

Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up Slightly from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during April 2010 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.54 billion pounds, up slightly from the amount certified in April 2009. The March 2010 revised certified total at 3.70 billion pounds, was up 5 percent from March 2009. The March revision represented an increase of 677 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during April 2010 was 4.70 billion pounds, down slightly from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.05 billion pounds, up 1 percent from April 2009. Mature chickens, at 65.3 million pounds, were down 7 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 568 million pounds, down 5 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.4 million pounds, up 5 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during April 2010 averaged 5.68 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from April 2009. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.34 pounds per bird, down 8 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during April 2010 averaged 29.7 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from April 2009.

Ante-mortem condemnations during April 2010 totaled 10.3 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.26 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.6 million pounds, were 0.97 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.07 percent a year earlier.

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

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

Commodity	Apr 2009	Mar 2010	Apr 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Apr 2009	Mar 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	722,082	748,666	713,301	99	95	2,801,162	2,786,649	99
Mature	12,048	12,743	12,221	101	96	45,005	46,275	103
Light	5,296	6,501	6,592	124	101	20,159	24,049	119
Heavy	6,752	6,242	5,629	83	90	24,846	22,226	89
Total	734,130	761,409	725,522	99	95	2,846,167	2,832,924	100
Turkeys								
Young	20,167	20,636	19,053	94	92	78,078	74,631	96
Old	130	100	100	77	100	636	463	73
Total	20,297	20,736	19,153	94	92	78,714	75,094	95
Ducks	1,880	1,986	1,974	105	99	7,512	7,574	101
	<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	4,024,580	4,219,756	4,050,592	101	96	15,568,400	15,729,088	101
Mature	69,865	69,594	65,316	93	94	259,516	251,144	97
Light	17,032	20,787	21,194	124	102	65,127	77,127	118
Heavy	52,833	48,807	44,122	84	90	194,389	174,017	90
Total	4,094,445	4,289,350	4,115,908	101	96	15,827,916	15,980,232	101
Turkeys								
Young	591,652	610,880	565,518	96	93	2,321,299	2,236,427	96
Old	3,608	2,577	2,795	77	108	17,329	12,236	71
Total	595,260	613,457	568,313	95	93	2,338,628	2,248,663	96
Ducks	12,811	13,598	13,432	105	99	50,356	51,732	103
Other Poultry ²	157	149	166	106	111	575	569	99
Total Poultry	4,702,673	4,916,554	4,697,819	100	96	18,217,475	18,281,196	100
	<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	5.57	5.64	5.68	102	101	5.56	5.64	101
Mature	5.80	5.46	5.34	92	98	5.77	5.43	94
Light	3.22	3.20	3.22	100	101	3.23	3.21	99
Heavy	7.82	7.82	7.84	100	100	7.82	7.83	100
Total	5.58	5.63	5.67	102	101	5.56	5.64	101
Turkeys								
Young	29.34	29.60	29.68	101	100	29.73	29.97	101
Old	27.75	25.77	27.95	101	108	27.25	26.43	97
Total	29.33	29.58	29.67	101	100	29.71	29.94	101
Ducks	6.81	6.85	6.80	100	99	6.70	6.83	102

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

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

Commodity	Apr 2009	Mar 2010	Apr 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Apr 2009	Mar 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	2,716,159	2,882,557	2,769,818	102	96	10,514,535	10,700,561	102
Mature	43,615	43,361	40,574	93	94	160,588	155,496	97
Light	8,599	11,139	11,201	130	101	32,736	40,729	124
Heavy	35,016	32,222	29,373	84	91	127,852	114,767	90
Total	2,759,774	2,925,918	2,810,392	102	96	10,675,123	10,856,057	102
Turkeys								
Young	299,793	313,320	284,405	95	91	1,164,433	1,127,755	97
Old	2,393	1,880	2,105	88	112	10,107	9,175	91
Total	302,186	315,200	286,510	95	91	1,174,540	1,136,930	97
Ducks	3,079	3,606	3,684	120	102	12,367	13,759	111
Other Poultry ²	75	77	87	116	113	287	307	107
Total Poultry	3,065,114	3,244,801	3,100,673	101	96	11,862,317	12,007,053	101
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	281,567	278,233	261,229	93	94	1,056,083	1,062,392	101
Mature	170	76	131	77	172	1,117	850	76
Light	1	44	117	11,700	266	113	210	186
Heavy	169	32	14	8	44	1,004	640	64
Total	281,737	278,309	261,360	93	94	1,057,200	1,063,242	101
Turkeys								
Young	172,450	174,665	168,354	98	96	681,989	657,338	96
Old	353	83	39	11	47	3,137	212	7
Total	172,803	174,748	168,393	97	96	685,126	657,550	96
Ducks	5,990	6,184	6,006	100	97	23,550	23,396	99
Other Poultry ²	26	28	26	100	93	93	88	95
Total Poultry	460,556	459,269	435,785	95	95	1,765,969	1,744,276	99
Chilled and Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	2,997,726	3,160,790	3,031,047	101	96	11,570,618	11,762,953	102
Mature	43,785	43,437	40,705	93	94	161,705	156,346	97
Light	8,600	11,183	11,318	132	101	32,849	40,939	125
Heavy	35,185	32,254	29,387	84	91	128,856	115,407	90
Total	3,041,511	3,204,227	3,071,752	101	96	11,732,323	11,919,299	102
Turkeys								
Young	472,243	487,985	452,759	96	93	1,846,422	1,785,093	97
Old	2,746	1,963	2,144	78	109	13,244	9,387	71
Total	474,989	489,948	454,903	96	93	1,859,666	1,794,480	96
Ducks	9,069	9,790	9,690	107	99	35,917	37,155	103
Other Poultry ²	101	105	113	112	108	380	395	104
Total Poultry	3,525,670	3,704,070	3,536,458	100	95	13,628,286	13,751,329	101

