

Poultry Slaughter

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

Poultry certified wholesome during May 2010 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.50 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the amount certified in May 2009. The April 2010 revised certified total at 3.54 billion pounds, was up 1 percent from April 2009. The April revision represented an increase of 7.2 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during May 2010 was 4.65 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 4.51 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.03 billion pounds, up 4 percent from May 2009. Mature chickens, at 64.4 million pounds, were down 1 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 546 million pounds, down 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 12.7 million pounds, up 2 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during May 2010 averaged 5.71 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from May 2009. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.58 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2010 averaged 29.7 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from May 2009.

Ante-mortem condemnations during May 2010 totaled 10.3 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 33.2 million pounds, were 0.94 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.03 percent a year earlier.

May 2010 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays, while May 2009 had 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

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

Commodity	May 2009	Apr 2010	May 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				May 2009	Apr 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	693,018	714,534	705,038	102	99	3,494,180	3,491,689	100
Mature	11,575	12,221	11,543	100	94	56,580	57,818	102
Light	5,692	6,592	5,783	102	88	25,851	29,832	115
Heavy	5,883	5,629	5,760	98	102	30,729	27,986	91
Total	704,593	726,755	716,581	102	99	3,550,760	3,549,507	100
Turkeys								
Young	19,450	19,053	18,332	94	96	97,528	92,963	95
Old	114	100	66	58	66	750	529	71
Total	19,564	19,153	18,398	94	96	98,278	93,492	95
Ducks	1,819	1,974	1,853	102	94	9,331	9,427	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	3,873,638	4,059,727	4,027,206	104	99	19,442,038	19,756,310	102
Mature	65,063	65,316	64,358	99	99	324,579	315,502	97
Light	18,565	21,194	18,883	102	89	83,692	96,010	115
Heavy	46,498	44,122	45,475	98	103	240,887	219,492	91
Total	3,938,701	4,125,043	4,091,564	104	99	19,766,617	20,071,812	102
Turkeys								
Young	560,711	565,518	544,338	97	96	2,882,010	2,780,765	96
Old	2,917	2,795	1,737	60	62	20,246	13,973	69
Total	563,628	568,313	546,075	97	96	2,902,256	2,794,738	96
Ducks	12,433	13,432	12,668	102	94	62,789	64,400	103
Other Poultry ²	164	166	168	102	101	739	737	100
Total Poultry	4,514,926	4,706,954	4,650,475	103	99	22,732,401	22,931,687	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	5.59	5.68	5.71	102	101	5.56	5.66	102
Mature	5.62	5.34	5.58	99	104	5.74	5.46	95
Light	3.26	3.22	3.27	100	102	3.24	3.22	99
Heavy	7.90	7.84	7.89	100	101	7.84	7.84	100
Total	5.59	5.68	5.71	102	101	5.57	5.65	101
Turkeys								
Young	28.83	29.68	29.69	103	100	29.55	29.91	101
Old	25.59	27.95	26.32	103	94	26.99	26.41	98
Total	28.81	29.67	29.68	103	100	29.53	29.89	101
Ducks	6.84	6.80	6.84	100	101	6.73	6.83	101

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, May, 2009-2010 ¹**

Commodity	May 2009	Apr 2010	May 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				May 2009	Apr 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	2,622,251	2,776,707	2,750,539	105	99	13,136,786	13,451,108	102
Mature	40,340	40,574	39,752	99	98	200,928	195,248	97
Light	9,664	11,201	9,957	103	89	42,400	50,686	120
Heavy	30,676	29,373	29,795	97	101	158,528	144,562	91
Total	2,662,591	2,817,281	2,790,291	105	99	13,337,714	13,646,356	102
Turkeys								
Young	273,239	284,405	266,054	97	94	1,437,672	1,393,809	97
Old	2,166	2,105	1,110	51	53	12,273	10,285	84
Total	275,405	286,510	267,164	97	93	1,449,945	1,404,094	97
Ducks	2,896	3,684	3,464	120	94	15,263	17,223	113
Other Poultry ²	75	87	85	113	98	362	392	108
Total Poultry	2,940,967	3,107,562	3,061,004	104	99	14,803,284	15,068,065	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	268,143	261,520	262,776	98	100	1,324,226	1,325,168	100
Mature	268	131	431	161	329	1,385	1,281	92
Light		117				113	210	186
Heavy	268	14	431	161	3,079	1,272	1,071	84
Total	268,411	261,651	263,207	98	101	1,325,611	1,326,449	100
Turkeys								
Young	175,533	168,354	170,009	97	101	857,522	827,347	96
Old	71	39	222	313	569	3,208	434	14
Total	175,604	168,393	170,231	97	101	860,730	827,781	96
Ducks	5,919	6,006	5,651	95	94	29,469	29,047	99
Other Poultry ²	34	26	30	88	115	127	118	93
Total Poultry	449,968	436,076	439,119	98	101	2,215,937	2,183,395	99
Chilled and Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	2,890,394	3,038,227	3,013,315	104	99	14,461,012	14,776,276	102
Mature	40,608	40,705	40,183	99	99	202,313	196,529	97
Light	9,664	11,318	9,957	103	88	42,513	50,896	120
Heavy	30,944	29,387	30,226	98	103	159,800	145,633	91
Total	2,931,002	3,078,932	3,053,498	104	99	14,663,325	14,972,805	102
Turkeys								
Young	448,772	452,759	436,063	97	96	2,295,194	2,221,156	97
Old	2,237	2,144	1,332	60	62	15,481	10,719	69
Total	451,009	454,903	437,395	97	96	2,310,675	2,231,875	97
Ducks	8,815	9,690	9,115	103	94	44,732	46,270	103
Other Poultry ²	109	113	115	106	102	489	510	104
Total Poultry	3,390,935	3,543,638	3,500,123	103	99	17,019,221	17,251,460	101

