

Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 5 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during March 2010 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.70 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the amount certified in March 2009. The February 2010 revised certified total at 3.21 billion pounds, was up slightly from February 2009. The February revision represented an increase of 8.1 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during March 2010 was 4.92 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 4.71 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.22 billion pounds, up 5 percent from March 2009. Mature chickens, at 69.6 million pounds, were up 2 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 613 million pounds, up 4 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.6 million pounds, up 2 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during March 2010 averaged 5.64 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from March 2009. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.46 pounds per bird, down 6 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during March 2010 averaged 29.6 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from March 2009.

Ante-mortem condemnations during March 2010 totaled 12.0 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.28 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 38.5 million pounds, were 1.03 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.15 percent a year earlier.

March 2010 contained 23 weekdays and 4 Saturdays, while March 2009 had 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

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

Commodity	Mar 2009	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Mar 2009	Feb 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	727,131	651,878	748,539	103	115	2,079,080	2,073,221	100
Mature	11,769	10,236	12,743	108	124	32,957	34,054	103
Light	5,168	5,215	6,501	126	125	14,863	17,457	117
Heavy	6,601	5,021	6,242	95	124	18,094	16,597	92
Total	738,900	662,114	761,282	103	115	2,112,037	2,107,275	100
Turkeys								
Young	19,925	17,620	20,631	104	117	57,911	55,573	96
Old	187	105	100	53	95	506	363	72
Total	20,112	17,725	20,731	103	117	58,417	55,936	96
Ducks	1,982	1,799	1,986	100	110	5,632	5,600	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	4,035,851	3,666,227	4,219,020	105	115	11,543,820	11,677,760	101
Mature	68,120	56,060	69,594	102	124	189,651	185,828	98
Light	16,658	16,832	20,787	125	123	48,095	55,933	116
Heavy	51,462	39,228	48,807	95	124	141,556	129,895	92
Total	4,103,971	3,722,287	4,288,614	104	115	11,733,471	11,863,588	101
Turkeys								
Young	587,139	530,839	610,760	104	115	1,729,647	1,670,789	97
Old	4,852	2,823	2,577	53	91	13,721	9,441	69
Total	591,991	533,662	613,337	104	115	1,743,368	1,680,230	96
Ducks	13,312	12,253	13,598	102	111	37,545	38,300	102
Other Poultry ²	137	123	149	109	121	418	403	96
Total Poultry	4,709,411	4,268,325	4,915,698	104	115	13,514,802	13,582,521	101
	<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	5.55	5.62	5.64	102	100	5.55	5.63	101
Mature	5.79	5.48	5.46	94	100	5.75	5.46	95
Light	3.22	3.23	3.20	99	99	3.24	3.20	99
Heavy	7.80	7.81	7.82	100	100	7.82	7.83	100
Total	5.55	5.62	5.63	101	100	5.56	5.63	101
Turkeys								
Young	29.47	30.13	29.60	100	98	29.87	30.06	101
Old	25.95	26.89	25.77	99	96	27.12	26.01	96
Total	29.43	30.11	29.59	101	98	29.84	30.04	101
Ducks	6.72	6.81	6.85	102	101	6.67	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, March, 2009-2010¹**

Commodity	Mar 2009	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Mar 2009	Feb 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	2,724,699	2,478,145	2,882,513	106	116	7,798,376	7,930,699	102
Mature	42,185	34,688	43,361	103	125	116,973	114,922	98
Light	8,385	8,786	11,139	133	127	24,137	29,528	122
Heavy	33,800	25,902	32,222	95	124	92,836	85,394	92
Total	2,766,884	2,512,833	2,925,874	106	116	7,915,349	8,045,621	102
Turkeys								
Young	299,020	266,755	313,230	105	117	864,640	843,260	98
Old	3,310	2,202	1,880	57	85	7,714	7,070	92
Total	302,330	268,957	315,110	104	117	872,354	850,330	97
Ducks	3,139	3,283	3,606	115	110	9,288	10,075	108
Other Poultry ²	71	71	77	108	108	212	220	104
Total Poultry	3,072,424	2,785,144	3,244,667	106	116	8,797,203	8,906,246	101
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	272,276	261,563	277,690	102	106	774,516	800,620	103
Mature	329	56	76	23	136	947	719	76
Light		49	44		90	112	93	83
Heavy	329	7	32	10	457	835	626	75
Total	272,605	261,619	277,766	102	106	775,463	801,339	103
Turkeys								
Young	168,697	156,496	174,665	104	112	509,539	488,984	96
Old	404	20	83	21	415	2,784	173	6
Total	169,101	156,516	174,748	103	112	512,323	489,157	95
Ducks	6,379	5,488	6,184	97	113	17,560	17,390	99
Other Poultry ²	25	15	28	112	187	67	62	93
Total Poultry	448,110	423,638	458,726	102	108	1,305,413	1,307,948	100
Chilled and Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	2,996,975	2,739,708	3,160,203	105	115	8,572,892	8,731,319	102
Mature	42,514	34,744	43,437	102	125	117,920	115,641	98
Light	8,385	8,835	11,183	133	127	24,249	29,621	122
Heavy	34,129	25,909	32,254	95	124	93,671	86,020	92
Total	3,039,489	2,774,452	3,203,640	105	115	8,690,812	8,846,960	102
Turkeys								
Young	467,717	423,251	487,895	104	115	1,374,179	1,332,244	97
Old	3,714	2,222	1,963	53	88	10,498	7,243	69
Total	471,431	425,473	489,858	104	115	1,384,677	1,339,487	97
Ducks	9,518	8,771	9,790	103	112	26,848	27,465	102
Other Poultry ²	96	86	105	109	122	279	282	101
Total Poultry	3,520,534	3,208,782	3,703,393	105	115	10,102,616	10,214,194	101

