79	5.74	99
Light	3.22	3.24	3.28	102	101	3.26	3.25	100
Heavy	7.74	7.79	7.85	101	101	7.87	7.85	100
Total	5.56	5.68	5.64	101	99	5.58	5.59	100
Turkeys								
Young	29.60	27.73	29.63	100	107	28.99	28.93	100
Old	27.26	26.55	26.44	97	100	26.61	26.34	99
Total	29.59	27.73	29.61	100	107	28.97	28.91	100
Ducks	6.71	6.82	6.86	102	101	6.70	6.77	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, December, 2008-2009<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Dec 2008	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Dec 2008	Nov 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	2,667,931	2,536,639	2,682,943	101	106	33,425,750	32,251,509	96
Mature	39,435	33,875	38,035	96	112	549,054	496,562	90
Light	9,100	7,466	10,057	111	135	112,518	108,309	96
Heavy	30,335	26,409	27,978	92	106	436,536	388,253	89
Total	2,707,366	2,570,514	2,720,978	101	106	33,974,804	32,748,071	96
Turkeys								
Young	309,400	311,248	291,382	94	94	3,719,727	3,523,277	95
Old	2,613	1,942	2,829	108	146	30,727	33,150	108
Total	312,013	313,190	294,211	94	94	3,750,454	3,556,427	95
Ducks	3,839	3,337	3,947	103	118	46,307	38,742	84
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	104	79	97	93	123	1,092	964	88
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>3,023,322</b>	<b>2,887,120</b>	<b>3,019,233</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>37,772,657</b>	<b>36,344,204</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young	263,690	253,153	266,716	101	105	3,480,643	3,237,403	93
Mature	276	188	326	118	173	10,115	3,577	35
Light	8		3	38		6,207	218	4
Heavy	268	188	323	121	172	3,908	3,359	86
Total	263,966	253,341	267,042	101	105	3,490,758	3,240,980	93
Turkeys								
Young	178,845	164,039	161,845	90	99	2,484,471	2,102,971	85
Old	953	41	49	5	120	11,508	3,650	32
Total	179,798	164,080	161,894	90	99	2,495,979	2,106,621	84
Ducks	6,685	5,725	6,380	95	111	69,983	71,465	102
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	31	259	33	106	13	1,445	1,832	127
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>450,480</b>	<b>423,405</b>	<b>435,349</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>6,058,165</b>	<b>5,420,898</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Chilled and Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young	2,931,621	2,789,792	2,949,659	101	106	36,906,393	35,488,912	96
Mature	39,711	34,063	38,361	97	113	559,169	500,139	89
Light	9,108	7,466	10,060	110	135	118,725	108,527	91
Heavy	30,603	26,597	28,301	92	106	440,444	391,612	89
Total	2,971,332	2,823,855	2,988,020	101	106	37,465,562	35,989,051	96
Turkeys								
Young	488,245	475,287	453,227	93	95	6,204,198	5,626,248	91
Old	3,566	1,983	2,878	81	145	42,235	36,800	87
Total	491,811	477,270	456,105	93	96	6,246,433	5,663,048	91
Ducks	10,524	9,062	10,327	98	114	116,290	110,207	95
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	135	338	130	96	38	2,537	2,796	110
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>3,473,802</b>	<b>3,310,525</b>	<b>3,454,582</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>43,830,822</b>	<b>41,765,102</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, December, 2008-2009 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Dec 2008	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Dec 2008	Nov 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	11,563	7,618	10,114	87	133	153,869	115,887	75
Mature	1,159	661	1,085	94	164	14,673	12,796	87
Light	289	141	297	103	211	4,202	2,865	68
Heavy	870	520	788	91	152	10,471	9,931	95
Total	12,722	8,279	11,199	88	135	168,542	128,683	76
Turkeys								
Young	1,599	1,168	1,272	80	109	19,828	16,856	85
Old	52	21	35	67	167	615	442	72
Total	1,651	1,189	1,307	79	110	20,443	17,298	85
Ducks	53	30	40	75	133	470	491	104
Other Poultry						13	5	38
Total Poultry	14,426	9,498	12,546	87	132	189,468	146,477	77
	<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	0.29	0.20	0.26	90	130	0.31	0.24	77
Mature	1.82	1.23	1.77	97	144	1.65	1.61	98
Light	1.62	1.04	1.57	97	151	1.85	1.39	75
Heavy	1.89	1.30	1.86	98	143	1.58	1.69	107
Total	0.32	0.22	0.28	88	127	0.33	0.27	82
Turkeys								
Young	0.26	0.20	0.22	85	110	0.25	0.24	96
Old	1.12	0.82	0.94	84	115	1.10	0.92	84
Total	0.27	0.20	0.23	85	115	0.26	0.24	92
Ducks	0.36	0.24	0.28	78	117	0.29	0.32	110
Other Poultry						0.31	0.11	35
Total Poultry	0.31	0.22	0.27	87	123	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, December, 2008-2009 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Dec 2008	Nov 2009	Dec 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Dec 2008	Nov 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	29,588	22,930	24,564	83	107	377,714	312,574	83
Mature	3,024	2,375	2,860	95	120	40,595	36,948	91
Light	1,225	882	1,351	110	153	14,505	14,159	98
Heavy	1,799	1,493	1,509	84	101	26,090	22,789	87
Total	32,612	25,305	27,424	84	108	418,309	349,522	84
Turkeys								
Young	7,854	6,727	6,345	81	94	100,187	85,001	85
Old	166	103	122	73	118	2,712	1,732	64
Total	8,020	6,830	6,467	81	95	102,899	86,733	84
Ducks	375	203	284	76	140	3,345	3,039	91
Other Poultry	1	2	1	100	50	24	26	108
Total Poultry	41,008	32,340	34,176	83	106	524,577	439,320	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	1.00	0.82	0.83	83	101	1.01	0.87	86
Mature	7.08	6.52	6.94	98	106	6.77	6.88	102
Light	11.86	10.57	11.84	100	112	10.89	11.54	106
Heavy	5.55	5.32	5.06	91	95	5.59	5.50	98
Total	1.09	0.89	0.91	83	102	1.10	0.96	87
Turkeys								
Young	1.58	1.40	1.38	87	99	1.59	1.49	94
Old	4.45	4.94	4.07	91	82	6.03	4.49	74
Total	1.60	1.41	1.40	88	99	1.62	1.51	93
Ducks	3.44	2.19	2.68	78	122	2.80	2.68	96
Other Poultry	0.74	0.59	0.76	103	129	0.94	0.92	98
Total Poultry	1.17	0.97	0.98	84	101	1.18	1.04	88

