

Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 6 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during August 2010 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.73 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the amount certified in August 2009. The July 2010 revised certified total at 3.58 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from July 2009. The July revision represented an increase of 32.1 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during August 2010 was 4.96 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 4.70 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.27 billion pounds, up 6 percent from August 2009. Mature chickens, at 75.1 million pounds, were up 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 603 million pounds, up 4 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.0 million pounds, up 13 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during August 2010 averaged 5.57 pounds per bird, up slightly from August 2009. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.91 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2010 averaged 28.0 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from August 2009.

Ante-mortem condemnations during August 2010 totaled 14.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.29 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.26 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.0 million pounds, were 0.90 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.97 percent a year earlier.

August 2010 contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays, while August 2009 had 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

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

Commodity	Aug 2009	Jul 2010	Aug 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Aug 2009	Jul 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	726,290	730,311	766,439	106	105	5,706,561	5,734,745	100
Mature	12,244	12,134	12,707	104	105	94,338	95,012	101
Light	5,482	5,432	5,642	103	104	43,085	46,781	109
Heavy	6,762	6,702	7,065	104	105	51,253	48,231	94
Total	738,534	742,445	779,146	105	105	5,800,899	5,829,757	100
Turkeys								
Young	20,404	20,266	21,420	105	106	160,788	155,609	97
Old	132	137	141	107	103	1,203	923	77
Total	20,536	20,403	21,561	105	106	161,991	156,532	97
Ducks	1,844	1,943	2,037	110	105	14,977	15,401	103
	<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	4,036,180	4,082,535	4,267,874	106	105	31,705,629	32,309,607	102
Mature	70,727	71,723	75,090	106	105	543,025	533,159	98
Light	17,900	17,528	17,893	100	102	139,845	150,512	108
Heavy	52,827	54,195	57,197	108	106	403,180	382,647	95
Total	4,106,907	4,154,258	4,342,964	106	105	32,248,654	32,842,766	102
Turkeys								
Young	576,310	578,932	599,244	104	104	4,678,525	4,567,938	98
Old	3,474	3,842	3,716	107	97	32,115	24,541	76
Total	579,784	582,774	602,960	104	103	4,710,640	4,592,479	97
Ducks	12,404	13,005	13,962	113	107	101,044	104,921	104
Other Poultry ²	182	209	292	160	140	1,313	1,445	110
Total Poultry	4,699,277	4,750,246	4,960,178	106	104	37,061,651	37,541,611	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	5.56	5.59	5.57	100	100	5.56	5.63	101
Mature	5.78	5.91	5.91	102	100	5.76	5.61	97
Light	3.27	3.23	3.17	97	98	3.25	3.22	99
Heavy	7.81	8.09	8.10	104	100	7.87	7.93	101
Total	5.56	5.60	5.57	100	99	5.56	5.63	101
Turkeys								
Young	28.24	28.57	27.98	99	98	29.10	29.36	101
Old	26.32	28.04	26.35	100	94	26.70	26.59	100
Total	28.23	28.56	27.97	99	98	29.08	29.34	101
Ducks	6.73	6.69	6.85	102	102	6.75	6.81	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, August, 2009-2010 ¹**

Commodity	Aug 2009	Jul 2010	Aug 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Aug 2009	Jul 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	2,739,681	2,789,333	2,897,088	106	104	21,453,249	22,010,314	103
Mature	44,622	44,961	47,442	106	106	337,752	331,330	98
Light	9,572	9,304	9,487	99	102	72,373	79,326	110
Heavy	35,050	35,657	37,955	108	106	265,379	252,004	95
Total	2,784,303	2,834,294	2,944,530	106	104	21,791,001	22,341,644	103
Turkeys								
Young	280,486	277,652	292,322	104	105	2,307,925	2,261,867	98
Old	2,607	2,824	2,752	106	97	21,116	18,137	86
Total	283,093	280,476	295,074	104	105	2,329,041	2,280,004	98
Ducks	3,259	3,347	3,539	109	106	24,811	27,727	112
Other Poultry ²	87	102	112	129	110	612	705	115
Total Poultry	3,070,742	3,118,219	3,243,255	106	104	24,145,465	24,650,080	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	272,395	268,328	290,985	107	108	2,165,975	2,165,175	100
Mature	216	22	57	26	259	2,255	1,388	62
Light						113	225	199
Heavy	216	22	57	26	259	2,142	1,163	54
Total	272,611	268,350	291,042	107	108	2,168,230	2,166,563	100
Turkeys								
Young	180,204	186,238	185,877	103	100	1,420,909	1,389,794	98
Old	68	139	103	151	74	3,431	721	21
Total	180,272	186,377	185,980	103	100	1,424,340	1,390,515	98
Ducks	5,592	6,069	6,418	115	106	47,222	47,604	101
Other Poultry ²	31	30	68	219	227	237	251	106
Total Poultry	458,506	460,826	483,508	105	105	3,640,029	3,604,933	99
Chilled and Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,012,076	3,057,661	3,188,073	106	104	23,619,224	24,175,489	102
Mature	44,838	44,983	47,499	106	106	340,007	332,718	98
Light	9,572	9,304	9,487	99	102	72,486	79,551	110
Heavy	35,266	35,679	38,012	108	107	267,521	253,167	95
Total	3,056,914	3,102,644	3,235,572	106	104	23,959,231	24,508,207	102
Turkeys								
Young	460,690	463,890	478,199	104	103	3,728,834	3,651,661	98
Old	2,675	2,963	2,855	107	96	24,547	18,858	77
Total	463,365	466,853	481,054	104	103	3,753,381	3,670,519	98
Ducks	8,851	9,416	9,957	112	106	72,033	75,331	105
Other Poultry ²	118	132	180	153	136	849	956	113
Total Poultry	3,529,248	3,579,045	3,726,763	106	104	27,785,494	28,255,013	102

