

# Poultry Slaughter

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

Poultry certified wholesome during July 2008 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.83 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the amount certified in July 2007. The June 2008 revised certified total at 3.66 billion pounds, was up 2 percent from June 2007. The June revision represented a decrease of 2.30 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during July 2008 was 5.13 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 4.87 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.35 billion pounds, up 5 percent from July 2007. Mature chickens, at 81.6 million pounds, were up 15 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 687 million pounds, up 8 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.5 million pounds, down 12 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during July 2008 averaged 5.54 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from July 2007. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.90 pounds per bird, down 5 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during July 2008 averaged 28.4 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from July 2007.

Ante-mortem condemnations during July 2008 totaled 20.1 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.39 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.37 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 43.3 million pounds, were 1.12 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.20 percent a year earlier.

July 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays, while July 2007 had 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,  
United States, July, 2007-2008<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jul 2007	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Pct of		January to Date		Pct of 2007
				Jul 2007	Jun 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	756,953	747,140	785,338	104	105	5,151,288	5,290,796	103
Mature	11,492	13,635	13,828	120	101	77,128	92,248	120
Light	4,554	6,229	5,941	130	95	33,224	43,068	130
Heavy	6,938	7,406	7,887	114	106	43,904	49,180	112
Total	768,445	760,775	799,166	104	105	5,228,416	5,383,044	103
Turkeys								
Young	22,410	22,657	24,001	107	106	148,612	155,833	105
Old	187	210	198	106	94	1,098	1,176	107
Total	22,597	22,867	24,199	107	106	149,710	157,009	105
Ducks	2,295	1,865	2,061	90	111	16,130	14,099	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	4,142,867	4,154,004	4,350,435	105	105	28,243,726	29,445,445	104
Mature	71,028	79,181	81,599	115	103	461,213	531,816	115
Light	15,000	20,505	19,451	130	95	108,858	140,900	129
Heavy	56,028	58,676	62,148	111	106	352,355	390,916	111
Total	4,213,895	4,233,185	4,432,034	105	105	28,704,939	29,977,261	104
Turkeys								
Young	632,126	650,922	682,139	108	105	4,262,653	4,560,941	107
Old	4,775	5,529	5,098	107	92	28,852	31,206	108
Total	636,901	656,451	687,237	108	105	4,291,505	4,592,147	107
Ducks	15,385	12,406	13,528	88	109	108,513	94,639	87
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	232	217	208	90	96	1,265	1,270	100
Total Poultry	4,866,413	4,902,259	5,133,007	105	105	33,106,222	34,665,317	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	5.47	5.56	5.54	101	100	5.48	5.57	102
Mature	6.18	5.81	5.90	95	102	5.98	5.77	96
Light	3.29	3.29	3.27	99	99	3.28	3.27	100
Heavy	8.08	7.92	7.88	98	99	8.03	7.95	99
Total	5.48	5.56	5.55	101	100	5.49	5.57	101
Turkeys								
Young	28.21	28.73	28.42	101	99	28.68	29.27	102
Old	25.53	26.33	25.75	101	98	26.28	26.54	101
Total	28.19	28.71	28.40	101	99	28.67	29.25	102
Ducks	6.70	6.65	6.56	98	99	6.73	6.71	100

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

<sup>2</sup> Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, and squab.