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

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

Commodity	May 2009	Apr 2010	May 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				May 2009	Apr 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	8,634	8,066	8,122	94	101	50,513	45,783	91
Mature	841	903	907	108	100	4,954	4,963	100
Light	223	266	277	124	104	1,117	1,394	125
Heavy	618	637	630	102	99	3,837	3,569	93
Total	9,475	8,969	9,029	95	101	55,467	50,746	91
Turkeys								
Young	1,282	1,260	1,205	94	96	7,743	6,975	90
Old	20	24	16	80	67	195	153	78
Total	1,302	1,284	1,221	94	95	7,938	7,128	90
Ducks	39	39	42	108	108	179	197	110
Total Poultry	10,816	10,292	10,292	95	100	63,584	58,071	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	0.22	0.20	0.20	91	100	0.26	0.23	88
Mature	1.29	1.38	1.41	109	102	1.53	1.57	103
Light	1.20	1.26	1.47	123	117	1.33	1.45	109
Heavy	1.33	1.44	1.39	105	97	1.59	1.63	103
Total	0.24	0.22	0.22	92	100	0.28	0.25	89
Turkeys								
Young	0.23	0.22	0.22	96	100	0.27	0.25	93
Old	0.69	0.86	0.92	133	107	0.96	1.09	114
Total	0.23	0.23	0.22	96	96	0.27	0.26	96
Ducks	0.31	0.29	0.33	106	114	0.29	0.31	107
Total Poultry	0.24	0.22	0.22	92	100	0.28	0.25	89

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

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

Commodity	May 2009	Apr 2010	May 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				May 2009	Apr 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	25,021	24,089	23,454	94	97	139,259	123,212	88
Mature	3,151	3,565	3,033	96	85	15,418	16,331	106
Light	1,363	1,724	1,311	96	76	5,758	7,311	127
Heavy	1,788	1,841	1,722	96	94	9,660	9,020	93
Total	28,172	27,654	26,487	94	96	154,677	139,543	90
Turkeys								
Young	6,859	6,672	6,338	92	95	37,232	32,675	88
Old	111	118	71	64	60	761	577	76
Total	6,970	6,790	6,409	92	94	37,993	33,252	88
Ducks	203	243	255	126	105	1,373	1,248	91
Other Poultry	2	1	1	50	100	9	5	56
Total Poultry	35,347	34,688	33,152	94	96	194,052	174,048	90
	<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	0.86	0.79	0.77	90	97	0.95	0.83	87
Mature	7.20	8.05	7.02	98	87	7.08	7.67	108
Light	12.36	13.22	11.63	94	88	11.93	12.56	105
Heavy	5.46	5.90	5.39	99	91	5.70	5.83	102
Total	0.95	0.89	0.86	91	97	1.04	0.92	88
Turkeys								
Young	1.51	1.45	1.43	95	99	1.60	1.45	91
Old	4.73	5.22	5.06	107	97	4.69	5.11	109
Total	1.52	1.47	1.44	95	98	1.62	1.47	91
Ducks	2.25	2.45	2.72	121	111	2.98	2.63	88
Other Poultry	1.80	0.88	0.86	48	98	1.81	0.97	54
Total Poultry	1.03	0.97	0.94	91	97	1.13	1.00	88

¹ Federally inspected only.

