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

Poultry certified wholesome during November 2007 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.57 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the amount certified in November 2006. The October 2007 revised certified total at 4.00 billion pounds, was up 6 percent from October 2006. The October revision represented an increase of 7.96 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during November 2007 was 4.81 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 4.67 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.07 billion pounds, up 3 percent from November 2006. Mature chickens, at 64.7 million pounds, were up slightly from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 660 million pounds, up 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.7 million pounds, down 1 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during November 2007 averaged 5.63 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from November 2006. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.03 pounds per bird, down 5 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during November 2007 averaged 27.7 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from November 2006.

Ante-mortem condemnations during November 2007 totaled 14.3 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.30 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.33 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 41.6 million pounds, were 1.15 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.24 percent a year earlier.

November 2007 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays, while November 2006 had 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

### *Special Note*

Due to a policy change, the *Poultry Slaughter* annual report, which will be released at 8:30a.m. ET on February 28, 2008, will now contain two years of revisions. This change will align the *Poultry Slaughter* annual report with the *Livestock Slaughter* annual report which already contains two years of revisions.

**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,  
United States, November, 2006-2007<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Nov 2006	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Pct of		January to Date		Pct of 2006
				Nov 2006	Oct 2007	2006	2007	
	<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	715,655	811,386	722,861	101	89	8,158,493	8,183,960	100
Mature	10,161	12,171	10,714	105	88	121,296	121,638	100
Light	3,663	4,781	4,502	123	94	49,829	51,250	103
Heavy	6,498	7,390	6,212	96	84	71,467	70,388	98
Total	725,816	823,557	733,575	101	89	8,279,789	8,305,598	100
Turkeys								
Young	23,266	26,265	23,647	102	90	233,643	242,328	104
Old	244	179	207	85	116	2,391	2,036	85
Total	23,510	26,444	23,854	101	90	236,034	244,364	104
Ducks	2,362	2,390	2,321	98	97	25,676	25,083	98
	<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	3,951,868	4,553,443	4,070,449	103	89	44,608,024	45,034,455	101
Mature	64,470	74,995	64,654	100	86	743,911	733,592	99
Light	12,467	15,807	15,088	121	95	166,396	168,953	102
Heavy	52,003	59,188	49,566	95	84	577,515	564,639	98
Total	4,016,338	4,628,438	4,135,103	103	89	45,351,935	45,768,047	101
Turkeys								
Young	631,914	727,448	654,021	103	90	6,581,693	6,859,610	104
Old	6,410	4,612	5,527	86	120	62,808	53,050	84
Total	638,324	732,060	659,548	103	90	6,644,501	6,912,660	104
Ducks	15,849	16,088	15,723	99	98	172,526	168,728	98
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	407	1,008	394	97	39	5,939	5,420	91
Total Poultry	4,670,918	5,377,594	4,810,768	103	89	52,174,901	52,854,855	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>
Avg Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.52	5.61	5.63	102	100	5.47	5.50	101
Mature	6.34	6.16	6.03	95	98	6.13	6.03	98
Light	3.40	3.31	3.35	99	101	3.34	3.30	99
Heavy	8.00	8.01	7.98	100	100	8.08	8.02	99
Total	5.53	5.62	5.64	102	100	5.48	5.51	101
Turkeys								
Young	27.16	27.70	27.66	102	100	28.17	28.31	100
Old	26.27	25.77	26.70	102	104	26.27	26.06	99
Total	27.15	27.68	27.65	102	100	28.15	28.29	100
Ducks	6.71	6.73	6.77	101	101	6.72	6.73	100

<sup>1</sup> Federally inspected only.

<sup>2</sup> Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, squab, and any other voluntary poultry.

