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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during June 2008 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.66 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in June 2007. The May 2008 revised certified total at 3.74 billion pounds, was up slightly from May 2007. The May revision represented an increase of 11 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during June 2008 was 4.91 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 4.84 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.16 billion pounds, up 1 percent from June 2007. Mature chickens, at 78.9 million pounds, were up 9 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 656 million pounds, up 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 12.4 million pounds, down 16 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during June 2008 averaged 5.56 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from June 2007. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.81 pounds per bird, down 4 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during June 2008 averaged 28.7 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from June 2007.

Ante-mortem condemnations during June 2008 totaled 16.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.34 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.37 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 42.4 million pounds, were 1.15 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.22 percent a year earlier.

June 2008 contained 21 weekdays and 4 Saturdays, while June 2007 had 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, June, 2007-2008¹**

Commodity	Jun 2007	May 2008	Jun 2008	Pct of		January to Date		Pct of 2007
				Jun 2007	May 2008	2007	2008	
	<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	748,724	761,980	747,663	100	98	4,394,335	4,505,981	103
Mature	11,865	13,700	13,577	114	99	65,636	78,362	119
Light	5,039	6,320	6,192	123	98	28,670	37,090	129
Heavy	6,826	7,380	7,385	108	100	36,966	41,272	112
Total	760,589	775,680	761,240	100	98	4,459,971	4,584,343	103
Turkeys								
Young	22,307	22,354	22,652	102	101	126,202	131,827	104
Old	170	138	210	124	152	911	978	107
Total	22,477	22,492	22,862	102	102	127,113	132,805	104
Ducks	2,183	1,900	1,865	85	98	13,835	12,038	87
	<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	4,112,621	4,266,788	4,157,424	101	97	24,100,859	25,098,430	104
Mature	72,146	79,010	78,910	109	100	390,185	449,946	115
Light	16,595	20,472	20,390	123	100	93,858	121,334	129
Heavy	55,551	58,538	58,520	105	100	296,327	328,612	111
Total	4,184,767	4,345,798	4,236,334	101	97	24,491,044	25,548,376	104
Turkeys								
Young	635,700	648,454	650,922	102	100	3,630,527	3,878,802	107
Old	4,461	3,798	5,529	124	146	24,077	26,108	108
Total	640,161	652,252	656,451	103	101	3,654,604	3,904,910	107
Ducks	14,689	12,667	12,406	84	98	93,128	81,111	87
Other Poultry ²	171	189	217	127	115	1,033	1,062	103
Total Poultry	4,839,788	5,010,906	4,905,408	101	98	28,239,809	29,535,459	105
	<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	5.49	5.60	5.56	101	99	5.48	5.57	102
Mature	6.08	5.77	5.81	96	101	5.94	5.74	97
Light	3.29	3.24	3.29	100	102	3.27	3.27	100
Heavy	8.14	7.93	7.92	97	100	8.02	7.96	99
Total	5.50	5.60	5.57	101	99	5.49	5.57	101
Turkeys								
Young	28.50	29.01	28.74	101	99	28.77	29.42	102
Old	26.24	27.52	26.33	100	96	26.43	26.70	101
Total	28.48	29.00	28.71	101	99	28.75	29.40	102
Ducks	6.73	6.67	6.65	99	100	6.73	6.74	100