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, April 2010-May 2010**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Chickens						
Young			4,866	6,250	692,324	678,497
Mature			1,500	1,842	218,929	177,716
Light			1,358	1,713	183,659	144,622
Heavy			142	129	35,270	33,094
Total			6,366	8,092	911,253	856,213
Turkeys						
Young			40	28	33,327	28,369
Old			1		1,298	885
Total			41	28	34,625	29,254
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Chickens						
Young	346,411	267,943	4,781	4,612	42,608	40,937
Mature	15,993	11,156	468	347	53,201	53,168
Light	14,026	9,617	210	172	45,292	44,667
Heavy	1,967	1,539	258	175	7,909	8,501
Total	362,404	279,099	5,249	4,959	95,809	94,105
Turkeys						
Young	4,586	3,095	3,189	2,901	62	69
Old	165	104		1	42	15
Total	4,751	3,199	3,189	2,902	104	84
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Chickens						
Young	11,704	11,395	60,496	62,223	93,475	89,109
Mature	16,234	10,930	4,081	3,513	144,532	112,658
Light	15,461	10,144	2,131	1,988	130,244	97,916
Heavy	773	786	1,950	1,525	14,288	14,742
Total	27,938	22,325	64,577	65,736	238,007	201,767
Turkeys						
Young	202	255	1,009	1,045	1,440	1,354
Old	7		9	7	61	37
Total	209	255	1,018	1,052	1,501	1,391
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Chickens						
Young	21,089	13,348	799,368	745,632	2,077,122	1,919,946
Mature	487	492	167,878	142,611	623,303	514,433
Light	280	160	70,575	59,501	463,236	370,500
Heavy	207	332	97,303	83,110	160,067	143,933
Total	21,576	13,840	967,246	888,243	2,700,425	2,434,379
Turkeys						
Young	421	109	11,250	12,927	55,526	50,152
Old			332	90	1,915	1,139
Total	421	109	11,582	13,017	57,441	51,291

¹ Includes any portion of the carcass affected by an inflammatory process, plant-rejected carcasses, missing viscera, or ascites fluid preventing proper inspection of the carcass.

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<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	88,848	88,432	491,696	492,564	5.53	5.57
AK						
AZ						
AR	83,052	79,492	473,478	452,951	5.70	5.70
CA	21,760	22,796	124,315	130,858	5.71	5.74
CO						
CT						
DE	25,528	25,822	177,636	181,738	6.96	7.04
FL	4,323	3,951	26,702	24,146	6.18	6.11
GA	99,662	96,202	516,572	498,378	5.18	5.18
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	4,687	4,391	20,803	19,794	4.44	4.51
IA						
KS						
KY	25,469	24,879	137,863	134,758	5.41	5.42
LA	15,182	14,965	92,726	90,746	6.11	6.06
ME						
MD	10,796	11,475	47,284	51,502	4.38	4.49
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	65,568	63,767	391,926	377,369	5.98	5.92
MO	34,598	32,774	162,300	155,303	4.69	4.74
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	403	418	1,755	1,826	4.36	4.37
NM						
NY	1,609	1,654	7,814	8,410	4.86	5.08
NC	58,738	58,551	419,756	415,978	7.15	7.10
ND						
OH	4,602	4,408	28,515	26,734	6.20	6.06
OK	7,483	9,339	52,737	69,075	7.05	7.40
OR						
PA	9,898	10,071	56,748	56,950	5.73	5.65
RI						
SC	24,325	24,293	156,891	154,854	6.45	6.37
SD						
TN	24,251	23,516	123,728	122,337	5.10	5.20
TX	54,949	54,900	306,445	313,435	5.58	5.71
UT						
VT						
VA	26,187	26,575	134,286	140,949	5.13	5.30
WA	4,026	3,979	23,472	23,794	5.83	5.98
WV	9,478	9,410	38,084	37,334	4.02	3.97
WI						
WY						
US ¹	714,534	705,038	4,059,727	4,027,206	5.68	5.71

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, April 2010-May 2010**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<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	367,880	367,054	2,452	2,458	0.66	0.67
AK						
AZ						
AR	349,076	334,407	3,486	3,137	0.99	0.93
CA	92,117	96,885	800	854	0.86	0.87
CO						
CT						
DE	127,636	130,712	1,591	1,719	1.23	1.30
FL	18,588	16,754	134	108	0.71	0.64
GA	391,527	374,525	2,604	2,262	0.66	0.60
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	15,209	14,460	141	94	0.92	0.65
IA						
KS						
KY	100,217	98,397	525	387	0.52	0.39
LA	68,921	66,816	320	314	0.46	0.47
ME						
MD	33,964	37,105	398	311	1.16	0.83
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	300,408	291,741	1,764	1,730	0.58	0.59
MO	119,260	114,422	938	1,042	0.78	0.90
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	1,111	1,173	28	29	2.43	2.41
NM						
NY	4,810	5,141	116	131	2.35	2.48
NC	325,987	325,597	3,071	3,004	0.93	0.91
ND						
OH	21,432	20,067	283	282	1.30	1.38
OK	39,431	51,547	311	490	0.78	0.94
OR						
PA	39,652	39,914	504	484	1.25	1.20
RI						
SC	118,392	116,110	896	818	0.75	0.70
SD						
TN	89,725	88,843	660	654	0.73	0.73
TX	238,988	244,264	1,605	1,655	0.67	0.67
UT						
VT						
VA	94,268	98,803	752	781	0.79	0.78
WA	17,386	17,601	152	134	0.87	0.76
WV	27,309	26,787	126	95	0.46	0.35
WI						
WY						
US ³	3,038,227	3,013,315	24,089	23,454	0.79	0.77