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

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

Commodity	Mar 2009	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Mar 2009	Feb 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	10,180	9,634	9,403	92	98	32,101	29,618	92
Mature	1,172	1,057	985	84	93	3,297	3,153	96
Light	225	270	221	98	82	739	851	115
Heavy	947	787	764	81	97	2,558	2,302	90
Total	11,352	10,691	10,388	92	97	35,398	32,771	93
Turkeys								
Young	1,603	1,500	1,563	98	104	4,986	4,510	90
Old	43	22	25	58	114	139	113	81
Total	1,646	1,522	1,588	96	104	5,125	4,623	90
Ducks	31	38	36	116	95	108	116	107
Total Poultry	13,029	12,251	12,012	92	98	40,631	37,510	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	0.25	0.26	0.22	88	85	0.28	0.25	89
Mature	1.72	1.89	1.42	83	75	1.74	1.70	98
Light	1.35	1.60	1.06	79	66	1.54	1.52	99
Heavy	1.84	2.01	1.57	85	78	1.81	1.77	98
Total	0.28	0.29	0.24	86	83	0.30	0.28	93
Turkeys								
Young	0.27	0.28	0.26	96	93	0.29	0.27	93
Old	0.89	0.78	0.97	109	124	1.01	1.20	119
Total	0.28	0.29	0.26	93	90	0.29	0.28	97
Ducks	0.23	0.31	0.26	113	84	0.29	0.30	103
Total Poultry	0.28	0.29	0.24	86	83	0.30	0.28	93

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

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

Commodity	Mar 2009	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Mar 2009	Feb 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	29,181	23,795	27,228	93	114	87,271	75,738	87
Mature	3,326	2,936	3,672	110	125	8,991	9,733	108
Light	1,159	1,224	1,597	138	130	3,251	4,276	132
Heavy	2,167	1,712	2,075	96	121	5,740	5,457	95
Total	32,507	26,731	30,900	95	116	96,262	85,471	89
Turkeys								
Young	7,862	6,258	7,223	92	115	22,936	19,660	86
Old	192	97	117	61	121	503	388	77
Total	8,054	6,355	7,340	91	115	23,439	20,048	86
Ducks	273	234	288	105	123	950	750	79
Other Poultry	2	1	1	50	100	4	3	75
Total Poultry	40,836	33,321	38,529	94	116	120,655	106,272	88
	<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	0.96	0.86	0.85	89	99	1.01	0.86	85
Mature	7.26	7.79	7.79	107	100	7.08	7.76	110
Light	12.14	12.17	12.50	103	103	11.82	12.61	107
Heavy	5.97	6.20	6.04	101	97	5.77	5.97	103
Total	1.06	0.95	0.96	91	101	1.10	0.96	87
Turkeys								
Young	1.65	1.46	1.46	88	100	1.64	1.45	88
Old	4.92	4.18	5.63	114	135	4.57	5.08	111
Total	1.68	1.47	1.48	88	101	1.66	1.47	89
Ducks	2.79	2.60	2.86	103	110	3.42	2.66	78
Other Poultry	2.04	1.15	0.94	46	82	1.41	1.05	74
Total Poultry	1.15	1.03	1.03	90	100	1.18	1.03	87