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, June, 2007-2008¹**

Commodity	Jun 2007	May 2008	Jun 2008	Pct of		January to Date		Pct of 2007
				Jun 2007	May 2008	2007	2008	
	<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	2,747,512	2,859,196	2,787,588	101	97	16,044,837	16,788,715	105
Mature	44,298	48,153	47,750	108	99	240,850	273,623	114
Light	8,446	9,798	9,715	115	99	48,074	58,184	121
Heavy	35,852	38,355	38,035	106	99	192,776	215,439	112
Total	2,791,810	2,907,349	2,835,338	102	98	16,285,687	17,062,338	105
Turkeys								
Young	279,734	301,524	294,540	105	98	1,636,677	1,801,025	110
Old	2,680	1,711	3,539	132	207	15,297	15,163	99
Total	282,414	303,235	298,079	106	98	1,651,974	1,816,188	110
Ducks	5,088	3,293	3,242	64	98	31,624	25,174	80
Other								
Poultry ²	79	88	100	127	114	489	530	108
Total								
Poultry	3,079,391	3,213,965	3,136,759	102	98	17,969,774	18,904,230	105
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	281,479	301,457	292,899	104	97	1,665,227	1,753,261	105
Mature	739	1,457	1,354	183	93	2,890	8,126	281
Light	13	1,129	974	7,492	86	13	6,199	47,685
Heavy	726	328	380	52	116	2,877	1,927	67
Total	282,218	302,914	294,253	104	97	1,668,117	1,761,387	106
Turkeys								
Young	224,310	216,389	225,187	100	104	1,240,134	1,285,686	104
Old	679	1,121	560	82	50	2,848	4,354	153
Total	224,989	217,510	225,747	100	104	1,242,982	1,290,040	104
Ducks	5,437	5,860	5,719	105	98	34,986	33,098	95
Other								
Poultry ²	26	32	33	127	103	148	166	112
Total								
Poultry	512,670	526,316	525,752	103	100	2,946,233	3,084,691	105
Chilled and								
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,028,991	3,160,653	3,080,487	102	97	17,710,064	18,541,976	105
Mature	45,037	49,610	49,104	109	99	243,740	281,749	116
Light	8,459	10,927	10,689	126	98	48,087	64,383	134
Heavy	36,578	38,683	38,415	105	99	195,653	217,366	111
Total	3,074,028	3,210,263	3,129,591	102	97	17,953,804	18,823,725	105
Turkeys								
Young	504,044	517,913	519,727	103	100	2,876,811	3,086,711	107
Old	3,359	2,832	4,099	122	145	18,145	19,517	108
Total	507,403	520,745	523,826	103	101	2,894,956	3,106,228	107
Ducks	10,525	9,153	8,961	85	98	66,610	58,272	87
Other								
Poultry ²	105	120	133	127	111	637	696	109
Total								
Poultry	3,592,061	3,740,281	3,662,511	102	98	20,916,007	21,988,921	105

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, June, 2007-2008 ¹**

Commodity	Jun 2007	May 2008	Jun 2008	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2007
				Jun 2007	May 2008	2007	2008	
	<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	14,320	12,546	13,353	93	106	80,528	81,026	101
Mature	1,495	1,088	1,546	103	142	6,117	7,611	124
Light	487	326	405	83	124	2,048	2,551	125
Heavy	1,008	762	1,141	113	150	4,069	5,060	124
Total	15,815	13,634	14,899	94	109	86,645	88,637	102
Turkeys								
Young	1,754	1,448	1,648	94	114	10,991	10,343	94
Old	54	36	70	130	194	372	295	79
Total	1,808	1,484	1,718	95	116	11,363	10,638	94
Ducks	46	30	40	87	133	213	194	91
Other Poultry						1	2	200
Total Poultry	17,669	15,148	16,657	94	110	98,222	99,471	101
	<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	0.35	0.29	0.32	91	110	0.33	0.32	97
Mature	2.07	1.38	1.96	95	142	1.57	1.69	108
Light	2.93	1.59	1.99	68	125	2.18	2.10	96
Heavy	1.81	1.30	1.95	108	150	1.37	1.54	112
Total	0.38	0.31	0.35	92	113	0.35	0.35	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.28	0.22	0.25	89	114	0.30	0.27	90
Old	1.21	0.95	1.27	105	134	1.55	1.13	73
Total	0.28	0.23	0.26	93	113	0.31	0.27	87
Ducks	0.31	0.24	0.32	103	133	0.23	0.24	104
Other Poultry						0.10	0.19	190
Total Poultry	0.37	0.30	0.34	92	113	0.35	0.34	97

