

Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up Slightly from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during February 2010 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.20 billion pounds, up slightly from the amount certified in February 2009. The January 2010 revised certified total at 3.30 billion pounds, was down 3 percent from January 2009. The January revision represented an increase of 1.1 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during February 2010 was 4.26 billion pounds, down slightly from 4.27 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.66 billion pounds, up slightly from February 2009. Mature chickens, at 56.1 million pounds, were down 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 534 million pounds, down 4 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 12.3 million pounds, up 9 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during February 2010 averaged 5.62 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from February 2009. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.48 pounds per bird, down 6 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2010 averaged 30.1 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from February 2009.

Ante-mortem condemnations during February 2010 totaled 12.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.29 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.29 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 33.3 million pounds, were 1.03 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.20 percent a year earlier.

February 2010 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays, while February 2009 had 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, February, 2009-2010 ¹**

Commodity	Feb 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Feb 2009	Jan 2010	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	657,288	672,804	650,024	99	97	1,351,949	1,322,828	98
Mature	10,159	11,075	10,236	101	92	21,188	21,311	101
Light	4,459	5,741	5,215	117	91	9,695	10,956	113
Heavy	5,700	5,334	5,021	88	94	11,493	10,355	90
Total	667,447	683,879	660,260	99	97	1,373,137	1,344,139	98
Turkeys								
Young	18,732	17,322	17,620	94	102	37,986	34,942	92
Old	116	158	105	91	66	319	263	82
Total	18,848	17,480	17,725	94	101	38,305	35,205	92
Ducks	1,697	1,815	1,799	106	99	3,650	3,614	99
	<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	3,643,196	3,792,513	3,655,711	100	96	7,507,969	7,448,224	99
Mature	59,441	60,174	56,060	94	93	121,531	116,234	96
Light	14,603	18,314	16,832	115	92	31,437	35,146	112
Heavy	44,838	41,860	39,228	87	94	90,094	81,088	90
Total	3,702,637	3,852,687	3,711,771	100	96	7,629,500	7,564,458	99
Turkeys								
Young	555,158	529,190	530,842	96	100	1,142,508	1,060,032	93
Old	3,256	4,041	2,823	87	70	8,869	6,864	77
Total	558,414	533,231	533,665	96	100	1,151,377	1,066,896	93
Ducks	11,241	12,449	12,253	109	98	24,233	24,702	102
Other Poultry ²	129	131	123	95	94	281	254	90
Total Poultry	4,272,421	4,398,498	4,257,812	100	97	8,805,391	8,656,310	98
	<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	5.54	5.64	5.62	101	100	5.55	5.63	101
Mature	5.85	5.43	5.48	94	101	5.74	5.45	95
Light	3.27	3.19	3.23	99	101	3.24	3.21	99
Heavy	7.87	7.85	7.81	99	99	7.84	7.83	100
Total	5.55	5.63	5.62	101	100	5.56	5.63	101
Turkeys								
Young	29.64	30.55	30.13	102	99	30.08	30.34	101
Old	28.07	25.58	26.89	96	105	27.80	26.10	94
Total	29.63	30.51	30.11	102	99	30.06	30.31	101
Ducks	6.62	6.86	6.81	103	99	6.64	6.84	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, February, 2009-2010¹**

Commodity	Feb 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Feb 2009	Jan 2010	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	2,455,045	2,570,041	2,470,392	101	96	5,073,677	5,040,433	99
Mature	36,887	36,873	34,688	94	94	74,788	71,561	96
Light	7,393	9,603	8,786	119	91	15,752	18,389	117
Heavy	29,494	27,270	25,902	88	95	59,036	53,172	90
Total	2,491,932	2,606,914	2,505,080	101	96	5,148,465	5,111,994	99
Turkeys								
Young	276,334	263,275	266,755	97	101	565,620	530,030	94
Old	1,992	2,988	2,202	111	74	4,404	5,190	118
Total	278,326	266,263	268,957	97	101	570,024	535,220	94
Ducks	2,759	3,186	3,283	119	103	6,149	6,469	105
Other Poultry ²	67	72	71	106	99	141	143	101
Total Poultry	2,773,084	2,876,435	2,777,391	100	97	5,724,779	5,653,826	99
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	249,288	261,367	261,220	105	100	502,240	522,587	104
Mature	202	587	56	28	10	618	643	104
Light			49			112	49	44
Heavy	202	587	7	3	1	506	594	117
Total	249,490	261,954	261,276	105	100	502,858	523,230	104
Turkeys								
Young	165,265	157,823	156,496	95	99	340,842	314,319	92
Old	481	70	20	4	29	2,380	90	4
Total	165,746	157,893	156,516	94	99	343,222	314,409	92
Ducks	5,294	5,718	5,488	104	96	11,181	11,206	100
Other Poultry ²	20	19	15	75	79	42	34	81
Total Poultry	420,550	425,584	423,295	101	99	857,303	848,879	99
Chilled and Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	2,704,333	2,831,408	2,731,612	101	96	5,575,917	5,563,020	100
Mature	37,089	37,460	34,744	94	93	75,406	72,204	96
Light	7,393	9,603	8,835	120	92	15,864	18,438	116
Heavy	29,696	27,857	25,909	87	93	59,542	53,766	90
Total	2,741,422	2,868,868	2,766,356	101	96	5,651,323	5,635,224	100
Turkeys								
Young	441,599	421,098	423,251	96	101	906,462	844,349	93
Old	2,473	3,058	2,222	90	73	6,784	5,280	78
Total	444,072	424,156	425,473	96	100	913,246	849,629	93
Ducks	8,053	8,904	8,771	109	99	17,330	17,675	102
Other Poultry ²	87	91	86	99	95	183	177	97
Total Poultry	3,193,634	3,302,019	3,200,686	100	97	6,582,082	6,502,705	99