<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, November 2009-December 2009**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young			3,619	3,547	653,441	753,734
Mature			943	1,139	140,885	207,506
Light			846	986	116,604	178,425
Heavy			97	153	24,281	29,081
Total			4,562	4,686	794,326	961,240
Turkeys						
Young			137	42	43,831	37,547
Old			8		1,006	1,398
Total			145	42	44,837	38,945
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	247,437	362,963	4,811	6,282	43,768	52,417
Mature	11,594	14,304	497	499	38,325	43,105
Light	8,911	11,862	188	216	32,912	36,552
Heavy	2,683	2,442	309	283	5,413	6,553
Total	259,031	377,267	5,308	6,781	82,093	95,522
Turkeys						
Young	4,834	4,089	2,159	2,215	133	174
Old	217	123	1	31	34	59
Total	5,051	4,212	2,160	2,246	167	233
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	10,744	11,806	58,282	72,280	85,705	90,830
Mature	8,794	11,581	1,969	3,651	80,286	113,849
Light	7,967	10,954	1,116	2,332	69,599	103,789
Heavy	827	627	853	1,319	10,687	10,060
Total	19,538	23,387	60,251	75,931	165,991	204,679
Turkeys						
Young	284	196	1,575	1,449	2,290	1,900
Old	3	3	6	20	42	53
Total	287	199	1,581	1,469	2,332	1,953
Commodity	Overscald		Other		Total	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	13,926	12,538	650,679	729,406	1,772,412	2,095,803
Mature	1,138	971	122,666	129,916	407,097	526,521
Light	276	451	43,044	59,144	281,463	404,711
Heavy	862	520	79,622	70,772	125,634	121,810
Total	15,064	13,509	773,345	859,322	2,179,509	2,622,324
Turkeys						
Young	700	453	12,743	11,549	68,686	59,614
Old	4	6	313	204	1,634	1,897
Total	704	459	13,056	11,753	70,320	61,511

