

Poultry Slaughter

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

Poultry certified wholesome during October 2008 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.92 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the amount certified in October 2007. The September 2008 revised certified total at 3.72 billion pounds, was up 9 percent from September 2007. The September revision represented an increase of 3.82 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during October 2008 was 5.22 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 5.38 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.40 billion pounds, down 3 percent from October 2007. Mature chickens, at 80.5 million pounds, were up 7 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 731 million pounds, down 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.0 million pounds, down 13 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during October 2008 averaged 5.65 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from October 2007. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.84 pounds per bird, down 5 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during October 2008 averaged 28.9 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from October 2007.

Ante-mortem condemnations during October 2008 totaled 13.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.26 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.30 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 42.3 million pounds, were 1.07 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.13 percent a year earlier.

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

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

Commodity	Oct 2007	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Pct of		January to Date		Pct of 2007
				Oct 2007	Sep 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	811,550	753,812	777,825	96	103	7,470,165	7,566,049	101
Mature	12,171	12,959	13,776	113	106	111,079	132,006	119
Light	4,781	5,204	5,857	123	113	46,851	59,706	127
Heavy	7,390	7,755	7,919	107	102	64,228	72,300	113
Total	823,721	766,771	791,601	96	103	7,581,244	7,698,055	102
Turkeys								
Young	26,389	22,486	25,149	95	112	219,285	225,925	103
Old	179	214	190	106	89	1,775	1,785	101
Total	26,568	22,700	25,339	95	112	221,060	227,710	103
Ducks	2,390	2,081	2,073	87	100	22,783	20,175	89
	<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	4,553,981	4,238,176	4,395,875	97	104	41,023,821	42,222,770	103
Mature	74,997	76,882	80,479	107	105	669,667	766,094	114
Light	15,809	16,743	19,008	120	114	154,252	194,817	126
Heavy	59,188	60,139	61,471	104	102	515,415	571,277	111
Total	4,628,978	4,315,058	4,476,354	97	104	41,693,488	42,988,864	103
Turkeys								
Young	732,424	642,298	725,608	99	113	6,221,261	6,560,318	105
Old	4,612	5,399	5,347	116	99	46,227	47,372	102
Total	737,036	647,697	730,955	99	113	6,267,488	6,607,690	105
Ducks	16,088	14,006	13,999	87	100	153,158	135,220	88
Other Poultry ²	811	987	1,078	133	109	3,264	3,574	109
Total Poultry	5,382,913	4,977,748	5,222,386	97	105	48,117,398	49,735,348	103
	<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	5.61	5.62	5.65	101	101	5.49	5.58	102
Mature	6.16	5.93	5.84	95	98	6.03	5.80	96
Light	3.31	3.22	3.25	98	101	3.29	3.26	99
Heavy	8.01	7.75	7.76	97	100	8.02	7.90	99
Total	5.62	5.63	5.65	101	100	5.50	5.58	101
Turkeys								
Young	27.75	28.56	28.85	104	101	28.37	29.04	102
Old	25.77	25.23	28.14	109	112	26.04	26.54	102
Total	27.74	28.53	28.85	104	101	28.35	29.02	102
Ducks	6.73	6.73	6.75	100	100	6.72	6.70	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, October, 2007-2008¹**