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, July, 2007-2008 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jul 2007	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Pct of		January to Date		Pct of 2007
				Jul 2007	Jun 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	2,764,157	2,785,124	2,911,171	105	105	18,808,994	19,697,422	105
Mature	44,276	47,919	50,566	114	106	285,126	324,358	114
Light	7,768	9,779	10,088	130	103	55,842	68,336	122
Heavy	36,508	38,140	40,478	111	106	229,284	256,022	112
Total	2,808,433	2,833,043	2,961,737	105	105	19,094,120	20,021,780	105
Turkeys								
Young	277,222	294,540	310,946	112	106	1,913,899	2,111,971	110
Old	2,783	3,539	2,782	100	79	18,080	17,945	99
Total	280,005	298,079	313,728	112	105	1,931,979	2,129,916	110
Ducks	5,258	3,242	3,547	67	109	36,882	28,721	78
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	100	100	91	91	91	589	621	105
Total Poultry	3,093,796	3,134,464	3,279,103	106	105	21,063,570	22,181,038	105
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	289,175	292,899	313,771	109	107	1,954,402	2,067,032	106
Mature	312	1,354	564	181	42	3,202	8,690	271
Light		974				13	6,199	47,685
Heavy	312	380	564	181	148	3,189	2,491	78
Total	289,487	294,253	314,335	109	107	1,957,604	2,075,722	106
Turkeys								
Young	224,124	225,187	233,129	104	104	1,464,258	1,518,815	104
Old	772	560	1,082	140	193	3,620	5,436	150
Total	224,896	225,747	234,211	104	104	1,467,878	1,524,251	104
Ducks	5,727	5,719	6,232	109	109	40,713	39,330	97
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	27	33	33	122	100	175	199	114
Total Poultry	520,137	525,752	554,811	107	106	3,466,370	3,639,502	105
Chilled and Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,053,332	3,078,023	3,224,942	106	105	20,763,396	21,764,454	105
Mature	44,588	49,273	51,130	115	104	288,328	333,048	116
Light	7,768	10,753	10,088	130	94	55,855	74,535	133
Heavy	36,820	38,520	41,042	111	107	232,473	258,513	111
Total	3,097,920	3,127,296	3,276,072	106	105	21,051,724	22,097,502	105
Turkeys								
Young	501,346	519,727	544,075	109	105	3,378,157	3,630,786	107
Old	3,555	4,099	3,864	109	94	21,700	23,381	108
Total	504,901	523,826	547,939	109	105	3,399,857	3,654,167	107
Ducks	10,985	8,961	9,779	89	109	77,595	68,051	88
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	127	133	124	98	93	764	820	107
Total Poultry	3,613,933	3,660,216	3,833,914	106	105	24,529,940	25,820,540	105

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

<sup>2</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,  
United States, July, 2007-2008 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jul 2007	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2007
				Jul 2007	Jun 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	14,230	13,353	16,127	113	121	94,758	97,153	103
Mature	1,397	1,548	1,911	137	123	7,514	9,524	127
Light	395	406	522	132	129	2,443	3,074	126
Heavy	1,002	1,142	1,389	139	122	5,071	6,450	127
Total	15,627	14,901	18,038	115	121	102,272	106,677	104
Turkeys								
Young	2,103	1,648	1,959	93	119	13,094	12,302	94
Old	49	70	78	159	111	421	373	89
Total	2,152	1,718	2,037	95	119	13,515	12,675	94
Ducks	48	40	54	113	135	261	248	95
Other Poultry						1	2	200
Total Poultry	17,827	16,659	20,129	113	121	116,049	119,602	103
	<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	0.34	0.32	0.37	109	116	0.34	0.33	97
Mature	1.97	1.96	2.34	119	119	1.63	1.79	110
Light	2.63	1.98	2.68	102	135	2.24	2.18	97
Heavy	1.79	1.95	2.23	125	114	1.44	1.65	115
Total	0.37	0.35	0.41	111	117	0.36	0.36	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.33	0.25	0.29	88	116	0.31	0.27	87
Old	1.03	1.27	1.53	149	120	1.46	1.20	82
Total	0.34	0.26	0.30	88	115	0.31	0.28	90
Ducks	0.31	0.32	0.40	129	125	0.24	0.26	108
Other Poultry						0.08	0.16	200
Total Poultry	0.37	0.34	0.39	105	115	0.35	0.35	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, July, 2007-2008 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jul 2007	Jun 2008	Jul 2008	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2007
				Jul 2007	Jun 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	31,871	30,190	30,491	96	101	238,285	237,231	100
Mature	3,236	3,607	3,754	116	104	21,251	24,054	113
Light	1,069	1,185	1,307	122	110	8,105	8,511	105
Heavy	2,167	2,422	2,447	113	101	13,146	15,543	118
Total	35,107	33,797	34,245	98	101	259,536	261,285	101
Turkeys								
Young	8,104	8,067	8,572	106	106	60,163	60,194	100
Old	302	362	224	74	62	1,648	1,743	106
Total	8,406	8,429	8,796	105	104	61,811	61,937	100
Ducks	321	216	269	84	125	2,289	1,826	80
Other Poultry	3	1	2	67	200	15	12	80
Total Poultry	43,837	42,443	43,312	99	102	323,651	325,060	100
	<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	1.03	0.97	0.94	91	96	1.13	1.08	95
Mature	6.77	6.82	6.84	101	100	6.86	6.74	98
Light	12.10	9.93	11.47	95	116	12.67	10.25	81
Heavy	5.56	5.92	5.63	101	95	5.35	5.67	106
Total	1.12	1.07	1.03	92	97	1.22	1.17	96
Turkeys								
Young	1.59	1.53	1.55	98	101	1.75	1.63	93
Old	7.83	8.11	5.48	70	68	7.06	6.94	98
Total	1.64	1.58	1.58	96	100	1.79	1.67	93
Ducks	2.84	2.35	2.68	94	114	2.87	2.61	91
Other Poultry	2.31	0.75	1.59	69	213	1.93	1.44	75
Total Poultry	1.20	1.15	1.12	93	97	1.30	1.24	95