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	<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	82,093	86,017	459,629	478,508	5.60	5.56
AK						
AZ						
AR	73,888	79,232	421,207	455,311	5.70	5.75
CA	18,019	21,360	99,516	123,171	5.52	5.77
CO						
CT						
DE	22,416	24,400	155,696	166,824	6.95	6.84
FL	2,742	4,267	15,663	25,170	5.71	5.90
GA	93,260	98,989	491,980	520,746	5.28	5.26
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	4,117	4,390	17,834	18,849	4.33	4.29
IA						
KS						
KY	23,296	24,049	124,467	126,926	5.34	5.28
LA	14,451	14,886	87,772	91,055	6.07	6.12
ME						
MD	10,301	11,266	50,336	53,754	4.89	4.77
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	57,475	59,962	344,575	351,658	6.00	5.86
MO	31,312	33,772	148,918	158,930	4.76	4.71
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	409	428	1,848	1,985	4.52	4.63
NM						
NY	1,878	1,919	9,575	9,738	5.10	5.07
NC	54,160	56,913	389,684	405,025	7.20	7.12
ND						
OH	4,322	4,706	26,433	29,339	6.12	6.23
OK						
OR						
PA	9,382	9,725	52,505	55,345	5.60	5.69
RI						
SC	23,709	25,051	155,169	162,275	6.54	6.48
SD						
TN	21,397	22,350	107,564	113,171	5.03	5.06
TX	53,153	55,491	291,819	300,275	5.49	5.41
UT						
VT						
VA	23,920	26,765	119,651	134,183	5.00	5.01
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US <sup>1</sup>	657,072	699,854	3,728,224	3,952,323	5.67	5.65

<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, November 2009-December 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	<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	345,578	357,422	2,529	2,509	0.73	0.70
AK						
AZ						
AR	305,931	329,964	2,722	3,130	0.88	0.94
CA	73,609	91,073	705	833	0.95	0.91
CO						
CT						
DE	112,205	120,128	1,325	1,646	1.17	1.35
FL	10,874	17,555	58	115	0.53	0.65
GA	372,007	392,569	2,395	2,907	0.64	0.74
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	13,015	13,778	145	168	1.10	1.20
IA						
KS						
KY	91,124	92,432	629	674	0.69	0.72
LA	65,050	67,207	341	356	0.52	0.53
ME						
MD	36,842	39,085	840	446	2.23	1.13
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	263,306	268,263	1,894	1,918	0.71	0.71
MO	109,775	117,382	1,017	1,032	0.92	0.87
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	1,160	1,253	36	34	3.01	2.62
NM						
NY	6,044	6,057	137	156	2.22	2.51
NC	303,106	314,156	3,001	3,199	0.98	1.01
ND						
OH	19,374	21,719	324	342	1.64	1.55
OK						
OR						
PA	36,733	38,796	522	524	1.40	1.33
RI						
SC	116,933	122,204	910	999	0.77	0.81
SD						
TN	77,979	82,204	539	528	0.69	0.64
TX	227,780	234,621	1,478	1,504	0.64	0.64
UT						
VT						
VA	84,737	95,320	403	468	0.47	0.49
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US <sup>3</sup>	2,789,792	2,949,659	22,930	24,564	0.82	0.83

