



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 3 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during January 2010 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.30 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the amount certified in January 2009. The December 2009 revised certified total at 3.47 billion pounds, was down slightly from December 2008. The December revision represented an increase of 15.7 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during January 2010 was 4.40 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 4.53 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.79 billion pounds, down 2 percent from January 2009. Mature chickens, at 60.2 million pounds, were down 3 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 533 million pounds, down 10 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 12.4 million pounds, down 4 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during January 2010 averaged 5.64 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from January 2009. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.43 pounds per bird, down 4 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during January 2010 averaged 30.6 pounds per bird, up slightly from January 2009.

Ante-mortem condemnations during January 2010 totaled 13.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.30 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.33 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.4 million pounds, were 1.03 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.20 percent a year earlier.

January 2010 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays, while January 2009 had 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, January, 2009-2010¹**

Commodity	Jan 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Jan 2009	Dec 2009	2009	2010	
	<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	694,661	702,342	672,477	97	96	694,661	672,477	97
Mature	11,029	11,161	11,075	100	99	11,029	11,075	100
Light	5,236	5,755	5,741	110	100	5,236	5,741	110
Heavy	5,793	5,406	5,334	92	99	5,793	5,334	92
Total	705,690	713,503	683,552	97	96	705,690	683,552	97
Turkeys								
Young	19,254	19,177	17,322	90	90	19,254	17,322	90
Old	203	141	158	78	112	203	158	78
Total	19,457	19,318	17,480	90	90	19,457	17,480	90
Ducks	1,953	2,101	1,815	93	86	1,953	1,815	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	3,864,773	3,970,581	3,791,075	98	95	3,864,773	3,791,075	98
Mature	62,090	61,316	60,174	97	98	62,090	60,174	97
Light	16,834	18,881	18,314	109	97	16,834	18,314	109
Heavy	45,256	42,435	41,860	92	99	45,256	41,860	92
Total	3,926,863	4,031,897	3,851,249	98	96	3,926,863	3,851,249	98
Turkeys								
Young	587,350	568,231	529,190	90	93	587,350	529,190	90
Old	5,613	3,728	4,041	72	108	5,613	4,041	72
Total	592,963	571,959	533,231	90	93	592,963	533,231	90
Ducks	12,992	14,410	12,449	96	86	12,992	12,449	96
Other Poultry ²	152	183	131	86	72	152	131	86
Total Poultry	4,532,970	4,618,449	4,397,060	97	95	4,532,970	4,397,060	97
	<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	5.65	5.64	101	100	5.56	5.64	101
Mature	5.63	5.49	5.43	96	99	5.63	5.43	96
Light	3.22	3.28	3.19	99	97	3.22	3.19	99
Heavy	7.81	7.85	7.85	101	100	7.81	7.85	101
Total	5.56	5.65	5.63	101	100	5.56	5.63	101
Turkeys								
Young	30.51	29.63	30.55	100	103	30.51	30.55	100
Old	27.65	26.44	25.58	93	97	27.65	25.58	93
Total	30.48	29.61	30.51	100	103	30.48	30.51	100
Ducks	6.65	6.86	6.86	103	100	6.65	6.86	103

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, January, 2009-2010¹**

Commodity	Jan 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Jan 2009	Dec 2009	2009	2010	
	<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	2,618,632	2,697,431	2,568,907	98	95	2,618,632	2,568,907	98
Mature	37,901	38,035	36,873	97	97	37,901	36,873	97
Light	8,359	10,057	9,603	115	95	8,359	9,603	115
Heavy	29,542	27,978	27,270	92	97	29,542	27,270	92
Total	2,656,533	2,735,466	2,605,780	98	95	2,656,533	2,605,780	98
Turkeys								
Young	289,286	291,382	263,275	91	90	289,286	263,275	91
Old	2,412	2,829	2,988	124	106	2,412	2,988	124
Total	291,698	294,211	266,263	91	91	291,698	266,263	91
Ducks	3,390	3,947	3,186	94	81	3,390	3,186	94
Other Poultry ²	74	97	72	97	74	74	72	97
Total Poultry	2,951,695	3,033,721	2,875,301	97	95	2,951,695	2,875,301	97
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	252,952	267,944	261,367	103	98	252,952	261,367	103
Mature	416	326	587	141	180	416	587	141
Light	112	3				112		
Heavy	304	323	587	193	182	304	587	193
Total	253,368	268,270	261,954	103	98	253,368	261,954	103
Turkeys								
Young	175,577	161,845	157,823	90	98	175,577	157,823	90
Old	1,899	49	70	4	143	1,899	70	4
Total	177,476	161,894	157,893	89	98	177,476	157,893	89
Ducks	5,887	6,380	5,718	97	90	5,887	5,718	97
Other Poultry ²	22	33	19	86	58	22	19	86
Total Poultry	436,753	436,577	425,584	97	97	436,753	425,584	97
Chilled and Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	2,871,584	2,965,375	2,830,274	99	95	2,871,584	2,830,274	99
Mature	38,317	38,361	37,460	98	98	38,317	37,460	98
Light	8,471	10,060	9,603	113	95	8,471	9,603	113
Heavy	29,846	28,301	27,857	93	98	29,846	27,857	93
Total	2,909,901	3,003,736	2,867,734	99	95	2,909,901	2,867,734	99
Turkeys								
Young	464,863	453,227	421,098	91	93	464,863	421,098	91
Old	4,311	2,878	3,058	71	106	4,311	3,058	71
Total	469,174	456,105	424,156	90	93	469,174	424,156	90
Ducks	9,277	10,327	8,904	96	86	9,277	8,904	96
Other Poultry ²	96	130	91	95	70	96	91	95
Total Poultry	3,388,448	3,470,298	3,300,885	97	95	3,388,448	3,300,885	97