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

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,  
United States, June 2008-July 2008**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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			6,838	5,236	896,000	928,979
Mature			2,463	1,833	172,912	161,643
Light			2,080	1,486	133,638	125,376
Heavy			383	347	39,274	36,267
Total			9,301	7,069	1,068,912	1,090,622
Turkeys						
Young			170	178	49,583	54,838
Old					5,090	2,367
Total			170	203	54,673	57,205
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	485,223	272,288	4,940	5,974	60,035	54,703
Mature	12,703	11,363	340	291	75,729	70,987
Light	9,850	8,163	148	175	68,683	63,237
Heavy	2,853	3,200	192	116	7,046	7,750
Total	497,926	283,651	5,280	6,265	135,764	125,690
Turkeys						
Young	4,337	4,509	2,544	2,745	183	162
Old	627	392	105	50	129	147
Total	4,964	4,901	2,649	2,795	312	309
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	16,748	18,222	84,440	88,704	134,446	141,771
Mature	12,257	10,656	3,881	4,247	105,530	93,316
Light	11,039	9,195	2,192	2,404	94,489	82,560
Heavy	1,218	1,461	1,689	1,843	11,041	10,756
Total	29,005	28,878	88,321	92,951	239,976	235,087
Turkeys						
Young	401	556	1,892	3,958	2,818	5,569
Old	14	3	29	25	324	112
Total	415	559	1,921	3,983	3,142	5,681
Commodity	Overscald		Other		Total	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	35,139	41,082	791,879	810,252	2,515,688	2,367,211
Mature	3,854	2,244	159,545	247,548	549,214	604,128
Light	821	1,975	55,168	134,848	378,108	429,419
Heavy	3,033	269	104,377	112,700	171,106	174,709
Total	38,993	43,326	951,424	1,057,800	3,064,902	2,971,339
Turkeys						
Young	1,232	881	12,290	15,131	75,450	88,527
Old	6	2	2,175	1,404	8,499	4,527
Total	1,238	883	14,465	16,535	83,949	93,054

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	93,090	97,671	508,156	527,389	5.46	5.40
AR	91,608	96,499	513,315	541,888	5.60	5.62
DE	26,896	26,400	181,473	178,950	6.75	6.78
GA	110,035	115,610	578,652	609,137	5.26	5.27
KY	25,271	26,606	138,615	144,875	5.49	5.45
LA	15,370	16,655	90,821	97,903	5.91	5.88
MD	11,558	12,099	57,038	60,004	4.93	4.96
MS	66,295	69,037	379,206	392,504	5.72	5.69
MO	33,523	35,347	157,753	162,425	4.71	4.60
NY	1,494	1,575	7,867	8,230	5.26	5.22
NC	60,781	63,582	415,386	435,927	6.83	6.86
OH	4,496	4,864	25,063	27,625	5.57	5.68
PA	10,420	11,020	60,513	63,631	5.81	5.77
SC	25,010	26,349	157,094	163,714	6.28	6.21
TN	22,741	24,037	115,868	121,732	5.10	5.06
TX	54,277	56,812	285,984	303,255	5.27	5.34
VA	25,340	28,124	124,736	134,215	4.92	4.77
US <sup>1</sup>	747,140	785,338	4,154,004	4,350,435	5.56	5.54

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

<sup>1</sup> 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, June 2008-July 2008**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	June	July	Carcass and Parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
			June	July	June	July
	<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	377,523	396,243	3,106	3,139	0.82	0.79
AR	367,929	385,854	3,999	4,587	1.08	1.17
DE	130,131	128,111	2,000	1,919	1.51	1.48
GA	434,223	458,129	3,526	3,074	0.81	0.67
KY	100,075	104,593	660	613	0.66	0.58
LA	67,669	72,430	306	324	0.45	0.45
MD	41,523	43,940	634	609	1.50	1.37
MS	289,649	298,255	2,347	2,578	0.80	0.86
MO	115,912	119,252	1,205	1,235	1.03	1.03
NY	4,768	5,004	94	85	1.93	1.67
NC	317,768	333,568	3,595	4,006	1.12	1.19
OH	18,383	20,213	404	328	2.15	1.60
PA	41,433	43,903	785	900	1.86	2.01
SC	117,874	122,624	960	993	0.81	0.80
TN	83,626	87,835	840	738	0.99	0.83
TX	221,086	234,692	1,837	1,866	0.82	0.79
VA	86,618	93,808	1,123	636	1.28	0.67
US <sup>3</sup>	3,078,023	3,224,942	30,190	30,491	0.97	0.94