<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, November 2009-December 2009**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL			96	176	47,803	50,896
AR			324	415	82,196	100,965
DE			305	421	40,823	48,048
GA			62	71	48,953	62,614
MS			200	110	28,787	28,040
MO			269	231	58,260	69,181
NC			263	358	70,661	74,749
TX			100	180	45,434	49,911
VA			72	83	14,659	15,933
US <sup>1</sup>			3,619	3,547	653,441	753,734
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	29,489	45,760	279	258	4,665	5,352
AR	20,399	33,296	2,377	3,315	1,804	2,050
DE	16,177	25,387	106	115	6,715	8,190
GA	50,849	71,034	173	169	8,015	10,204
MS	8,796	10,935	127	198	362	374
MO	9,967	12,284	102	100	1,296	1,560
NC	20,422	34,963	412	322	6,832	8,528
TX	12,069	19,083	114	135	795	834
VA	6,761	11,012	24	19	2,329	2,986
US <sup>1</sup>	247,437	362,963	4,811	6,282	43,768	52,417
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	1,023	1,050	4,417	5,231	8,175	9,084
AR	1,086	1,259	6,113	8,758	7,005	7,601
DE	1,018	1,013	2,088	2,826	2,959	3,182
GA	751	703	10,482	15,550	6,370	8,832
MS	863	856	1,842	1,872	3,242	2,681
MO	352	368	1,793	2,382	5,718	6,090
NC	947	1,010	9,146	9,313	7,489	8,305
TX	378	417	4,491	5,078	2,764	3,720
VA	457	594	1,030	1,535	2,364	3,042
US <sup>1</sup>	10,744	11,806	58,282	72,280	85,705	90,830
State	Overscald		Other		Total	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	2,293	1,479	90,252	101,744	188,492	221,030
AR	344	528	115,683	117,795	237,331	275,982
DE	205	176	29,011	27,284	99,407	116,642
GA	1,575	1,154	47,143	55,213	174,373	225,544
MS	409	392	48,743	61,393	93,371	106,851
MO	19	83	42,317	44,879	120,093	137,158
NC	5,733	5,270	47,605	59,580	169,510	202,398
TX	532	367	28,809	33,318	95,486	113,043
VA	580	603	18,907	24,673	47,183	60,480
US <sup>1</sup>	13,926	12,538	650,679	729,406	1,772,412	2,095,803

<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, November 2009-December 2009**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	<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	2,654	2,596	52,318	52,417	19.71	20.19
CA	2,106	1,242	51,473	32,279	24.44	25.99
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	1,331	1,446	47,377	53,208	35.61	36.79
IA	989	988	36,529	38,960	36.93	39.43
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	4,138	3,103	97,441	79,481	23.55	25.61
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	2,094	2,077	67,006	69,535	32.00	33.48
ND						
OH	448	394	17,575	17,116	39.21	43.39
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	363	429	15,473	18,659	42.65	43.51
TN						
TX						
UT	314	241	5,501	3,511	17.52	14.58
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US <sup>1</sup>	21,491	19,177	595,993	568,231	27.73	29.63

<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, November 2009-December 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	<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	43,132	43,883	296	316	0.68	0.71
CA	41,575	25,956	413	326	0.98	1.24
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	38,193	42,722	630	697	1.62	1.61
IA	28,712	30,563	546	567	1.87	1.82
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	78,050	63,579	1,388	1,037	1.75	1.60
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	52,668	54,774	478	430	0.90	0.78
ND						
OH	13,686	13,572	268	268	1.92	1.94
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	12,561	15,073	126	187	1.00	1.22
TN						
TX						
UT	4,524	2,911	44	23	0.95	0.79
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US <sup>3</sup>	475,287	453,227	6,727	6,345	1.40	1.38

<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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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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