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, January, 2009-2010 ¹**

Commodity	Jan 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Jan 2009	Dec 2009	2009	2010	
	<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	11,958	10,154	10,576	88	104	11,958	10,576	88
Mature	1,239	1,085	1,111	90	102	1,239	1,111	90
Light	375	297	360	96	121	375	360	96
Heavy	864	788	751	87	95	864	751	87
Total	13,197	11,239	11,687	89	104	13,197	11,687	89
Turkeys								
Young	1,844	1,272	1,447	78	114	1,844	1,447	78
Old	57	35	66	116	189	57	66	116
Total	1,901	1,307	1,513	80	116	1,901	1,513	80
Ducks	45	40	42	93	105	45	42	93
Total Poultry	15,143	12,586	13,242	87	105	15,143	13,242	87
	<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	0.31	0.26	0.28	90	108	0.31	0.28	90
Mature	2.00	1.77	1.85	93	105	2.00	1.85	93
Light	2.23	1.57	1.97	88	125	2.23	1.97	88
Heavy	1.91	1.86	1.79	94	96	1.91	1.79	94
Total	0.34	0.28	0.30	88	107	0.34	0.30	88
Turkeys								
Young	0.31	0.22	0.27	87	123	0.31	0.27	87
Old	1.02	0.94	1.63	160	173	1.02	1.63	160
Total	0.32	0.23	0.28	88	122	0.32	0.28	88
Ducks	0.35	0.28	0.34	97	121	0.35	0.34	97
Total Poultry	0.33	0.27	0.30	91	111	0.33	0.30	91

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, January, 2009-2010 ¹**

Commodity	Jan 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Jan 2009	Dec 2009	2009	2010	
	<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	29,812	24,633	24,705	83	100	29,812	24,705	83
Mature	3,016	2,860	3,125	104	109	3,016	3,125	104
Light	1,218	1,351	1,455	119	108	1,218	1,455	119
Heavy	1,798	1,509	1,670	93	111	1,798	1,670	93
Total	32,828	27,493	27,830	85	101	32,828	27,830	85
Turkeys								
Young	7,797	6,345	6,179	79	97	7,797	6,179	79
Old	184	122	174	95	143	184	174	95
Total	7,981	6,467	6,353	80	98	7,981	6,353	80
Ducks	364	284	228	63	80	364	228	63
Other Poultry	1	1	1	100	100	1	1	100
Total Poultry	41,174	34,245	34,412	84	100	41,174	34,412	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 ²								
Chickens								
Young	1.03	0.82	0.87	84	106	1.03	0.87	84
Mature	7.30	6.94	7.70	105	111	7.30	7.70	105
Light	12.57	11.84	13.16	105	111	12.57	13.16	105
Heavy	5.68	5.06	5.66	100	112	5.68	5.66	100
Total	1.12	0.91	0.96	86	105	1.12	0.96	86
Turkeys								
Young	1.65	1.38	1.45	88	105	1.65	1.45	88
Old	4.09	4.07	5.38	132	132	4.09	5.38	132
Total	1.67	1.40	1.48	89	106	1.67	1.48	89
Ducks	3.78	2.68	2.50	66	93	3.78	2.50	66
Other Poultry	1.03	0.76	1.09	106	143	1.03	1.09	106
Total Poultry	1.20	0.98	1.03	86	105	1.20	1.03	86