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, June, 2007-2008¹**

Commodity	Jun 2007	May 2008	Jun 2008	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2007
				Jun 2007	May 2008	2007	2008	
	<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	32,055	31,964	30,190	94	94	206,414	206,740	100
Mature	3,400	3,496	3,599	106	103	18,015	20,292	113
Light	1,208	1,162	1,182	98	102	7,036	7,201	102
Heavy	2,192	2,334	2,417	110	104	10,979	13,091	119
Total	35,455	35,460	33,789	95	95	224,429	227,032	101
Turkeys								
Young	8,403	8,191	8,067	96	98	52,059	51,622	99
Old	214	250	362	169	145	1,346	1,519	113
Total	8,617	8,441	8,429	98	100	53,405	53,141	100
Ducks	283	227	216	76	95	1,968	1,557	79
Other Poultry	2	2	1	50	50	12	10	83
Total Poultry	44,357	44,130	42,435	96	96	279,814	281,740	101
	<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	1.05	1.00	0.97	93	97	1.15	1.10	96
Mature	7.02	6.58	6.83	97	104	6.88	6.72	98
Light	12.50	9.61	9.96	80	104	12.76	10.06	79
Heavy	5.65	5.69	5.92	105	104	5.31	5.68	107
Total	1.14	1.09	1.07	94	98	1.23	1.19	97
Turkeys								
Young	1.64	1.56	1.53	93	98	1.78	1.64	93
Old	5.99	8.11	8.11	135	100	6.91	7.22	105
Total	1.67	1.60	1.58	95	99	1.81	1.68	93
Ducks	2.62	2.42	2.35	90	97	2.87	2.60	91
Other Poultry	1.87	1.64	0.75	40	46	1.85	1.42	77
Total Poultry	1.22	1.17	1.15	94	98	1.32	1.27	96

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, May 2008-June 2008**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	<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			7,340	6,838	917,957	896,000
Mature			2,728	2,461	188,093	171,920
Light			2,583	2,080	141,983	133,134
Heavy			145	381	46,110	38,786
Total			10,068	9,299	1,106,050	1,067,920
Turkeys						
Young			54	170	60,686	49,583
Old			1		2,854	5,090
Total			55	170	63,540	54,673
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	<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	601,676	485,223	3,818	4,940	68,989	60,035
Mature	10,778	12,663	332	338	64,245	75,688
Light	7,732	9,850	149	148	56,745	68,683
Heavy	3,046	2,813	183	190	7,500	7,005
Total	612,454	497,886	4,150	5,278	133,234	135,723
Turkeys						
Young	4,678	4,337	2,897	2,544	153	183
Old	452	627	3	105	105	129
Total	5,130	4,964	2,900	2,649	258	312
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	<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	18,116	16,748	85,184	84,440	130,434	134,446
Mature	11,405	12,254	3,071	3,875	111,399	105,478
Light	10,268	11,039	1,443	2,191	98,957	94,481
Heavy	1,137	1,215	1,628	1,684	12,442	10,997
Total	29,521	29,002	88,255	88,315	241,833	239,924
Turkeys						
Young	373	401	2,111	1,892	2,852	2,818
Old	15	14	37	29	102	324
Total	388	415	2,148	1,921	2,954	3,142
Commodity	Overscald		Other		Total	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	<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	36,030	35,139	864,805	791,879	2,734,349	2,515,688
Mature	435	3,851	170,393	159,270	562,879	547,798
Light	221	821	68,261	55,026	388,342	377,453
Heavy	214	3,030	102,132	104,244	174,537	170,345
Total	36,465	38,990	1,035,198	951,149	3,297,228	3,063,486
Turkeys						
Young	1,666	1,232	12,016	12,290	87,486	75,450
Old	26	6	1,840	2,175	5,435	8,499
Total	1,692	1,238	13,856	14,465	92,921	83,949