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, November, 2006-2007<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Nov 2006	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Pct of		January to Date		Pct of 2006
				Nov 2006	Oct 2007	2006	2007	
	<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>
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young	2,614,858	3,028,165	2,709,911	104	89	29,866,417	29,859,525	100
Mature	40,280	47,165	40,303	100	85	463,417	454,401	98
Light	6,414	8,362	7,652	119	92	84,783	86,719	102
Heavy	33,866	38,803	32,651	96	84	378,634	367,682	97
Total	2,655,138	3,075,330	2,750,214	104	89	30,329,834	30,313,926	100
Turkeys								
Young	298,360	348,490	320,095	107	92	2,934,102	3,108,395	106
Old	3,241	2,083	2,889	89	139	38,617	31,000	80
Total	301,601	350,573	322,984	107	92	2,972,719	3,139,395	106
Ducks	5,302	5,797	5,735	108	99	61,296	59,352	97
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	155	178	173	112	97	1,790	1,913	107
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>2,962,196</b>	<b>3,431,878</b>	<b>3,079,106</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>33,365,639</b>	<b>33,514,586</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young	283,567	326,669	284,197	100	87	3,160,136	3,189,924	101
Mature	312	398	869	279	218	4,263	5,324	125
Light	8	672	672	8,400		181	736	407
Heavy	304	398	197	65	49	4,082	4,588	112
Total	283,879	327,067	285,066	100	87	3,164,399	3,195,248	101
Turkeys								
Young	201,314	229,292	200,057	99	87	2,276,622	2,328,421	102
Old	1,667	1,393	1,344	81	96	9,299	9,097	98
Total	202,981	230,685	201,401	99	87	2,285,921	2,337,518	102
Ducks	5,996	5,676	5,465	91	96	62,192	61,356	99
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	79	371	73	92	20	1,554	1,269	82
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>492,935</b>	<b>563,799</b>	<b>492,005</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>5,514,066</b>	<b>5,595,391</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young	2,898,425	3,354,834	2,994,108	103	89	33,026,553	33,049,449	100
Mature	40,592	47,563	41,172	101	87	467,680	459,725	98
Light	6,422	8,362	8,324	130	100	84,964	87,455	103
Heavy	34,170	39,201	32,848	96	84	382,716	372,270	97
Total	2,939,017	3,402,397	3,035,280	103	89	33,494,233	33,509,174	100
Turkeys								
Young	499,674	577,782	520,152	104	90	5,210,724	5,436,816	104
Old	4,908	3,476	4,233	86	122	47,916	40,097	84
Total	504,582	581,258	524,385	104	90	5,258,640	5,476,913	104
Ducks	11,298	11,473	11,200	99	98	123,488	120,708	98
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	234	549	246	105	45	3,344	3,182	95
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>3,455,131</b>	<b>3,995,677</b>	<b>3,571,111</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>38,879,705</b>	<b>39,109,977</b>	<b>101</b>

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> Includes geese, guineas, squab, and any other voluntary poultry.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,  
United States, November, 2006-2007<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Nov 2006	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2006
				Nov 2006	Oct 2007	2006	2007	
	<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	13,003	13,774	11,902	92	86	154,997	155,736	100
Mature	809	1,126	882	109	78	11,127	13,459	121
Light	178	201	216	121	107	3,308	3,738	113
Heavy	631	925	666	106	72	7,819	9,721	124
Total	13,812	14,900	12,784	93	86	166,124	169,195	102
Turkeys								
Young	1,560	1,772	1,441	92	81	19,158	20,127	105
Old	54	27	32	59	119	706	657	93
Total	1,614	1,799	1,473	91	82	19,864	20,784	105
Ducks	38	38	30	79	79	421	419	100
Other Poultry	1	8	2	200	25	10	21	210
Total Poultry	15,465	16,745	14,289	92	85	186,419	190,419	102
	<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 <sup>2</sup>								
Chickens								
Young	0.33	0.30	0.29	88	97	0.35	0.35	100
Mature	1.25	1.50	1.36	109	91	1.50	1.83	122
Light	1.43	1.27	1.43	100	113	1.99	2.21	111
Heavy	1.21	1.56	1.34	111	86	1.35	1.72	127
Total	0.34	0.32	0.31	91	97	0.37	0.37	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.25	0.24	0.22	88	92	0.29	0.29	100
Old	0.84	0.59	0.58	69	98	1.12	1.24	111
Total	0.25	0.25	0.22	88	88	0.30	0.30	100
Ducks	0.24	0.24	0.19	79	79	0.24	0.25	104
Other Poultry	0.25	0.79	0.51	204	65	0.17	0.39	229
Total Poultry	0.33	0.31	0.30	91	97	0.36	0.36	100