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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, December 2009-January 2010**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young			3,548	5,567	755,065	720,080
Mature			1,139	787	207,506	210,081
Light			986	680	178,425	182,278
Heavy			153	107	29,081	27,803
Total			4,687	6,354	962,571	930,161
Turkeys						
Young			42	33	37,547	35,536
Old					1,398	2,505
Total			42	33	38,945	38,041
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	364,020	430,405	6,284	5,027	52,489	49,768
Mature	14,304	15,036	499	613	43,105	52,706
Light	11,862	12,567	216	303	36,552	45,360
Heavy	2,442	2,469	283	310	6,553	7,346
Total	378,324	445,441	6,783	5,640	95,594	102,474
Turkeys						
Young	4,089	5,921	2,215	2,170	174	139
Old	123	244	31	2	59	94
Total	4,212	6,165	2,246	2,172	233	233
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	11,832	11,739	72,500	77,060	90,920	88,570
Mature	11,581	18,065	3,651	4,361	113,849	117,088
Light	10,954	17,317	2,332	2,594	103,789	103,904
Heavy	627	748	1,319	1,767	10,060	13,184
Total	23,413	29,804	76,151	81,421	204,769	205,658
Turkeys						
Young	196	194	1,449	1,459	1,900	1,838
Old	3	5	20	21	53	50
Total	199	199	1,469	1,480	1,953	1,888
Commodity	Overscald		Other		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	12,624	13,018	730,461	758,347	2,099,743	2,159,581
Mature	971	488	129,916	144,195	526,521	563,420
Light	451	69	59,144	60,012	404,711	425,084
Heavy	520	419	70,772	84,183	121,810	138,336
Total	13,595	13,506	860,377	902,542	2,626,264	2,723,001
Turkeys						
Young	453	259	11,549	9,076	59,614	56,625
Old	6	9	204	391	1,897	3,321
Total	459	268	11,753	9,467	61,511	59,946

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
by State and United States, December 2009-January 2010**

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	87,808	81,968	492,961	458,368	5.61	5.59
AK						
AZ						
AR	79,232	77,346	455,311	433,736	5.75	5.61
CA	21,360	20,322	123,171	116,102	5.77	5.71
CO						
CT						
DE	24,400	24,505	166,824	168,430	6.84	6.87
FL	4,267	3,561	25,170	20,812	5.90	5.84
GA	99,249	92,782	522,239	486,914	5.26	5.25
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	4,390	4,233	18,849	18,060	4.29	4.27
IA						
KS						
KY	24,049	23,998	126,926	129,491	5.28	5.40
LA	14,886	14,391	91,055	87,592	6.12	6.09
ME						
MD	11,266	10,383	53,754	50,106	4.77	4.83
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	59,962	56,720	351,658	333,492	5.86	5.88
MO	33,772	30,901	158,930	144,867	4.71	4.69
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	428	412	1,985	1,792	4.63	4.35
NM						
NY	1,919	1,759	9,738	8,736	5.07	4.97
NC	56,913	57,989	405,025	405,965	7.12	7.00
ND						
OH	4,706	4,394	29,339	27,701	6.23	6.30
OK	12,134	11,703	68,671	64,881	5.66	5.54
OR						
PA	9,725	9,572	55,345	54,987	5.69	5.74
RI						
SC	25,313	22,817	163,646	148,802	6.46	6.52
SD						
TN	22,350	22,432	113,171	113,899	5.06	5.08
TX	55,663	53,836	301,202	291,104	5.41	5.41
UT						
VT						
VA	26,765	25,002	134,183	125,714	5.01	5.03
WA	4,091	4,111	22,400	22,340	5.47	5.43
WV	8,539	8,362	33,087	32,757	3.87	3.92
WI						
WY						
US ¹	702,342	672,477	3,970,581	3,791,075	5.65	5.64

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, December 2009-January 2010**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	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	370,097	339,369	2,565	2,602	0.69	0.76
AK						
AZ						
AR	329,964	316,090	3,130	3,098	0.94	0.97
CA	91,073	85,952	833	762	0.91	0.88
CO						
CT						
DE	120,128	121,279	1,646	1,721	1.35	1.40
FL	17,555	14,533	115	93	0.65	0.63
GA	394,101	367,204	2,913	3,029	0.73	0.82
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	13,778	13,175	168	156	1.20	1.17
IA						
KS						
KY	92,432	94,458	674	699	0.72	0.73
LA	67,207	64,862	356	340	0.53	0.52
ME						
MD	38,997	36,346	446	450	1.13	1.22
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	268,263	253,370	1,918	1,804	0.71	0.71
MO	117,382	106,809	1,032	812	0.87	0.75
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	1,253	1,120	34	24	2.62	2.13
NM						
NY	6,057	5,403	156	137	2.51	2.47
NC	314,156	316,696	3,199	3,300	1.01	1.03
ND						
OH	21,719	20,489	342	315	1.55	1.51
OK	51,589	48,752	320	396	0.62	0.81
OR						
PA	38,796	38,701	524	538	1.33	1.37
RI						
SC	123,189	112,212	1,000	929	0.81	0.82
SD						
TN	82,204	82,638	528	622	0.64	0.75
TX	235,224	228,511	1,510	1,649	0.64	0.72
UT						
VT						
VA	95,320	88,925	468	508	0.49	0.57
WA	16,692	16,570	155	147	0.92	0.88
WV	23,671	23,421	84	93	0.36	0.39
WI						
WY						
US ³	2,965,375	2,830,274	24,633	24,705	0.82	0.87