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

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

Commodity	Feb 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Feb 2009	Jan 2010	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	9,963	10,581	9,587	96	91	21,921	20,168	92
Mature	886	1,111	1,057	119	95	2,125	2,168	102
Light	139	360	270	194	75	514	630	123
Heavy	747	751	787	105	105	1,611	1,538	95
Total	10,849	11,692	10,644	98	91	24,046	22,336	93
Turkeys								
Young	1,539	1,447	1,500	97	104	3,383	2,947	87
Old	39	66	22	56	33	96	88	92
Total	1,578	1,513	1,522	96	101	3,479	3,035	87
Ducks	32	42	38	119	90	77	80	104
Total Poultry	12,459	13,247	12,204	98	92	27,602	25,451	92
	<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	0.27	0.28	0.26	96	93	0.29	0.27	93
Mature	1.49	1.85	1.89	127	102	1.75	1.87	107
Light	0.95	1.97	1.60	168	81	1.64	1.79	109
Heavy	1.67	1.79	2.01	120	112	1.79	1.90	106
Total	0.29	0.30	0.29	100	97	0.32	0.30	94
Turkeys								
Young	0.28	0.27	0.28	100	104	0.30	0.28	93
Old	1.20	1.63	0.78	65	48	1.08	1.28	119
Total	0.28	0.28	0.29	104	104	0.30	0.28	93
Ducks	0.28	0.34	0.31	111	91	0.32	0.32	100
Total Poultry	0.29	0.30	0.29	100	97	0.31	0.29	94

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

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

Commodity	Feb 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Feb 2009	Jan 2010	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	28,278	24,715	23,724	84	96	58,090	48,439	83
Mature	2,649	3,125	2,936	111	94	5,665	6,061	107
Light	874	1,455	1,224	140	84	2,092	2,679	128
Heavy	1,775	1,670	1,712	96	103	3,573	3,382	95
Total	30,927	27,840	26,660	86	96	63,755	54,500	85
Turkeys								
Young	7,277	6,179	6,258	86	101	15,074	12,437	83
Old	127	174	97	76	56	311	271	87
Total	7,404	6,353	6,355	86	100	15,385	12,708	83
Ducks	313	228	234	75	103	677	462	68
Other Poultry	1	1	1	100	100	2	2	100
Total Poultry	38,645	34,422	33,250	86	97	79,819	67,672	85
	<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	0.87	0.86	83	99	1.03	0.86	83
Mature	6.67	7.70	7.79	117	101	6.99	7.74	111
Light	10.57	13.16	12.17	115	92	11.65	12.69	109
Heavy	5.64	5.66	6.20	110	110	5.66	5.92	105
Total	1.12	0.96	0.95	85	99	1.12	0.96	86
Turkeys								
Young	1.62	1.45	1.46	90	101	1.64	1.45	88
Old	4.88	5.38	4.18	86	78	4.38	4.88	111
Total	1.64	1.48	1.47	90	99	1.66	1.47	89
Ducks	3.74	2.50	2.60	70	104	3.76	2.55	68
Other Poultry	1.14	1.09	1.15	101	106	1.08	1.12	104
Total Poultry	1.20	1.03	1.03	86	100	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, January 2010-February 2010**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young			5,571	3,474	720,177	705,003
Mature			787	1,092	210,081	207,065
Light			680	895	182,278	174,759
Heavy			107	197	27,803	32,306
Total			6,358	4,566	930,258	912,068
Turkeys						
Young			33	36	35,536	38,842
Old				2	2,505	1,223
Total			33	38	38,041	40,065
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	430,783	422,957	5,027	4,737	49,812	47,281
Mature	15,036	11,884	613	423	52,706	40,432
Light	12,567	10,215	303	223	45,360	32,237
Heavy	2,469	1,669	310	200	7,346	8,195
Total	445,819	434,841	5,640	5,160	102,518	87,713
Turkeys						
Young	5,921	6,846	2,170	2,754	139	95
Old	244	117	2	2	94	25
Total	6,165	6,963	2,172	2,756	233	120
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	11,741	12,132	77,134	70,184	88,580	85,320
Mature	18,065	10,105	4,361	4,237	117,088	103,772
Light	17,317	9,533	2,594	2,779	103,904	90,596
Heavy	748	572	1,767	1,458	13,184	13,176
Total	29,806	22,237	81,495	74,421	205,668	189,092
Turkeys						
Young	194	204	1,459	1,308	1,838	1,899
Old	5		21	9	50	56
Total	199	204	1,480	1,317	1,888	1,955
Commodity	Overscald		Other		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	13,018	15,136	758,364	791,789	2,160,207	2,158,013
Mature	488	680	144,195	137,265	563,420	516,955
Light	69	122	60,012	52,836	425,084	374,195
Heavy	419	558	84,183	84,429	138,336	142,760
Total	13,506	15,816	902,559	929,054	2,723,627	2,674,968
Turkeys						
Young	259	190	9,076	12,088	56,625	64,262
Old	9	11	391	182	3,321	1,627
Total	268	201	9,467	12,270	59,946	65,889