<sup>1</sup> Federally inspected only.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

**Poultry Slaughter: Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type,  
United States, November, 2006-2007<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Nov 2006	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2006
				Nov 2006	Oct 2007	2006	2007	
	<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	31,493	32,150	30,040	95	93	375,773	361,754	96
Mature	2,974	3,551	2,913	98	82	32,418	34,052	105
Light	1,093	1,171	1,030	94	88	13,448	12,361	92
Heavy	1,881	2,380	1,883	100	79	18,970	21,691	114
Total	34,467	35,701	32,953	96	92	408,191	395,806	97
Turkeys								
Young	8,387	9,467	8,040	96	85	95,134	94,281	99
Old	259	227	231	89	102	2,610	2,742	105
Total	8,646	9,694	8,271	96	85	97,744	97,023	99
Ducks	355	373	351	99	94	4,175	3,582	86
Other Poultry	5	11	4	80	36	72	74	103
Total Poultry	43,473	45,779	41,579	96	91	510,182	496,485	97
	<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 <sup>2</sup>								
Chickens								
Young	1.07	0.95	0.99	92	105	1.12	1.08	96
Mature	6.83	6.95	6.61	97	95	6.48	6.90	106
Light	14.54	12.28	11.01	76	90	13.67	12.38	91
Heavy	5.22	5.72	5.42	104	95	4.72	5.51	117
Total	1.16	1.04	1.07	93	103	1.20	1.17	97
Turkeys								
Young	1.65	1.61	1.52	92	94	1.79	1.70	95
Old	5.01	6.13	5.17	103	84	5.17	6.40	124
Total	1.68	1.64	1.55	92	95	1.82	1.74	95
Ducks	3.05	3.15	3.04	100	97	3.27	2.88	88
Other Poultry	2.09	1.96	1.60	76	81	2.11	2.27	108
Total Poultry	1.24	1.13	1.15	93	102	1.30	1.25	97

<sup>1</sup> Federally inspected only.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,  
by State and United States, October 2007-November 2007**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<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	99,655	88,912	562,235	500,041	5.64	5.62
AR	104,847	91,668	578,704	505,010	5.52	5.51
DE	26,928	24,418	182,501	167,851	6.78	6.87
GA	119,608	107,067	642,545	576,330	5.37	5.38
KY	27,545	24,008	152,768	132,343	5.55	5.51
LA	18,067	16,317	106,801	97,838	5.91	6.00
MD	13,237	12,682	64,511	61,255	4.87	4.83
MS	70,480	62,342	401,107	356,376	5.69	5.72
MO	37,507	33,492	180,578	160,211	4.81	4.78
NC	63,475	57,445	439,958	404,051	6.93	7.03
OH	4,218	4,146	23,401	23,741	5.55	5.73
PA	10,960	9,527	62,366	55,275	5.69	5.80
SC	27,076	24,305	171,535	155,021	6.34	6.38
TN	25,380	21,989	130,375	114,465	5.14	5.21
TX	59,316	53,145	318,582	284,933	5.37	5.36
VA	27,927	25,002	145,307	130,949	5.20	5.24
Oth Sts	75,160	66,396	390,169	344,759	5.19	5.19
US	811,386	722,861	4,553,443	4,070,449	5.61	5.63

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations  
by State and United States, October 2007-November 2007**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	October	November	Carcass and Parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
			October	November	October	November
	<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	412,074	365,429	3,535	3,446	0.85	0.93
AR	420,226	364,173	4,644	4,348	1.09	1.18
DE	131,489	120,838	1,851	1,683	1.39	1.37
GA	481,258	429,179	3,374	3,523	0.70	0.81
KY	112,256	95,863	783	712	0.69	0.74
LA	78,380	71,702	402	426	0.51	0.59
MD	47,256	44,685	653	597	1.36	1.32
MS	293,136	261,482	2,661	2,368	0.90	0.90
MO	132,691	117,754	1,142	1,194	0.85	1.00
NC	336,630	309,608	4,150	3,775	1.22	1.20
OH	16,916	17,296	319	304	1.85	1.73
PA	42,005	37,797	913	615	2.13	1.60
SC	126,183	114,168	922	926	0.73	0.80
TN	94,316	82,621	858	802	0.90	0.96
TX	242,760	217,292	2,051	1,944	0.84	0.89
VA	101,681	91,910	674	599	0.66	0.65
Oth Sts	285,577	252,311	3,218	2,778	1.11	1.09
US	3,354,834	2,994,108	32,150	30,040	0.95	0.99