Commodity	Oct 2007	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Pct of		January to Date		Pct of 2007
				Oct 2007	Sep 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	3,044,311	2,856,352	2,961,408	97	104	27,357,732	28,302,900	103
Mature	47,164	48,666	50,221	106	103	414,511	471,444	114
Light	8,366	8,562	9,652	115	113	79,291	95,886	121
Heavy	38,798	40,104	40,569	105	101	335,220	375,558	112
Total	3,091,475	2,905,018	3,011,629	97	104	27,772,243	28,774,344	104
Turkeys								
Young	346,983	307,875	361,026	104	117	2,805,041	3,075,201	110
Old	2,083	2,555	2,464	118	96	27,069	26,269	97
Total	349,066	310,430	363,490	104	117	2,832,110	3,101,470	110
Ducks	5,800	3,602	3,637	63	101	53,683	39,265	73
Other Poultry ²	116	100	91	78	91	879	915	104
Total Poultry	3,446,457	3,219,150	3,378,847	98	105	30,658,915	31,915,994	104
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	320,481	293,292	308,638	96	105	2,848,204	2,962,080	104
Mature	398	291	368	92	126	4,532	9,666	213
Light						64	6,199	9,686
Heavy	398	291	368	92	126	4,468	3,467	78
Total	320,879	293,583	309,006	96	105	2,852,736	2,971,746	104
Turkeys								
Young	235,610	203,595	219,050	93	108	2,129,099	2,150,904	101
Old	1,393	1,537	1,631	117	106	7,772	9,427	121
Total	237,003	205,132	220,681	93	108	2,136,871	2,160,331	101
Ducks	5,675	6,471	6,418	113	99	55,940	57,974	104
Other Poultry ²	323	468	518	160	111	1,010	1,211	120
Total Poultry	563,880	505,654	536,623	95	106	5,046,557	5,191,262	103
Chilled and Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,364,792	3,149,644	3,270,046	97	104	30,205,936	31,264,980	104
Mature	47,562	48,957	50,589	106	103	419,043	481,110	115
Light	8,366	8,562	9,652	115	113	79,355	102,085	129
Heavy	39,196	40,395	40,937	104	101	339,688	379,025	112
Total	3,412,354	3,198,601	3,320,635	97	104	30,624,979	31,746,090	104
Turkeys								
Young	582,593	511,470	580,076	100	113	4,934,140	5,226,105	106
Old	3,476	4,092	4,095	118	100	34,841	35,696	102
Total	586,069	515,562	584,171	100	113	4,968,981	5,261,801	106
Ducks	11,475	10,073	10,055	88	100	109,623	97,239	89
Other Poultry ²	439	568	609	139	107	1,889	2,126	113
Total Poultry	4,010,337	3,724,804	3,915,470	98	105	35,705,472	37,107,256	104

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

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

Commodity	Oct 2007	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2007
				Oct 2007	Sep 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	13,402	11,237	11,277	84	100	142,550	132,986	93
Mature	1,126	1,049	888	79	85	12,607	12,794	101
Light	201	254	137	68	54	3,550	3,775	106
Heavy	925	795	751	81	94	9,057	9,019	100
Total	14,528	12,286	12,165	84	99	155,157	145,780	94
Turkeys								
Young	1,776	1,450	1,479	83	102	18,635	16,896	91
Old	27	56	37	137	66	619	528	85
Total	1,803	1,506	1,516	84	101	19,254	17,424	90
Ducks	38	54	44	116	81	390	394	101
Other Poultry	8	5	5	63	100	16	12	75
Total Poultry	16,377	13,851	13,730	84	99	174,817	163,610	94
	<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	0.29	0.27	0.26	90	96	0.35	0.31	89
Mature	1.50	1.36	1.10	73	81	1.88	1.67	89
Light	1.27	1.52	0.72	57	47	2.30	1.94	84
Heavy	1.56	1.32	1.22	78	92	1.76	1.58	90
Total	0.31	0.28	0.27	87	96	0.37	0.34	92
Turkeys								
Young	0.24	0.23	0.20	83	87	0.30	0.26	87
Old	0.59	1.04	0.69	117	66	1.34	1.11	83
Total	0.24	0.23	0.21	88	91	0.31	0.26	84
Ducks	0.24	0.39	0.31	129	79	0.25	0.29	116
Other Poultry	0.99	0.51	0.46	46	90	0.49	0.34	69
Total Poultry	0.30	0.28	0.26	87	93	0.36	0.33	92

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, October, 2007-2008 ¹**

Commodity	Oct 2007	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2007
				Oct 2007	Sep 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	32,140	28,340	29,364	91	104	330,659	322,957	98
Mature	3,551	3,607	3,636	102	101	31,209	34,661	111
Light	1,171	1,251	1,252	107	100	11,341	12,225	108
Heavy	2,380	2,356	2,384	100	101	19,868	22,436	113
Total	35,691	31,947	33,000	92	103	361,868	357,618	99
Turkeys								
Young	9,495	8,146	8,782	92	108	86,235	84,975	99
Old	227	259	195	86	75	2,481	2,431	98
Total	9,722	8,405	8,977	92	107	88,716	87,406	99
Ducks	373	313	311	83	99	3,236	2,683	83
Other Poultry	9	5	4	44	80	52	22	42
Total Poultry	45,795	40,670	42,292	92	104	453,872	447,729	99
	<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	0.95	0.89	0.89	94	100	1.08	1.02	94
Mature	6.95	6.86	6.71	97	98	6.93	6.72	97
Light	12.28	12.75	11.48	94	90	12.50	10.69	86
Heavy	5.72	5.51	5.50	96	100	5.53	5.59	101
Total	1.04	0.99	0.98	95	100	1.17	1.11	95
Turkeys								
Young	1.60	1.57	1.49	93	95	1.72	1.60	93
Old	6.13	5.95	4.55	74	76	6.65	6.38	96
Total	1.63	1.60	1.51	93	94	1.75	1.63	93
Ducks	3.15	3.01	3.00	95	100	2.87	2.69	94
Other Poultry	2.01	0.87	0.65	32	75	2.68	1.02	38
Total Poultry	1.13	1.08	1.07	95	99	1.26	1.19	95