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, August, 2009-2010¹**

Commodity	Aug 2009	Jul 2010	Aug 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Aug 2009	Jul 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	9,569	10,771	11,019	115	102	80,830	77,463	96
Mature	1,270	1,756	1,443	114	82	9,263	9,339	101
Light	288	429	424	147	99	2,044	2,510	123
Heavy	982	1,327	1,019	104	77	7,219	6,829	95
Total	10,839	12,527	12,462	115	99	90,093	86,802	96
Turkeys								
Young	1,363	1,517	1,619	119	107	11,978	11,546	96
Old	32	58	39	122	67	334	284	85
Total	1,395	1,575	1,658	119	105	12,312	11,830	96
Ducks	55	70	75	136	107	336	387	115
Total Poultry	12,289	14,172	14,195	116	100	102,741	99,019	96
	<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	0.26	0.26	108	100	0.25	0.24	96
Mature	1.80	2.45	1.92	107	78	1.71	1.75	102
Light	1.61	2.45	2.37	147	97	1.46	1.67	114
Heavy	1.86	2.45	1.78	96	73	1.79	1.78	99
Total	0.26	0.30	0.29	112	97	0.28	0.26	93
Turkeys								
Young	0.24	0.26	0.27	113	104	0.26	0.25	96
Old	0.92	1.51	1.05	114	70	1.04	1.16	112
Total	0.24	0.27	0.27	113	100	0.26	0.26	100
Ducks	0.44	0.54	0.54	123	100	0.33	0.37	112
Total Poultry	0.26	0.30	0.29	112	97	0.28	0.26	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, August, 2009-2010 ¹**

Commodity	Aug 2009	Jul 2010	Aug 2010	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2009
				Aug 2009	Jul 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	24,279	22,833	23,543	97	103	216,088	192,875	89
Mature	3,160	2,931	2,919	92	100	25,301	25,329	100
Light	1,201	1,048	935	78	89	9,571	10,475	109
Heavy	1,959	1,883	1,984	101	105	15,730	14,854	94
Total	27,439	25,764	26,462	96	103	241,389	218,204	90
Turkeys								
Young	6,761	6,639	7,188	106	108	58,105	53,408	92
Old	108	119	114	106	96	1,202	908	76
Total	6,869	6,758	7,302	106	108	59,307	54,316	92
Ducks	279	249	245	88	98	2,109	1,996	95
Other Poultry	1	1	5	500	500	14	13	93
Total Poultry	34,588	32,772	34,014	98	104	302,819	274,529	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 Weight Condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.80	0.74	0.73	91	99	0.91	0.79	87
Mature	6.58	6.12	5.79	88	95	6.93	7.07	102
Light	11.15	10.12	8.97	80	89	11.66	11.64	100
Heavy	5.26	5.01	4.96	94	99	5.55	5.54	100
Total	0.89	0.82	0.81	91	99	1.00	0.88	88
Turkeys								
Young	1.45	1.41	1.48	102	105	1.53	1.44	94
Old	3.88	3.86	3.84	99	99	4.67	4.59	98
Total	1.46	1.43	1.50	103	105	1.56	1.46	94
Ducks	3.06	2.58	2.40	78	93	2.84	2.58	91
Other Poultry	0.84	0.75	2.70	321	360	1.62	1.34	83
Total Poultry	0.97	0.91	0.90	93	99	1.08	0.96	89