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

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 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, June 2008-July 2008**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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			*	*	61,501	63,520
AR			549	*	142,489	145,381
DE			*	765	83,420	82,588
GA			331	188	70,057	71,263
KY			*	32	25,626	27,553
LA			*	*	9,403	9,662
MD			*	297	26,084	28,908
MS			*	*	26,599	30,234
MO			254	230	58,962	65,345
NY			*	*	3,151	2,830
NC			*	*	78,958	88,033
OH			*	4	8,621	10,269
PA			*	358	16,925	16,472
SC			*	*	*	*
TN			36	82	34,318	37,134
TX			71	56	38,181	36,418
VA			*	*	27,089	25,985
US <sup>1</sup>			6,838	5,236	896,000	928,979
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	35,904	34,592	304	326	*	*
AR	25,663	18,455	2,601	*	1,686	1,772
DE	34,798	24,170	170	*	*	*
GA	89,546	49,445	*	189	*	7,994
KY	17,840	*	*	*	*	*
LA	2,110	1,420	*	50	230	201
MD	*	*	*	*	*	*
MS	16,604	16,152	88	130	530	532
MO	10,072	6,729	*	*	1,127	1,184
NY	*	*	191	120	104	*
NC	40,701	35,772	*	*	11,378	11,636
OH	2,605	2,431	*	10	*	*
PA	8,258	7,603	56	35	323	287
SC	*	*	19	*	*	*
TN	14,699	14,111	155	*	489	475
TX	9,031	6,109	77	40	648	624
VA	*	8,558	26	33	*	*
US <sup>1</sup>	485,223	272,288	4,940	5,974	60,035	54,703

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

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	1,731	1,683	6,118	6,058	13,117	16,995
AR	2,441	2,833	10,761	13,038	19,928	18,521
DE	1,214	1,546	4,331	4,070	6,360	5,997
GA	1,685	1,521	18,668	18,053	14,590	12,992
KY	*	186	2,669	2,906	3,789	2,861
LA	125	174	1,729	1,973	*	660
MD	1,361	1,543	*	*	*	*
MS	*	*	1,721	1,729	2,793	3,440
MO	834	793	2,851	2,406	8,642	8,907
NY	622	645	395	*	2,791	3,071
NC	1,403	1,630	9,583	10,448	8,286	8,982
OH	44	86	*	*	458	433
PA	331	366	*	*	2,610	3,180
SC	522	497	*	*	*	1,071
TN	*	*	1,020	1,293	2,830	3,249
TX	528	653	3,357	3,850	6,814	7,239
VA	808	1,007	1,844	1,721	3,209	4,096
US <sup>1</sup>	16,748	18,222	84,440	88,704	134,446	141,771

  

State	Overscald		Other		Total	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	3,677	4,609	96,450	100,331	223,710	231,924
AR	2,028	2,550	69,430	76,805	277,576	283,664
DE	1,732	1,541	*	*	196,990	183,869
GA	3,957	3,329	92,208	60,880	299,766	225,854
KY	*	*	*	*	67,391	53,165
LA	*	*	1,079	1,537	15,336	15,730
MD	*	813	*	*	*	*
MS	*	*	*	*	112,868	134,272
MO	*	*	74,615	82,436	157,952	169,038
NY	*	*	7,013	*	17,090	15,408
NC	8,986	12,057	58,996	72,895	219,436	242,142
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	60,652	68,906
SC	852	*	*	*	53,616	55,829
TN	*	*	3,284	*	58,658	66,993
TX	2,349	1,774	52,617	52,314	113,673	109,077
VA	1,864	2,665	20,351	21,923	*	69,726
US <sup>1</sup>	35,139	41,082	791,879	810,252	2,515,688	2,367,211

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

<sup>1</sup> 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, June 2008-July 2008**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	3,088	3,147	58,056	58,443	18.80	18.57
MN	3,487	3,751	92,544	98,586	26.54	26.28
MO	1,506	1,585	50,059	51,880	33.24	32.73
US <sup>1</sup>	22,657	24,001	650,922	682,139	28.73	28.42

<sup>1</sup> 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, June 2008-July 2008**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	49,472	49,282	684	798	1.36	1.59
MN	74,258	78,981	1,291	1,447	1.71	1.80
MO	39,362	40,944	891	955	2.21	2.28
US <sup>3</sup>	519,727	544,075	8,067	8,572	1.53	1.55

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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