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, September 2008-October 2008**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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			3,958	5,625	834,408	858,433
Mature			1,140	1,565	190,659	199,107
Light			942	1,394	154,237	160,585
Heavy			198	171	36,422	38,522
Total			5,098	7,190	1,025,067	1,057,540
Turkeys						
Young			81	73	48,699	54,067
Old					3,229	2,016
Total			81	73	51,928	56,083
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	229,913	308,625	7,960	5,531	50,818	55,511
Mature	12,166	13,712	412	327	63,171	60,411
Light	9,026	9,638	303	180	54,018	51,703
Heavy	3,140	4,074	109	147	9,153	8,708
Total	242,079	322,337	8,372	5,858	113,989	115,922
Turkeys						
Young	6,570	5,237	2,646	2,734	103	181
Old	692	438	37	1	64	64
Total	7,262	5,675	2,683	2,735	167	245
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	16,300	15,639	75,871	76,843	116,029	113,318
Mature	13,748	11,579	3,595	3,339	88,045	114,303
Light	12,613	10,290	2,281	1,982	76,868	101,668
Heavy	1,135	1,289	1,314	1,357	11,177	12,635
Total	30,048	27,218	79,466	80,182	204,074	227,621
Turkeys						
Young	410	450	3,157	3,435	2,732	2,811
Old	5	7	31	37	134	73
Total	415	457	3,188	3,472	2,866	2,884
Commodity	Overscald		Other		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	45,953	35,632	664,720	711,155	2,045,930	2,186,312
Mature	583	1,055	211,349	201,947	584,868	607,345
Light	258	862	87,156	73,971	397,702	412,273
Heavy	325	193	124,193	127,976	187,166	195,072
Total	46,536	36,687	876,069	913,102	2,630,798	2,793,657
Turkeys						
Young	1,698	1,689	16,305	15,114	82,401	85,791
Old	52	16	872	154	5,116	2,806
Total	1,750	1,705	17,177	15,268	87,517	88,597

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	94,170	96,487	514,837	529,363	5.47	5.49
AR	93,608	94,891	530,496	539,453	5.67	5.68
DE	24,990	27,020	174,120	187,874	6.97	6.95
GA	111,465	113,273	594,527	607,994	5.33	5.37
KY	24,888	26,522	136,953	150,314	5.50	5.67
LA	15,784	15,486	92,248	93,635	5.84	6.05
MD	11,813	12,507	59,317	62,206	5.02	4.97
MS	65,864	68,738	385,169	407,322	5.85	5.93
MO	34,563	35,466	162,243	166,893	4.69	4.71
NY	1,561	*	8,158	*	5.23	*
NC	60,684	64,709	417,257	450,896	6.88	6.97
OH	4,748	4,802	27,332	28,075	5.76	5.85
PA	10,017	10,122	58,506	59,284	5.84	5.86
SC	25,744	26,187	166,477	168,049	6.47	6.42
TN	20,840	22,386	110,085	118,022	5.28	5.27
TX	57,997	60,819	313,906	326,110	5.41	5.36
VA	27,536	28,796	131,295	137,782	4.77	4.78
US ¹	753,812	777,825	4,238,176	4,395,875	5.62	5.65

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, September 2008-October 2008**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	September	October	Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
			September	October	September	October
	<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	388,443	401,454	2,937	3,062	0.75	0.76
AR	378,797	387,376	4,241	4,011	1.11	1.02
DE	125,697	135,364	1,450	1,565	1.14	1.14
GA	448,849	459,553	2,904	3,086	0.64	0.67
KY	99,251	109,216	410	595	0.41	0.54
LA	68,027	69,649	302	335	0.44	0.48
MD	43,616	45,424	540	569	1.22	1.24
MS	291,406	305,877	2,541	2,848	0.86	0.92
MO	119,146	122,646	1,303	1,341	1.08	1.08
NY	4,984	*	117	*	2.29	*
NC	319,636	344,941	4,025	4,204	1.24	1.20
OH	20,272	20,728	331	373	1.61	1.77
PA	40,423	41,763	849	813	2.06	1.91
SC	124,769	126,206	1,006	928	0.80	0.73
TN	79,782	85,550	529	608	0.66	0.71
TX	242,847	251,625	1,845	1,737	0.75	0.69
VA	91,879	96,830	499	601	0.54	0.62
US ³	3,149,644	3,270,046	28,340	29,364	0.89	0.89