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

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

Commodity	Apr 2009	Mar 2010	Apr 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Apr 2009	Mar 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	9,778	9,405	8,041	82	85	41,879	37,661	90
Mature	816	985	903	111	92	4,113	4,056	99
Light	155	221	266	172	120	894	1,117	125
Heavy	661	764	637	96	83	3,219	2,939	91
Total	10,594	10,390	8,944	84	86	45,992	41,717	91
Turkeys								
Young	1,475	1,563	1,260	85	81	6,461	5,770	89
Old	36	25	24	67	96	175	137	78
Total	1,511	1,588	1,284	85	81	6,636	5,907	89
Ducks	32	36	39	122	108	140	155	111
Total Poultry	12,137	12,014	10,267	85	85	52,768	47,779	91
	<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	0.24	0.22	0.20	83	91	0.27	0.24	89
Mature	1.17	1.42	1.38	118	97	1.58	1.62	103
Light	0.91	1.06	1.26	138	119	1.37	1.45	106
Heavy	1.25	1.57	1.44	115	92	1.66	1.69	102
Total	0.26	0.24	0.22	85	92	0.29	0.26	90
Turkeys								
Young	0.25	0.26	0.22	88	85	0.28	0.26	93
Old	1.00	0.97	0.86	86	89	1.01	1.12	111
Total	0.25	0.26	0.23	92	88	0.28	0.26	93
Ducks	0.25	0.26	0.29	116	112	0.28	0.30	107
Total Poultry	0.26	0.24	0.22	85	92	0.29	0.26	90

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

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

Commodity	Apr 2009	Mar 2010	Apr 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Apr 2009	Mar 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	26,967	27,236	24,005	89	88	114,238	99,751	87
Mature	3,276	3,672	3,565	109	97	12,267	13,298	108
Light	1,144	1,597	1,724	151	108	4,395	6,000	137
Heavy	2,132	2,075	1,841	86	89	7,872	7,298	93
Total	30,243	30,908	27,570	91	89	126,505	113,049	89
Turkeys								
Young	7,437	7,228	6,672	90	92	30,373	26,337	87
Old	147	117	118	80	101	650	506	78
Total	7,584	7,345	6,790	90	92	31,023	26,843	87
Ducks	220	288	243	110	84	1,170	993	85
Other Poultry	3	1	1	33	100	7	4	57
Total Poultry	38,050	38,542	34,604	91	90	158,705	140,889	89
	<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	0.89	0.85	0.79	89	93	0.98	0.84	86
Mature	6.96	7.79	8.05	116	103	7.05	7.84	111
Light	11.74	12.50	13.22	113	106	11.80	12.78	108
Heavy	5.71	6.04	5.90	103	98	5.76	5.95	103
Total	0.98	0.96	0.89	91	93	1.07	0.94	88
Turkeys								
Young	1.55	1.46	1.45	94	99	1.62	1.45	90
Old	5.08	5.63	5.22	103	93	4.68	5.11	109
Total	1.57	1.48	1.47	94	99	1.64	1.47	90
Ducks	2.37	2.86	2.45	103	86	3.15	2.60	83
Other Poultry	2.88	0.94	0.88	31	94	1.81	1.00	55
Total Poultry	1.07	1.03	0.97	91	94	1.15	1.01	88