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, July 2010-August 2010**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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			10,208	10,574	689,420	692,909
Mature			1,220	818	160,276	134,775
Light			1,050	541	128,484	101,834
Heavy			170	277	31,792	32,941
Total			11,428	11,392	849,696	827,684
Turkeys						
Young			25	66	28,452	33,515
Old					1,296	1,167
Total			25	66	29,748	34,682
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	188,428	182,424	5,998	6,487	34,569	37,310
Mature	10,086	10,134	421	507	40,572	35,819
Light	8,510	8,522	175	165	32,842	27,714
Heavy	1,576	1,612	246	342	7,730	8,105
Total	198,514	192,558	6,419	6,994	75,141	73,129
Turkeys						
Young	4,773	6,151	3,131	2,654	94	269
Old	70	117		6	62	65
Total	4,843	6,268	3,131	2,660	156	334
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	11,784	12,250	67,617	70,264	86,946	92,112
Mature	14,289	11,221	3,360	2,669	108,304	86,154
Light	13,717	10,711	1,800	1,412	94,421	70,802
Heavy	572	510	1,560	1,257	13,883	15,352
Total	26,073	23,471	70,977	72,933	195,250	178,266
Turkeys						
Young	197	185	1,215	1,674	1,603	1,545
Old	2	1	8	43	41	29
Total	199	186	1,223	1,717	1,644	1,574
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	18,637	19,219	665,768	615,010	1,779,375	1,738,559
Mature	1,348	271	136,255	167,745	476,131	450,113
Light	402	140	42,488	61,002	323,889	282,843
Heavy	946	131	93,767	106,743	152,242	167,270
Total	19,985	19,490	802,023	782,755	2,255,506	2,188,672
Turkeys						
Young	296	488	9,773	10,924	49,559	57,471
Old	2	14	161	165	1,642	1,607
Total	298	502	9,934	11,089	51,201	59,078

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, July 2010-August 2010**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	90,960	95,613	498,286	524,160	5.48	5.48
AK						
AZ						
AR	80,222	85,005	448,796	468,149	5.59	5.51
CA	24,268	24,438	135,919	138,064	5.60	5.65
CO						
CT						
DE	26,269	26,847	180,712	183,204	6.88	6.82
FL	4,285	4,290	25,778	26,526	6.02	6.18
GA	101,034	106,330	519,951	548,983	5.15	5.16
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	4,959	5,032	21,513	21,857	4.34	4.34
IA						
KS						
KY	25,389	26,334	136,057	138,140	5.36	5.25
LA	15,335	16,565	91,428	96,809	5.96	5.84
ME						
MD	12,081	12,204	57,150	57,601	4.73	4.72
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	64,856	67,607	369,444	384,829	5.70	5.69
MO	35,575	36,799	167,616	171,570	4.71	4.66
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	384	546	1,664	2,422	4.34	4.43
NM						
NY	1,459	1,861	7,597	10,864	5.21	5.84
NC	59,549	61,513	409,513	426,377	6.88	6.93
ND						
OH	4,751	4,652	28,828	28,222	6.07	6.07
OK	11,042	11,195	77,743	77,022	7.04	6.88
OR						
PA	10,225	11,170	56,287	62,121	5.51	5.56
RI						
SC	24,776	26,945	153,613	164,717	6.20	6.11
SD						
TN	25,711	26,226	130,418	131,160	5.07	5.00
TX	56,954	61,224	315,382	336,955	5.54	5.50
UT						
VT						
VA	27,550	29,096	142,052	150,105	5.16	5.16
WA	4,369	4,535	25,802	26,981	5.91	5.95
WV	9,244	10,385	36,149	41,113	3.91	3.96
WI						
WY						
US ¹	730,311	766,439	4,082,535	4,267,874	5.59	5.57

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, July 2010-August 2010**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	369,892	389,497	2,571	2,612	0.69	0.67
AK						
AZ						
AR	332,005	346,524	2,914	2,899	0.87	0.83
CA	99,579	102,269	837	777	0.83	0.75
CO						
CT						
DE	129,732	132,033	1,407	1,337	1.07	1.00
FL	17,913	18,412	135	123	0.75	0.66
GA	393,773	414,920	2,449	2,664	0.62	0.64
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	15,818	15,814	84	73	0.53	0.46
IA						
KS						
KY	99,152	100,226	454	405	0.46	0.40
LA	67,846	71,570	269	282	0.40	0.39
ME						
MD	41,101	41,546	301	258	0.73	0.62
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	284,437	291,743	1,670	1,753	0.58	0.60
MO	123,462	126,664	1,029	1,013	0.83	0.79
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	1,075	1,553	25	40	2.31	2.53
NM						
NY	4,621	6,488	139	191	2.93	2.86
NC	321,681	332,122	2,855	2,987	0.88	0.89
ND						
OH	21,371	20,920	481	503	2.20	2.35
OK	58,132	56,952	491	533	0.84	0.93
OR						
PA	39,691	43,698	536	560	1.33	1.26
RI						
SC	115,564	123,913	851	942	0.73	0.75
SD						
TN	94,540	95,243	592	604	0.62	0.63
TX	247,029	262,455	1,519	1,708	0.61	0.65
UT						
VT						
VA	100,182	106,320	563	534	0.56	0.50
WA	19,247	20,125	130	125	0.67	0.62
WV	25,946	29,514	74	84	0.28	0.28
WI						
WY						
US ³	3,057,661	3,188,073	22,833	23,543	0.74	0.73