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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, February 2010-March 2010**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young			3,482	6,299	706,344	769,523
Mature			1,092	1,216	207,065	231,227
Light			895	1,079	174,759	191,170
Heavy			197	137	32,306	40,057
Total			4,574	7,515	913,409	1,000,750
Turkeys						
Young			36	25	38,842	39,035
Old			2	1	1,223	1,640
Total			38	26	40,065	40,675
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	423,942	486,185	4,738	5,375	47,328	51,634
Mature	11,884	13,837	423	466	40,432	52,354
Light	10,215	11,656	223	249	32,237	42,382
Heavy	1,669	2,181	200	217	8,195	9,972
Total	435,826	500,022	5,161	5,841	87,760	103,988
Turkeys						
Young	6,846	5,859	2,754	3,340	95	103
Old	117	290	2	1	25	61
Total	6,963	6,149	2,756	3,341	120	164
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	12,144	13,519	70,390	63,199	85,448	102,208
Mature	10,105	18,139	4,237	4,288	103,772	117,656
Light	9,533	17,268	2,779	2,804	90,596	102,526
Heavy	572	871	1,458	1,484	13,176	15,130
Total	22,249	31,658	74,627	67,487	189,220	219,864
Turkeys						
Young	204	236	1,308	1,252	1,899	1,882
Old		2	9	15	56	25
Total	204	238	1,317	1,267	1,955	1,907
Commodity	Overscald		Other		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	15,198	17,834	794,425	950,429	2,163,439	2,466,205
Mature	680	626	137,265	183,175	516,955	622,984
Light	122	150	52,836	72,354	374,195	441,638
Heavy	558	476	84,429	110,821	142,760	181,346
Total	15,878	18,460	931,690	1,133,604	2,680,394	3,089,189
Turkeys						
Young	190	1,129	12,088	11,550	64,262	64,411
Old	11	1	182	414	1,627	2,450
Total	201	1,130	12,270	11,964	65,889	66,861

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	81,598	94,810	450,655	524,989	5.52	5.54
AK						
AZ						
AR	75,916	87,457	430,008	492,858	5.66	5.64
CA	19,442	21,323	109,388	118,733	5.63	5.57
CO						
CT						
DE	21,482	26,726	146,717	184,375	6.83	6.90
FL	3,809	4,159	22,964	24,941	6.03	6.00
GA	91,267	103,160	472,338	535,599	5.18	5.19
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	4,167	4,737	18,349	22,017	4.40	4.65
IA						
KS						
KY	23,541	27,041	126,907	147,055	5.39	5.44
LA	14,228	15,797	84,652	95,037	5.95	6.02
ME						
MD	9,745	11,569	47,533	53,646	4.88	4.64
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	56,659	66,391	337,774	393,241	5.96	5.92
MO	30,050	35,473	142,630	166,295	4.75	4.69
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	479	592	1,965	2,430	4.10	4.11
NM						
NY	1,660	2,051	8,298	9,795	5.00	4.78
NC	53,890	61,975	377,077	436,422	7.00	7.04
ND						
OH	4,112	5,100	25,845	32,148	6.29	6.30
OK	10,781	8,757	57,517	51,214	5.33	5.85
OR						
PA	9,227	11,058	52,337	61,985	5.67	5.61
RI						
SC	22,824	26,249	149,140	169,646	6.53	6.46
SD						
TN	22,174	24,569	111,080	125,667	5.01	5.11
TX	50,352	58,474	277,152	322,609	5.50	5.52
UT						
VT						
VA	23,636	27,676	118,705	138,375	5.02	5.00
WA	3,616	4,231	20,952	24,281	5.79	5.74
WV	8,857	9,706	34,986	37,815	3.95	3.90
WI						
WY						
US ¹	651,878	748,539	3,666,227	4,219,020	5.62	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, February 2010-March 2010**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	335,759	391,057	2,522	2,764	0.75	0.70
AK						
AZ						
AR	314,466	363,399	3,232	3,840	1.02	1.05
CA	80,875	88,007	681	710	0.83	0.80
CO						
CT						
DE	105,243	132,625	1,632	1,950	1.53	1.45
FL	15,961	17,410	122	127	0.76	0.72
GA	357,213	406,355	2,726	3,161	0.76	0.77
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	13,357	16,108	140	167	1.04	1.02
IA						
KS						
KY	92,173	108,148	621	780	0.67	0.72
LA	62,863	70,759	350	351	0.55	0.49
ME						
MD	34,642	38,830	455	482	1.30	1.23
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	257,439	302,546	1,809	2,109	0.70	0.69
MO	105,033	122,896	842	947	0.80	0.76
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	1,220	1,520	29	30	2.35	1.94
NM						
NY	5,173	6,039	135	188	2.54	3.02
NC	294,146	339,520	3,019	3,392	1.02	0.99
ND						
OH	19,108	23,909	341	332	1.75	1.37
OK	42,534	38,307	316	239	0.74	0.62
OR						
PA	36,807	43,386	453	535	1.22	1.22
RI						
SC	112,564	127,697	895	966	0.79	0.75
SD						
TN	80,596	91,095	612	702	0.75	0.76
TX	216,790	252,009	1,658	1,861	0.76	0.73
UT						
VT						
VA	83,975	97,328	556	820	0.66	0.84
WA	15,613	18,079	150	177	0.95	0.97
WV	24,979	27,081	111	132	0.44	0.48
WY						
US ³	2,739,708	3,160,203	23,795	27,228	0.86	0.85