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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, March 2010-April 2010**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young			6,299	4,866	769,630	691,341
Mature			1,216	1,500	231,227	218,929
Light			1,079	1,358	191,170	183,659
Heavy			137	142	40,057	35,270
Total			7,515	6,366	1,000,857	910,270
Turkeys						
Young			25	40	39,043	33,327
Old			1	1	1,640	1,298
Total			26	41	40,683	34,625
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	486,266	346,063	5,375	4,777	51,637	42,592
Mature	13,837	15,993	466	468	52,354	53,201
Light	11,656	14,026	249	210	42,382	45,292
Heavy	2,181	1,967	217	258	9,972	7,909
Total	500,103	362,056	5,841	5,245	103,991	95,793
Turkeys						
Young	5,875	4,586	3,342	3,189	103	62
Old	290	165	1		61	42
Total	6,165	4,751	3,343	3,189	164	104
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	13,519	11,695	63,207	60,397	102,208	93,449
Mature	18,139	16,234	4,288	4,081	117,656	144,532
Light	17,268	15,461	2,804	2,131	102,526	130,244
Heavy	871	773	1,484	1,950	15,130	14,288
Total	31,658	27,929	67,495	64,478	219,864	237,981
Turkeys						
Young	238	202	1,252	1,009	1,898	1,440
Old	2	7	15	9	25	61
Total	240	209	1,267	1,018	1,923	1,501
Commodity	Overscald		Other		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	17,834	21,086	950,514	796,009	2,466,489	2,072,275
Mature	626	487	183,175	167,878	622,984	623,303
Light	150	280	72,354	70,575	441,638	463,236
Heavy	476	207	110,821	97,303	181,346	160,067
Total	18,460	21,573	1,133,689	963,887	3,089,473	2,695,578
Turkeys						
Young	1,129	421	11,671	11,250	64,576	55,526
Old	1		414	332	2,450	1,915
Total	1,130	421	12,085	11,582	67,026	57,441

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	94,810	88,848	524,989	491,696	5.54	5.53
AK						
AZ						
AR	87,457	83,052	492,858	473,478	5.64	5.70
CA	21,323	21,760	118,733	124,315	5.57	5.71
CO						
CT						
DE	26,726	25,528	184,375	177,636	6.90	6.96
FL	4,159	4,323	24,941	26,702	6.00	6.18
GA	103,287	99,662	536,335	516,572	5.19	5.18
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	4,737	4,687	22,017	20,803	4.65	4.44
IA						
KS						
KY	27,041	25,469	147,055	137,863	5.44	5.41
LA	15,797	15,182	95,037	92,726	6.02	6.11
ME						
MD	11,569	10,796	53,646	47,284	4.64	4.38
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	66,391	65,568	393,241	391,926	5.92	5.98
MO	35,473	34,598	166,295	162,300	4.69	4.69
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	592	403	2,430	1,755	4.11	4.36
NM						
NY	2,051	1,609	9,795	7,814	4.78	4.86
NC	61,975	58,738	436,422	419,756	7.04	7.15
ND						
OH	5,100	4,602	32,148	28,510	6.30	6.20
OK	8,757	7,483	51,214	52,737	5.85	7.05
OR						
PA	11,058	9,898	61,985	56,748	5.61	5.73
RI						
SC	26,249	23,616	169,646	151,004	6.46	6.39
SD						
TN	24,569	24,251	125,667	123,728	5.11	5.10
TX	58,474	54,429	322,609	303,224	5.52	5.57
UT						
VT						
VA	27,676	26,187	138,375	134,286	5.00	5.13
WA	4,231	4,026	24,281	23,472	5.74	5.83
WV	9,706	9,478	37,815	38,084	3.90	4.02
WI						
WY						
US ¹	748,666	713,301	4,219,756	4,050,592	5.64	5.68