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,  
by State and United States, October 2007-November 2007**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<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>
Young						
AL			*	*	94,479	86,300
AR			403	482	132,517	127,561
DE			576	*	88,322	77,484
GA			321	303	80,494	81,947
KY			*	*	36,765	30,876
LA			*	*	14,699	12,383
MD			233	*	30,490	31,233
MS			*	*	37,481	32,986
MO			440	738	64,290	66,901
NC			301	240	85,129	83,792
OH					6,678	7,046
PA			56	78	18,156	17,024
SC			*	*	7,470	8,144
TN			*	*	47,267	41,117
TX			*	60	38,237	40,167
VA			*	*	26,151	23,146
Oth Sts			1,688	2,695	201,090	177,811
US			4,018	4,596	1,009,715	945,918
Mature						
Light			1,323	1,263	144,674	129,665
Heavy			597	513	42,478	31,260
US			1,920	1,776	187,152	160,925
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<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>
Young						
AL	35,258	61,926	437	428	*	*
AR	19,791	24,994	2,003	1,410	2,423	1,897
DE	19,663	23,766	69	49	*	*
GA	54,493	81,569	424	202	8,601	6,934
KY	*	*	*	*	*	*
LA	2,978	2,953	*	*	225	238
MD	21,272	22,574	*	*	*	*
MS	14,497	21,130	225	148	834	792
MO	6,684	12,229	*	236	1,631	1,489
NC	27,540	38,528	97	87	9,936	9,583
OH	*	1,721	*	*	106	96
PA	8,661	9,878	35	*	186	241
SC	4,652	5,920	*	*	*	*
TN	17,027	21,081	43	125	648	565
TX	7,022	10,257	*	*	1,066	951
VA	7,427	8,686	*	17	*	*
Oth Sts	39,904	37,460	1,623	1,388	33,461	34,174
US	286,869	384,672	4,956	4,090	59,117	56,960
Mature						
Light	34,110	26,592	138	158	56,866	53,600
Heavy	1,996	1,066	146	111	7,727	6,401
US	36,106	27,658	284	269	64,593	60,001

\* Included in "Other States" to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,  
by State and United States, October 2007-November 2007**