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**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
by State and United States, December 2009-January 2010**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL			176	187	52,163	53,314
AR			415	353	100,965	103,558
DE			421	326	48,048	45,640
GA			71	109	62,654	59,381
MS			110	106	28,040	27,939
MO			231	192	69,181	56,147
NC			358	392	74,749	71,913
TX			180	113	49,911	47,693
VA			83	81	15,933	18,920
US ¹			3,548	5,567	755,065	720,080
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	46,716	54,631	260	217	5,412	4,289
AR	33,296	39,488	3,315	2,371	2,050	2,093
DE	25,387	33,235	115	97	8,190	7,870
GA	71,135	94,232	169	201	10,216	9,035
MS	10,935	10,215	198	182	374	390
MO	12,284	6,137	100	98	1,560	1,362
NC	34,963	45,211	322	297	8,528	8,858
TX	19,083	20,922	135	142	834	1,055
VA	11,012	15,698	19	26	2,986	3,355
US ¹	364,020	430,405	6,284	5,027	52,489	49,768
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	1,073	1,249	5,435	6,214	9,170	10,192
AR	1,259	1,274	8,758	10,072	7,601	7,953
DE	1,013	969	2,826	2,567	3,182	2,798
GA	703	727	15,561	14,148	8,836	8,283
MS	856	1,050	1,872	1,917	2,681	2,896
MO	368	331	2,382	3,498	6,090	5,639
NC	1,010	952	9,313	10,036	8,305	8,761
TX	417	377	5,078	5,947	3,720	3,741
VA	594	539	1,535	1,675	3,042	3,408
US ¹	11,832	11,739	72,500	77,060	90,920	88,570
State	Overscald		Other		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	1,565	1,283	102,442	111,999	224,412	243,575
AR	528	700	117,795	106,670	275,982	274,532
DE	176	458	27,284	38,277	116,642	132,237
GA	1,154	679	55,364	63,946	225,863	250,741
MS	392	351	61,393	70,088	106,851	115,134
MO	83	103	44,879	41,189	137,158	114,696
NC	5,270	5,348	59,580	61,577	202,398	213,345
TX	367	380	33,510	36,708	113,235	117,078
VA	603	560	24,673	34,598	60,480	78,860
US ¹	12,624	13,018	730,461	758,347	2,099,743	2,159,581

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, December 2009-January 2010**

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						
AK						
AZ						
AR	2,596	2,336	52,417	46,179	20.19	19.77
CA	1,242	912	32,279	27,339	25.99	29.98
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	1,446	1,374	53,208	52,406	36.79	38.15
IA	988	1,043	38,960	43,285	39.43	41.50
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	3,103	2,991	79,481	75,821	25.61	25.35
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	2,077	1,765	69,535	62,381	33.48	35.34
ND						
OH	394	386	17,116	17,354	43.39	45.01
OK						
OR						
PA	616	320	14,096	7,958	22.89	24.90
RI						
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX						
UT						
VT						
VA	2,402	2,068	62,823	55,476	26.15	26.82
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	19,177	17,322	568,231	529,190	29.63	30.55

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, December 2009-January 2010**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	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						
AK						
AZ						
AR	43,883	38,457	316	323	0.71	0.83
CA	25,956	22,126	326	343	1.24	1.53
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	42,722	42,293	697	708	1.61	1.65
IA	30,563	33,746	567	634	1.82	1.84
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	63,579	60,453	1,037	1,073	1.60	1.74
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	54,774	48,746	430	454	0.78	0.92
ND						
OH	13,572	13,762	268	248	1.94	1.77
OK						
OR						
PA	11,244	6,283	229	151	2.00	2.34
RI						
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX						
UT						
VT						
VA	49,408	43,585	378	348	0.76	0.79
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	453,227	421,098	6,345	6,179	1.38	1.45

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 310 plants slaughtered poultry in the U.S. under Federal Inspection in 2009. Young chickens were slaughtered in 34 States, young turkeys in 27 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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