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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	81,968	81,598	458,368	450,655	5.59	5.52
AK						
AZ						
AR	77,346	75,916	433,736	430,008	5.61	5.66
CA	20,322	19,442	116,102	109,388	5.71	5.63
CO						
CT						
DE	24,505	21,482	168,430	146,717	6.87	6.83
FL	3,561	3,809	20,812	22,964	5.84	6.03
GA	92,782	91,267	486,914	472,338	5.25	5.18
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	4,233	4,167	18,060	18,349	4.27	4.40
IA						
KS						
KY	23,998	23,541	129,491	126,907	5.40	5.39
LA	14,391	14,228	87,592	84,652	6.09	5.95
ME						
MD	10,383	9,745	50,106	47,533	4.83	4.88
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	56,720	56,659	333,492	337,774	5.88	5.96
MO	30,901	30,050	144,867	142,630	4.69	4.75
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	412	479	1,792	1,965	4.35	4.10
NM						
NY	1,759	1,660	8,736	8,298	4.97	5.00
NC	57,989	53,756	405,965	376,256	7.00	7.00
ND						
OH	4,394	4,112	27,701	25,845	6.30	6.29
OK	11,703	10,781	64,881	57,517	5.54	5.33
OR						
PA	9,572	9,227	54,987	52,337	5.74	5.67
RI						
SC	23,144	22,297	150,240	144,348	6.49	6.47
SD						
TN	22,432	20,981	113,899	106,177	5.08	5.06
TX	53,836	50,352	291,104	277,152	5.41	5.50
UT						
VT						
VA	25,002	23,636	125,714	118,705	5.03	5.02
WA	4,111	3,616	22,340	20,952	5.43	5.79
WV	8,362	8,857	32,757	34,986	3.92	3.95
WI						
WY						
US ¹	672,804	650,024	3,792,513	3,655,711	5.64	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, January 2010-February 2010**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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	339,369	335,759	2,603	2,522	0.76	0.75
AK						
AZ						
AR	316,090	314,466	3,098	3,232	0.97	1.02
CA	85,952	80,875	762	681	0.88	0.83
CO						
CT						
DE	121,279	105,243	1,721	1,632	1.40	1.53
FL	14,533	15,961	93	122	0.63	0.76
GA	367,230	357,213	3,029	2,726	0.82	0.76
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	13,175	13,357	156	140	1.17	1.04
IA						
KS						
KY	94,458	92,173	699	621	0.73	0.67
LA	64,862	62,863	340	350	0.52	0.55
ME						
MD	36,346	34,642	450	455	1.22	1.30
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	253,370	257,439	1,804	1,809	0.71	0.70
MO	106,809	105,033	812	842	0.75	0.80
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	1,120	1,220	24	29	2.13	2.35
NM						
NY	5,403	5,173	137	135	2.47	2.54
NC	316,696	293,539	3,300	3,014	1.03	1.02
ND						
OH	20,489	19,108	315	341	1.51	1.75
OK	48,752	42,534	396	316	0.81	0.74
OR						
PA	38,701	36,807	538	453	1.37	1.22
RI						
SC	113,320	108,723	938	852	0.82	0.78
SD						
TN	82,638	76,948	622	589	0.75	0.76
TX	228,511	216,790	1,649	1,658	0.72	0.76
UT						
VT						
VA	88,925	83,975	508	556	0.57	0.66
WA	16,570	15,613	147	150	0.88	0.95
WV	23,421	24,979	93	111	0.39	0.44
WI						
WY						
US ³	2,831,408	2,731,612	24,715	23,724	0.87	0.86