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<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>
Young						
AL	2,180	1,923	11,620	10,570	15,779	14,862
AR	3,830	3,604	16,540	13,291	23,264	19,096
DE	1,678	1,394	5,131	3,970	8,697	5,711
GA	1,873	1,520	28,250	26,612	13,482	12,745
KY	183	129	3,602	3,619	4,921	3,645
LA	222	*	2,758	1,672	1,533	*
MD	1,313	1,182	2,419	2,957	*	*
MS	1,223	*	2,829	3,192	3,224	3,558
MO	938	958	4,291	4,342	9,214	9,028
NC	1,959	1,568	16,911	20,545	21,061	13,943
OH	*	*	738	*	464	403
PA	547	549	*	1,300	5,119	2,131
SC	853	740	2,266	1,864	*	1,549
TN	651	638	1,498	1,829	3,065	2,594
TX	598	479	5,699	4,971	5,233	5,538
VA	1,046	780	3,011	2,319	3,518	3,231
Oth Sts	2,874	3,928	13,802	13,180	39,950	39,786
US	21,968	19,392	121,365	116,233	158,524	137,820
Mature						
Light	11,046	10,653	1,582	1,611	82,193	78,902
Heavy	1,142	790	6,490	3,463	15,630	11,533
US	12,188	11,443	8,072	5,074	97,823	90,435
State	Overscald		Other		Total <sup>1</sup>	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<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>
Young						
AL	11,053	6,537	116,909	120,864	292,110	308,450
AR	5,551	2,822	108,858	99,666	315,180	294,823
DE	2,243	*	*	*	172,245	150,609
GA	5,647	4,902	59,360	71,337	252,945	288,071
KY	208	349	13,226	*	82,823	74,597
LA	46	43	4,135	*	26,689	35,579
MD	1,364	*	*	*	*	*
MS	*	*	55,474	47,283	117,297	111,222
MO	*	278	65,026	62,316	153,153	158,515
NC	11,203	6,540	85,689	57,880	259,826	232,706
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	46	*	*	*	65,896	52,643
SC	2,364	1,586	34,425	39,675	55,149	60,516
TN	*	*	3,870	2,836	75,340	72,166
TX	2,113	*	47,586	46,832	107,966	111,261
VA	*	1,528	19,551	15,586	65,176	58,950
Oth Sts	12,415	17,885	244,745	221,506	537,844	487,824
US	54,253	42,470	858,854	785,781	2,579,639	2,497,932
Mature						
Light	873	797	76,376	68,058	409,181	371,299
Heavy	567	354	86,404	75,054	163,177	130,545
US	1,440	1,151	162,780	143,112	572,358	501,844

\* Included in "Other States" to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> The sum of the individual diseases does not add to total for "Other States."



**Young Turkeys Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, by State and United States, October 2007-November 2007**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<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>
AR	3,567	3,271	70,324	62,596	19.71	19.14
MN	3,500	3,290	95,157	88,862	27.19	27.01
MO	1,690	1,319	52,875	41,375	31.28	31.37
Oth Sts	17,508	15,767	509,092	461,188	29.08	29.25
US	26,265	23,647	727,448	654,021	27.70	27.66

**Young Turkeys Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, by State and United States, October 2007-November 2007**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	October	November	Carcass and Parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
			October	November	October	November
	<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>
AR	57,858	51,205	864	756	1.47	1.45
MN	76,012	70,997	1,567	1,483	2.02	2.05
MO	41,734	32,779	862	624	2.02	1.87
Oth Sts	402,178	365,171	6,174	5,177	1.51	1.40
US	577,782	520,152	9,467	8,040	1.61	1.52

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type, United States, October 2007-November 2007**

Cause	Young		Old	
	October	November	October	November
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Tuberculosis				
Leukosis	24	34	2	
Septicaemia	70,489	65,941	1,402	2,561
Airsacculitis	8,230	6,145	341	501
Synovitis	2,948	2,794	5	32
Tumors	111	159	92	138
Bruises	496	428	9	4
Cadaver	3,618	3,467	42	59
Contamination	4,001	3,546	73	75
Overscald	1,752	1,958	16	3
Other	22,329	25,477	2,082	1,049
Total	113,998	109,949	4,064	4,422

## 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 305 plants slaughtered poultry in the U.S. under Federal Inspection in 2006. Young chickens were slaughtered in 35 States, young turkeys in 26 States.

**Revision Policy:** Data for the previous month and year-to-date totals are subject to revision the following month after the initial monthly estimates are published. Final data are published in the annual summary released in February and include any revisions made to current year's and previous year's published data. Revisions are generally the result of late reports or corrections received by FSIS from plants and are usually less than one-half of 1 percent. No revisions will be made to the previous year's data after publication of the annual summary in February.

**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.

State data are published using selected States for young chickens and young turkeys. Data for all States not published are included in the "Other States" category. Also included in this category are data for published States that are confidential (denoted by an \*). Data for all States are included in the U.S. totals.

## Terms and Definitions Used for Poultry Slaughter Estimates:

**Ante-Mortem Condemns** - 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.

**Fryer-Roaster Turkeys** - Young immature birds, usually under 16 weeks of age. Included with young turkeys.

**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.

**Other Poultry Chilled or Frozen** - Includes all other ready-to-cook products which bear the USDA Inspected for Wholesomeness legend.

**Post-Mortem Condemns** - 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.

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