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, September 2008-October 2008**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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			*	*	57,716	57,757
AR			*	*	130,765	120,725
DE			548	565	58,195	63,531
GA			163	211	63,307	64,830
KY			*	*	26,214	28,151
LA			*	*	7,360	8,315
MD			*	*	27,985	28,383
MS			*	*	34,814	36,212
MO			257	304	63,831	66,901
NY			*	*	*	*
NC			*	*	84,514	89,917
OH			*	*	9,419	10,065
PA			*	292	15,592	13,780
SC			*	*	*	8,520
TN			*	*	24,975	29,476
TX			76	103	39,882	44,022
VA			*	94	22,982	26,617
US ¹			3,958	5,625	834,408	858,433
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	34,564	42,523	380	321	*	*
AR	18,774	20,769	*	*	1,987	2,110
DE	10,950	16,672	94	110	7,057	7,331
GA	35,255	53,570	*	*	*	*
KY	7,075	*	*	*	*	*
LA	1,228	1,800	38	20	221	152
MD	*	*	*	*	*	*
MS	16,221	17,433	159	168	725	637
MO	8,536	14,554	159	*	1,337	1,424
NY	*	*	*	*	156	*
NC	32,726	34,506	*	*	12,344	13,551
OH	2,707	2,875	*	*	*	*
PA	6,338	4,809	*	*	196	191
SC	*	*	*	*	*	*
TN	6,663	10,251	*	*	522	617
TX	7,455	9,842	44	71	673	597
VA	5,873	9,490	*	*	*	*
US ¹	229,913	308,625	7,960	5,531	50,818	55,511

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, September 2008-October 2008 (continued)**

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	1,497	1,526	5,320	5,159	9,998	9,388
AR	2,197	2,029	11,227	10,234	13,313	13,095
DE	1,137	1,075	3,459	3,402	3,936	4,126
GA	1,208	1,137	15,415	15,678	10,018	9,253
KY	202	123	2,534	2,680	2,753	3,134
LA	87	121	1,710	1,556	518	498
MD	1,453	*	1,831	1,658	*	*
MS	*	*	1,777	1,772	3,925	4,852
MO	884	797	1,802	1,632	9,314	8,789
NY	461	*	*	*	2,782	*
NC	1,824	1,662	9,159	11,822	8,047	7,416
OH	102	173	*	2,028	375	479
PA	423	258	*	*	2,190	1,604
SC	*	427	*	*	938	1,149
TN	*	*	1,063	1,280	*	2,297
TX	569	433	3,188	3,242	7,941	7,170
VA	773	963	1,363	1,492	2,861	2,809
US ¹	16,300	15,639	75,871	76,843	116,029	113,318
State	Overscald		Other		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	6,334	5,724	73,179	81,317	192,399	207,367
AR	1,244	2,017	66,340	66,204	251,028	240,218
DE	2,450	966	17,272	20,261	105,098	118,039
GA	4,207	2,733	51,185	58,612	188,387	214,166
KY	*	*	*	*	45,488	*
LA	*	*	*	1,252	11,861	13,754
MD	778	*	*	*	*	*
MS	*	*	*	64,199	120,603	127,598
MO	60	*	87,657	91,331	173,837	186,647
NY	*	*	*	*	17,190	*
NC	12,985	8,316	80,230	99,238	242,244	266,994
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	323	*	*	*	61,542	46,024
SC	*	*	*	*	52,058	46,469
TN	324	*	*	*	39,140	47,701
TX	2,223	1,024	46,703	41,065	108,754	107,569
VA	1,460	956	*	17,905	53,163	63,427
US ¹	45,953	35,632	664,720	711,155	2,045,930	2,186,312

* 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, September 2008-October 2008

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	2,842	3,130	55,599	67,199	19.56	21.47
MN	3,488	3,496	93,343	98,386	26.76	28.15
MO	1,265	*	44,028	*	34.80	*
US ¹	22,486	25,149	642,298	725,608	28.56	28.85

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	46,248	56,213	643	795	1.37	1.39
MN	74,877	78,872	1,347	1,421	1.77	1.77
MO	34,698	*	875	*	2.46	*
US ³	511,470	580,076	8,146	8,782	1.57	1.49

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.

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

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