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, March 2010-April 2010**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	391,057	367,880	2,764	2,452	0.70	0.66
AK						
AZ						
AR	363,399	349,076	3,840	3,486	1.05	0.99
CA	88,007	92,117	710	800	0.80	0.86
CO						
CT						
DE	132,625	127,636	1,950	1,591	1.45	1.23
FL	17,410	18,588	127	134	0.72	0.71
GA	406,942	391,527	3,169	2,604	0.77	0.66
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	16,108	15,209	167	141	1.02	0.92
IA						
KS						
KY	108,148	100,217	780	525	0.72	0.52
LA	70,759	68,921	351	320	0.49	0.46
ME						
MD	38,830	33,964	482	398	1.23	1.16
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	302,546	300,408	2,109	1,764	0.69	0.58
MO	122,896	119,260	947	938	0.76	0.78
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	1,520	1,111	30	28	1.94	2.43
NM						
NY	6,039	4,810	188	116	3.02	2.35
NC	339,520	325,987	3,392	3,071	0.99	0.93
ND						
OH	23,909	21,432	332	283	1.37	1.30
OK	38,307	39,431	239	311	0.62	0.78
OR						
PA	43,386	39,652	535	504	1.22	1.25
RI						
SC	127,697	113,833	966	840	0.75	0.73
SD						
TN	91,095	89,725	702	660	0.76	0.73
TX	252,009	236,384	1,861	1,577	0.73	0.66
UT						
VT						
VA	97,328	94,268	820	752	0.84	0.79
WA	18,079	17,386	177	152	0.97	0.87
WV	27,081	27,309	132	126	0.48	0.46
WI						
WY						
US ³	3,160,790	3,031,047	27,236	24,005	0.85	0.79

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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, March 2010-April 2010**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL			190	165	61,059	53,408
AR			556	577	119,603	113,663
DE			353	435	51,480	44,734
GA			71	83	54,393	45,664
MS			131	112	32,892	27,991
MO			164	202	70,811	58,420
NC			1,300	726	75,451	66,402
TX			122	153	56,301	55,200
VA			98	319	21,752	19,962
US ¹			6,299	4,866	769,630	691,341
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	46,054	34,493	283	261	4,139	3,177
AR	50,312	35,979	2,682	2,421	1,990	1,645
DE	36,311	28,247	69	74	7,785	6,010
GA	87,137	57,553	105	121	9,105	7,692
MS	14,845	10,010	187	168	362	375
MO	8,898	9,416	137	124	1,480	1,396
NC	47,840	37,803	231	227	9,067	7,797
TX	27,636	22,128	122	167	1,109	849
VA	20,810	16,666	21	19	3,593	2,516
US ¹	486,266	346,063	5,375	4,777	51,637	42,592
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	1,472	1,402	5,943	5,295	11,370	10,290
AR	1,259	979	7,710	6,430	7,471	6,978
DE	1,113	1,007	2,726	2,372	3,632	4,147
GA	862	894	8,916	8,591	8,765	7,782
MS	1,141	827	2,677	2,308	5,538	3,212
MO	369	290	2,356	2,128	5,997	5,020
NC	1,010	982	9,086	9,694	8,918	8,768
TX	417	489	5,052	4,484	4,277	4,394
VA	758	503	1,372	1,091	4,506	6,687
US ¹	13,519	11,695	63,207	60,397	102,208	93,449
State	Overscald		Other		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	2,898	5,928	149,345	116,648	282,753	231,067
AR	805	451	140,264	131,005	332,652	300,128
DE	323	654	50,177	32,615	153,969	120,295
GA	825	2,281	85,141	61,669	255,320	192,330
MS	342	624	75,416	59,648	133,531	105,275
MO	818	163	45,166	52,326	136,196	129,485
NC	7,460	6,312	76,798	63,443	237,161	202,154
TX	342	775	47,117	35,570	142,495	124,209
VA	943	1,167	69,215	65,011	123,068	113,941
US ¹	17,834	21,086	950,514	796,009	2,466,489	2,072,275

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, March 2010-April 2010

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	2,681	2,722	51,816	54,065	19.33	19.86
CA	1,128	1,023	29,483	29,082	26.14	28.43
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	1,640	1,466	61,651	54,333	37.58	37.07
IA	1,161	1,084	46,786	43,466	40.29	40.11
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	3,645	3,275	94,900	86,200	26.04	26.32
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	2,337	2,088	71,207	64,484	30.47	30.88
ND						
OH	434	399	18,716	17,078	43.09	42.83
OK						
OR						
PA	498	406	12,074	10,390	24.26	25.59
RI						
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX						
UT						
VT						
VA	2,485	2,213	65,352	58,658	26.30	26.50
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	20,636	19,053	610,880	565,518	29.60	29.68

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, March 2010-April 2010**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	43,660	45,564	386	388	0.88	0.85
CA	24,008	23,762	359	279	1.47	1.16
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	49,791	43,775	815	771	1.61	1.73
IA	36,932	34,301	812	851	2.15	2.42
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	75,865	68,999	1,345	1,174	1.74	1.67
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	56,096	51,286	474	381	0.84	0.74
ND						
OH	14,872	13,451	320	288	2.11	2.09
OK						
OR						
PA	9,507	8,084	227	214	2.33	2.58
RI						
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX						
UT						
VT						
VA	51,352	46,103	499	459	0.96	0.99
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	487,985	452,759	7,228	6,672	1.46	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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