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
by State and United States, May 2008-June 2008**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	<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	91,968	93,613	502,301	511,576	5.46	5.46
AR	91,387	91,608	503,699	513,315	5.51	5.60
DE	26,548	26,896	181,315	181,473	6.83	6.75
GA	112,547	110,035	601,663	578,652	5.35	5.26
KY	24,934	25,271	133,910	138,615	5.37	5.49
LA	16,412	15,370	97,410	90,821	5.94	5.91
MD	12,163	11,558	60,310	57,038	4.96	4.93
MS	68,327	66,295	399,987	379,206	5.85	5.72
MO	34,106	33,523	158,035	157,753	4.63	4.71
NY	1,563	1,494	8,215	7,867	5.25	5.26
NC	62,585	60,781	434,914	415,386	6.95	6.83
OH	4,641	4,496	26,444	25,063	5.70	5.57
PA	10,331	10,420	59,757	60,513	5.78	5.81
SC	24,672	25,010	156,105	157,094	6.33	6.28
TN	22,899	22,741	116,000	115,868	5.07	5.10
TX	59,349	54,277	320,763	285,984	5.40	5.27
VA	26,969	25,340	136,749	124,736	5.07	4.92
US ¹	761,980	747,663	4,266,788	4,157,424	5.60	5.56

* Included in "US" to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by State and United States, May 2008-June 2008**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	May	June	Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
			May	June	May	June
	<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	372,707	380,088	3,106	3,106	0.83	0.81
AR	361,297	367,929	3,782	3,999	1.04	1.08
DE	130,051	130,131	2,084	2,000	1.58	1.51
GA	451,037	434,122	4,166	3,526	0.92	0.81
KY	96,946	100,075	885	660	0.90	0.66
LA	72,509	67,669	340	306	0.47	0.45
MD	43,596	41,523	707	634	1.60	1.50
MS	303,861	289,649	2,677	2,347	0.87	0.80
MO	116,094	115,912	1,320	1,205	1.12	1.03
NY	4,999	4,768	139	94	2.71	1.93
NC	332,911	317,768	4,045	3,595	1.20	1.12
OH	19,291	18,383	408	404	2.07	2.15
PA	40,574	41,433	778	785	1.88	1.86
SC	117,020	117,874	948	960	0.80	0.81
TN	83,540	83,626	918	840	1.09	0.99
TX	247,563	221,086	1,986	1,837	0.80	0.82
VA	95,121	86,618	791	1,123	0.82	1.28
US ³	3,160,653	3,080,487	31,964	30,190	1.00	0.97

* Included in "US" to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

³ Published States do not add to US total to avoid disclosure.

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, May 2008-June 2008**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	<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			*	*	58,665	61,501
AR			422	549	134,318	142,489
DE			1,665	*	84,418	83,420
GA			229	331	73,956	70,057
KY			*	*	32,298	25,626
LA			*	*	10,293	9,403
MD			*	*	31,790	26,084
MS			*	*	31,371	26,599
MO			250	254	66,467	58,962
NY			*	*	*	3,151
NC			379	*	82,732	78,958
OH			*	*	9,150	8,621
PA			*	*	16,528	16,925
SC			*	*	*	*
TN			66	36	38,583	34,318
TX			66	71	41,574	38,181
VA			*	*	23,515	27,089
US ¹			7,340	6,838	917,957	896,000
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	<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	43,778	35,904	320	304	*	*
AR	31,444	25,663	1,595	2,601	1,560	1,686
DE	46,721	34,798	*	170	*	*
GA	167,441	89,546	*	*	*	*
KY	40,754	17,840	*	*	*	*
LA	2,823	2,110	*	*	221	230
MD	*	*	11	*	*	*
MS	33,867	16,604	130	88	577	530
MO	12,415	10,072	*	*	1,265	1,127
NY	*	*	252	191	242	104
NC	46,823	40,701	*	*	13,570	11,378
OH	3,341	2,605	5	*	*	*
PA	*	8,258	18	56	270	323
SC	*	*	*	19	*	*
TN	21,985	14,699	*	155	868	489
TX	12,252	9,031	59	77	786	648
VA	*	*	*	26	*	*
US ¹	601,676	485,223	3,818	4,940	68,989	60,035