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
AL			165	398	53,408	53,700
AR			577	376	113,663	101,057
DE			435	758	44,734	43,472
GA			83	99	45,664	39,028
MS			112	143	27,991	25,430
MO			202	159	58,420	57,392
NC			726	1,729	66,402	68,041
TX			153	88	56,182	54,200
VA			319	242	19,962	21,701
US ¹			4,866	6,250	692,324	678,497
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
AL	34,493	30,981	261	209	3,177	2,980
AR	35,979	26,817	2,421	2,273	1,645	1,440
DE	28,247	23,581	74	50	6,010	5,663
GA	57,553	36,725	121	155	7,692	7,047
MS	10,010	9,104	168	93	375	350
MO	9,416	19,127	124	178	1,396	1,353
NC	37,803	26,072	227	339	7,797	8,737
TX	22,475	18,010	171	106	865	709
VA	16,666	11,023	19	32	2,516	2,225
US ¹	346,411	267,943	4,781	4,612	42,608	40,937
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
AL	1,402	1,195	5,295	5,685	10,290	8,607
AR	979	1,017	6,430	5,498	6,978	6,908
DE	1,007	975	2,372	2,666	4,147	4,145
GA	894	945	8,594	9,382	7,782	6,517
MS	827	927	2,308	2,001	3,212	3,704
MO	290	221	2,128	2,275	5,020	4,490
NC	982	947	9,694	10,438	8,768	9,045
TX	492	443	4,580	5,060	4,420	4,809
VA	503	527	1,091	1,547	6,687	5,974
US ¹	11,704	11,395	60,496	62,223	93,475	89,109
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ²		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
AL	5,928	1,610	116,648	106,180	231,067	211,545
AR	451	404	131,005	105,069	300,128	250,859
DE	654	839	32,615	30,978	120,295	113,127
GA	2,281	609	61,669	54,028	192,333	154,535
MS	624	194	59,648	56,149	105,275	98,095
MO	163	281	52,326	55,763	129,485	141,239
NC	6,312	4,310	63,443	56,957	202,154	186,615
TX	778	654	36,057	29,164	126,173	113,243
VA	1,167	1,213	65,011	63,685	113,941	108,169
US ¹	21,089	13,348	799,368	745,632	2,077,122	1,919,946

¹ Published States do not add to US total to avoid disclosure.

² Includes any portion of the carcass affected by an inflammatory process, plant-rejected carcasses, missing viscera, or ascites fluid preventing proper inspection of the carcass.

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<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	2,722	2,507	54,065	49,013	19.86	19.55
CA	1,023	919	29,082	26,205	28.43	28.51
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	1,466	1,436	54,333	53,001	37.07	36.92
IA	1,084	1,017	43,466	40,716	40.11	40.02
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	3,275	3,645	86,200	90,114	26.32	24.72
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	2,088	2,071	64,484	67,679	30.88	32.69
ND						
OH	399	376	17,078	16,312	42.83	43.44
OK						
OR						
PA	406	313	10,390	8,600	25.59	27.50
RI						
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX						
UT						
VT						
VA	2,213	2,068	58,658	56,036	26.50	27.10
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	19,053	18,332	565,518	544,338	29.68	29.69

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, April 2010-May 2010**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<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	45,564	41,450	388	354	0.85	0.85
CA	23,762	21,488	279	292	1.16	1.34
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	43,775	42,761	771	772	1.73	1.77
IA	34,301	32,162	851	736	2.42	2.24
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	68,999	72,084	1,174	1,144	1.67	1.56
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	51,286	53,483	381	369	0.74	0.69
ND						
OH	13,451	12,952	288	281	2.09	2.12
OK						
OR						
PA	8,084	6,746	214	184	2.58	2.65
RI						
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX						
UT						
VT						
VA	46,103	44,055	459	439	0.99	0.99
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	452,759	436,063	6,672	6,338	1.45	1.43

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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