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, January 2010-February 2010**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL			187	147	53,314	54,308
AR			353	352	103,558	106,365
DE			326	396	45,640	43,156
GA			109	87	59,381	53,357
MS			106	118	27,939	31,539
MO			192	171	56,147	62,721
NC			392	438	71,913	67,947
TX			113	99	47,693	48,455
VA			81	96	18,920	18,353
US ¹			5,571	3,474	720,177	705,003
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	54,631	53,925	217	268	4,289	4,256
AR	39,488	46,254	2,371	2,128	2,093	1,909
DE	33,235	26,783	97	61	7,870	6,325
GA	94,232	78,097	201	133	9,035	8,645
MS	10,215	10,605	182	132	390	360
MO	6,137	7,787	98	147	1,362	1,204
NC	45,211	43,397	297	254	8,858	8,045
TX	20,922	23,225	142	117	1,055	916
VA	15,698	13,327	26	47	3,355	4,037
US ¹	430,783	422,957	5,027	4,737	49,812	47,281
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	1,249	1,339	6,214	6,737	10,192	9,731
AR	1,274	1,106	10,072	9,780	7,953	7,584
DE	969	977	2,567	2,017	2,798	2,898
GA	727	805	14,148	11,140	8,283	7,938
MS	1,050	955	1,917	2,159	2,896	3,705
MO	331	344	3,498	2,993	5,639	5,155
NC	952	923	10,036	9,720	8,761	7,118
TX	377	360	5,947	4,860	3,741	3,538
VA	539	568	1,675	1,553	3,408	3,560
US ¹	11,741	12,132	77,134	70,184	88,580	85,320
State	Overscald		Other		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	1,283	1,010	111,999	122,804	243,575	254,525
AR	700	860	106,670	126,462	274,532	302,800
DE	458	190	38,277	43,346	132,237	126,149
GA	679	755	63,946	74,354	250,741	235,311
MS	351	488	70,088	63,111	115,134	113,172
MO	103	376	41,189	39,437	114,696	120,335
NC	5,348	7,116	61,577	61,342	213,345	206,300
TX	380	554	36,708	40,616	117,078	122,740
VA	560	717	34,598	33,599	78,860	75,857
US ¹	13,018	15,136	758,364	791,789	2,160,207	2,158,013

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, January 2010-February 2010**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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	2,336	2,610	46,179	51,581	19.77	19.76
CA	912	875	27,339	25,723	29.98	29.39
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	1,374	1,395	52,406	52,413	38.15	37.58
IA	1,043	1,019	43,285	42,353	41.50	41.56
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	2,991	2,970	75,821	77,277	25.35	26.02
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	1,765	1,911	62,381	61,846	35.34	32.36
ND						
OH	386	375	17,354	16,228	45.01	43.33
OK						
OR						
PA	320	385	7,958	9,423	24.90	24.46
RI						
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX						
UT						
VT						
VA	2,068	2,040	55,476	53,960	26.82	26.45
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	17,322	17,620	529,190	530,842	30.55	30.13

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, January 2010-February 2010**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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	38,457	43,318	323	370	0.83	0.85
CA	22,126	20,783	343	277	1.53	1.31
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	42,293	42,152	708	664	1.65	1.55
IA	33,746	33,336	634	715	1.84	2.10
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	60,453	61,753	1,073	1,103	1.74	1.75
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	48,746	48,467	454	408	0.92	0.83
ND						
OH	13,762	12,866	248	276	1.77	2.10
OK						
OR						
PA	6,283	7,327	151	244	2.34	3.22
RI						
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX						
UT						
VT						
VA	43,585	42,394	348	344	0.79	0.80
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	421,098	423,251	6,179	6,258	1.45	1.46

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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Procedures and Reliability: Plant inspectors submit data electronically for each shift a plant operates. An edit provides checks for the detection of errors such as invalid plant information, duplication, and erroneous data. Data are accumulated to monthly totals for this release.

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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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