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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, July 2010-August 2010**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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			170	156	59,256	63,384
AR			546	548	94,312	98,509
DE			454	310	35,854	33,094
GA			79	75	43,862	46,435
MS			190	245	24,781	26,416
MO			93	93	61,038	57,685
NC			6,633	7,071	71,163	78,293
TX			56	68	48,742	55,534
VA			127	167	20,789	22,692
US ¹			10,208	10,574	689,420	692,909
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	27,864	22,419	335	467	2,096	2,189
AR	18,480	15,849	3,204	3,232	1,493	1,523
DE	11,467	10,644	69	60	3,998	4,554
GA	27,034	27,903	156	129	5,791	6,020
MS	7,405	6,700	246	404	390	563
MO	7,932	8,880	286	203	1,383	1,337
NC	20,438	22,030	222	266	7,326	7,804
TX	9,545	10,800	94	159	817	880
VA	8,782	8,653	81	73	1,844	1,877
US ¹	188,428	182,424	5,998	6,487	34,569	37,310
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	1,134	1,209	6,091	6,159	9,529	10,041
AR	1,049	1,208	6,216	7,076	6,843	7,913
DE	1,630	1,359	2,736	2,471	5,323	3,752
GA	775	903	12,009	11,672	6,909	7,074
MS	774	860	2,107	2,304	4,172	4,094
MO	341	235	3,432	2,960	5,245	6,734
NC	1,042	1,187	8,816	9,732	6,018	6,516
TX	583	764	4,776	7,560	6,406	6,057
VA	803	852	1,528	1,665	4,613	3,284
US ¹	11,784	12,250	67,617	70,264	86,946	92,112
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ²		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	1,668	3,440	117,618	113,865	225,761	223,329
AR	834	586	80,316	79,485	213,293	215,929
DE	752	1,771	25,810	12,443	88,093	70,458
GA	1,311	797	57,209	62,993	155,135	164,001
MS	250	959	43,453	42,403	83,768	84,948
MO	983	109	40,942	34,249	121,675	112,485
NC	5,504	3,913	51,123	43,371	178,285	180,183
TX	627	1,258	35,421	33,970	107,067	117,050
VA	1,991	1,100	38,725	21,409	79,283	61,772
US ¹	18,637	19,219	665,768	615,010	1,779,375	1,738,559

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, July 2010-August 2010**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	2,709	2,569	51,948	49,702	19.17	19.35
CA	1,217	1,339	33,523	35,167	27.54	26.27
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	1,505	1,589	53,212	53,370	35.36	33.59
IA	1,042	1,133	40,284	42,760	38.67	37.75
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	4,209	4,468	101,198	103,616	24.04	23.19
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	2,182	2,322	70,208	73,337	32.18	31.59
ND						
OH	416	461	17,425	18,917	41.85	40.99
OK						
OR						
PA	369	423	9,305	10,120	25.24	23.94
RI						
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX						
UT						
VT						
VA	2,309	2,433	59,788	62,406	25.90	25.65
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	20,266	21,420	578,932	599,244	28.57	27.98

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, July 2010-August 2010**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	43,739	41,349	363	351	0.82	0.84
CA	27,565	28,674	317	270	1.14	0.93
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	42,962	43,168	670	690	1.54	1.57
IA	31,711	33,659	712	752	2.20	2.18
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	81,313	83,033	1,258	1,298	1.52	1.54
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	55,556	57,582	526	591	0.94	1.02
ND						
OH	13,662	14,827	274	323	1.97	2.13
OK						
OR						
PA	7,316	7,905	179	210	2.38	2.59
RI						
SC						
SD						
TN						
TX						
UT						
VT						
VA	47,064	49,113	426	478	0.90	0.96
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	463,890	478,199	6,639	7,188	1.41	1.48

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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