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**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
by State and United States, February 2010-March 2010**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL			147	190	54,308	61,059
AR			352	556	106,365	119,603
DE			396	353	43,156	51,480
GA			87	71	53,357	54,286
MS			118	131	31,539	32,892
MO			171	164	62,721	70,811
NC			440	1,300	68,109	75,451
TX			99	122	48,455	56,301
VA			96	98	18,353	21,752
US ¹			3,482	6,299	706,344	769,523
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	53,925	46,054	268	283	4,256	4,139
AR	46,254	50,312	2,128	2,682	1,909	1,990
DE	26,783	36,311	61	69	6,325	7,785
GA	78,097	87,056	133	105	8,645	9,102
MS	10,605	14,845	132	187	360	362
MO	7,787	8,898	147	137	1,204	1,480
NC	43,444	47,840	254	231	8,062	9,067
TX	23,225	27,636	117	122	916	1,109
VA	13,327	20,810	47	21	4,037	3,593
US ¹	423,942	486,185	4,738	5,375	47,328	51,634
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	1,339	1,472	6,737	5,943	9,731	11,370
AR	1,106	1,259	9,780	7,710	7,584	7,471
DE	977	1,113	2,017	2,726	2,898	3,632
GA	805	862	11,140	8,908	7,938	8,765
MS	955	1,141	2,159	2,677	3,705	5,538
MO	344	369	2,993	2,356	5,155	5,997
NC	928	1,010	9,747	9,086	7,133	8,918
TX	360	417	4,860	5,052	3,538	4,277
VA	568	758	1,553	1,372	3,560	4,506
US ¹	12,144	13,519	70,390	63,199	85,448	102,208
State	Overscald		Other		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	1,010	2,898	122,804	149,345	254,525	282,753
AR	860	805	126,462	140,264	302,800	332,652
DE	190	323	43,346	50,177	126,149	153,969
GA	755	825	74,354	85,056	235,311	255,036
MS	488	342	63,111	75,416	113,172	133,531
MO	376	818	39,437	45,166	120,335	136,196
NC	7,116	7,460	61,398	76,798	206,631	237,161
TX	554	342	40,616	47,117	122,740	142,495
VA	717	943	33,599	69,215	75,857	123,068
US ¹	15,198	17,834	794,425	950,429	2,163,439	2,466,205

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, February 2010-March 2010**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	2,610	2,681	51,581	51,816	19.76	19.33
CA	875	1,128	25,723	29,483	29.39	26.14
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	1,395	1,640	52,413	61,651	37.58	37.58
IA	1,019	1,156	42,350	46,666	41.55	40.36
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	2,970	3,645	77,277	94,900	26.02	26.04
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	1,911	2,337	61,846	71,207	32.36	30.47
ND						
OH	375	434	16,228	18,716	43.33	43.09
OK						
OR						
PA	385	498	9,423	12,074	24.46	24.26
RI						
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX						
UT						
VT						
VA	2,040	2,485	53,960	65,352	26.45	26.30
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	17,620	20,631	530,839	610,760	30.13	29.60

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, February 2010-March 2010**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	43,318	43,660	370	386	0.85	0.88
CA	20,783	24,008	277	359	1.31	1.47
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	42,152	49,791	664	815	1.55	1.61
IA	33,336	36,842	715	807	2.10	2.14
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	61,753	75,865	1,103	1,345	1.75	1.74
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	48,467	56,096	408	474	0.83	0.84
ND						
OH	12,866	14,872	276	320	2.10	2.11
OK						
OR						
PA	7,327	9,507	244	227	3.22	2.33
RI						
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX						
UT						
VT						
VA	42,394	51,352	344	499	0.80	0.96
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	423,251	487,895	6,258	7,223	1.46	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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