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, May 2008-June 2008 (continued)**

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	<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	1,812	1,731	5,305	6,118	11,098	13,117
AR	2,765	2,441	10,274	10,761	18,451	19,928
DE	1,363	1,214	4,515	4,331	6,194	6,360
GA	1,784	1,685	17,630	18,668	16,500	14,590
KY	*	*	2,421	2,669	3,570	3,789
LA	151	125	1,899	1,729	*	*
MD	1,362	1,361	*	*	*	*
MS	*	*	1,987	1,721	2,901	2,793
MO	661	834	2,554	2,851	8,444	8,642
NY	960	622	*	395	3,206	2,791
NC	1,481	1,403	11,203	9,583	8,634	8,286
OH	*	44	*	*	340	458
PA	419	331	*	*	2,523	2,610
SC	504	522	*	*	*	*
TN	*	*	1,633	1,020	3,189	2,830
TX	545	528	3,448	3,357	5,829	6,814
VA	715	808	1,554	1,844	2,778	3,209
US ¹	18,116	16,748	85,184	84,440	130,434	134,446
State	Overscald		Other		Total	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	<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	6,963	3,677	106,829	96,450	239,308	223,710
AR	1,151	2,028	71,670	69,430	273,650	277,576
DE	796	1,732	*	*	205,100	196,990
GA	5,719	3,957	74,189	92,208	367,011	299,766
KY	*	*	*	*	111,231	67,391
LA	34	*	1,803	1,079	17,891	15,336
MD	651	*	*	*	*	*
MS	*	*	64,970	*	138,193	112,868
MO	*	*	83,253	74,615	175,524	157,952
NY	*	*	8,897	7,013	23,483	17,090
NC	*	8,986	88,788	58,996	260,672	219,436
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	27,598	*	68,720	60,652
SC	639	852	34,522	*	55,782	53,616
TN	1,131	*	7,845	3,284	76,263	58,658
TX	2,098	2,349	54,362	52,617	121,019	113,673
VA	*	1,864	25,741	20,351	112,882	*
US ¹	36,030	35,139	864,805	791,879	2,734,349	2,515,688

* Included in "US" to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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, May 2008-June 2008

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	<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	3,036	3,088	60,707	58,056	19.99	18.80
MN	3,319	3,487	88,656	92,544	26.71	26.54
MO	1,519	1,506	52,012	50,059	34.25	33.24
US ¹	22,354	22,652	648,454	650,922	29.01	28.74

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

Young Turkeys Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, by State and United States, May 2008-June 2008

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	<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	51,659	49,472	714	684	1.36	1.36
MN	71,114	74,258	1,302	1,291	1.80	1.71
MO	40,861	39,362	896	891	2.15	2.21
US ³	517,913	519,727	8,191	8,067	1.56	1.53

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

³ Published States do not add to US total to avoid disclosure.

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.

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 320 plants slaughtered poultry in the U.S. under Federal Inspection in 2007. 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.

Data for major slaughter plants with missing reports are adjusted prior to publication to assure that all plants slaughtering a significant portion of a specific class are included. Estimates for missing shifts are made only after verifying that the plant was in operation. Adjustments are based on a shift determined to be similar to the one missing. Late reports replace imputed data as they become available. While there is a varying degree of incompleteness from month to month, it has only a minimal impact on the published totals.

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 and those published States that are confidential (denoted by an *) are included in the "US" category.

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