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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 11 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during November 2008 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.22 billion pounds, down 11 percent from the amount certified in November 2007. The October 2008 revised certified total at 3.92 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from October 2007. The October revision represented an increase of 1.49 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during November 2008 was 4.29 billion pounds, down 11 percent from 4.83 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.58 billion pounds, down 12 percent from November 2007. Mature chickens, at 61.6 million pounds, were down 5 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 637 million pounds, down 4 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 12.0 million pounds, down 24 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during November 2008 averaged 5.61 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from November 2007. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.82 pounds per bird, down 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during November 2008 averaged 27.6 pounds per bird, down slightly from November 2007.

Ante-mortem condemnations during November 2008 totaled 11.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.27 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.30 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 36.1 million pounds, were 1.11 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.15 percent a year earlier.

November 2008 contained 20 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays, while November 2007 had 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Special Note

Beginning with the February 25, 2009 monthly release of the *Poultry Slaughter* report, young chicken post-mortem State level data by cause for Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Tennessee will be discontinued. Young chicken post-mortem State level data by cause will continue to be published for the nine remaining states.

**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, November, 2007-2008 ¹**

Commodity	Nov 2007	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Pct of		January to Date		Pct of 2007
				Nov 2007	Oct 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	726,149	778,136	638,830	88	82	8,196,314	8,205,190	100
Mature	10,714	13,776	10,574	99	77	121,793	142,580	117
Light	4,502	5,857	4,439	99	76	51,353	64,145	125
Heavy	6,212	7,919	6,135	99	77	70,440	78,435	111
Total	736,863	791,912	649,404	88	82	8,318,107	8,347,770	100
Turkeys								
Young	23,700	25,149	22,923	97	91	242,985	248,848	102
Old	207	190	125	60	66	1,982	1,910	96
Total	23,907	25,339	23,048	96	91	244,967	250,758	102
Ducks	2,322	2,073	1,794	77	87	25,105	21,969	88
	<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	4,092,494	4,397,781	3,582,440	88	81	45,116,315	45,807,116	102
Mature	64,654	80,479	61,577	95	77	734,321	827,671	113
Light	15,088	19,008	14,428	96	76	169,340	209,245	124
Heavy	49,566	61,471	47,149	95	77	564,981	618,426	109
Total	4,157,148	4,478,260	3,644,017	88	81	45,850,636	46,634,787	102
Turkeys								
Young	655,948	725,608	633,769	97	87	6,877,209	7,194,087	105
Old	5,527	5,347	3,315	60	62	51,754	50,687	98
Total	661,475	730,955	637,084	96	87	6,928,963	7,244,774	105
Ducks	15,740	13,999	12,026	76	86	168,898	147,246	87
Other Poultry ²	216	1,078	483	224	45	3,480	4,057	117
Total Poultry	4,834,579	5,224,292	4,293,610	89	82	52,951,977	54,030,864	102
	<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	5.64	5.65	5.61	99	99	5.50	5.58	101
Mature	6.03	5.84	5.82	97	100	6.03	5.80	96
Light	3.35	3.25	3.25	97	100	3.30	3.26	99
Heavy	7.98	7.76	7.69	96	99	8.02	7.88	98
Total	5.64	5.65	5.61	99	99	5.51	5.59	101
Turkeys								
Young	27.68	28.85	27.65	100	96	28.30	28.91	102
Old	26.70	28.14	26.52	99	94	26.11	26.54	102
Total	27.67	28.85	27.64	100	96	28.29	28.89	102
Ducks	6.78	6.75	6.70	99	99	6.73	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, November, 2007-2008¹**

Commodity	Nov 2007	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Pct of		January to Date		Pct of 2007
				Nov 2007	Oct 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	2,743,768	2,962,693	2,408,098	88	81	30,101,500	30,712,283	102
Mature	40,306	50,221	38,426	95	77	454,817	509,870	112
Light	7,655	9,652	7,245	95	75	86,946	103,131	119
Heavy	32,651	40,569	31,181	95	77	367,871	406,739	111
Total	2,784,074	3,012,914	2,446,524	88	81	30,556,317	31,222,153	102
Turkeys								
Young	319,791	361,026	322,431	101	89	3,124,832	3,397,632	109
Old	2,889	2,464	1,845	64	75	29,958	28,114	94
Total	322,680	363,490	324,276	100	89	3,154,790	3,425,746	109
Ducks	5,505	3,637	3,177	58	87	59,188	42,442	72
Other								
Poultry ²	82	91	79	96	87	961	994	103
Total								
Poultry	3,112,341	3,380,132	2,774,056	89	82	33,771,256	34,691,335	103
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	277,251	308,846	255,905	92	83	3,125,455	3,218,193	103
Mature	716	368	173	24	47	5,248	9,839	187
Light	519					583	6,199	1,063
Heavy	197	368	173	88	47	4,665	3,640	78
Total	277,967	309,214	256,078	92	83	3,130,703	3,228,032	103
Turkeys								
Young	203,206	219,050	185,467	91	85	2,332,305	2,336,371	100
Old	1,344	1,631	697	52	43	9,116	10,124	111
Total	204,550	220,681	186,164	91	84	2,341,421	2,346,495	100
Ducks	5,738	6,418	5,424	95	85	61,678	63,398	103
Other								
Poultry ²	55	518	203	369	39	1,065	1,414	133
Total								
Poultry	488,310	536,831	447,869	92	83	5,534,867	5,639,339	102
Chilled and Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,021,019	3,271,539	2,664,003	88	81	33,226,955	33,930,476	102
Mature	41,022	50,589	38,599	94	76	460,065	519,709	113
Light	8,174	9,652	7,245	89	75	87,529	109,330	125
Heavy	32,848	40,937	31,354	95	77	372,536	410,379	110
Total	3,062,041	3,322,128	2,702,602	88	81	33,687,020	34,450,185	102
Turkeys								
Young	522,997	580,076	507,898	97	88	5,457,137	5,734,003	105
Old	4,233	4,095	2,542	60	62	39,074	38,238	98
Total	527,230	584,171	510,440	97	87	5,496,211	5,772,241	105
Ducks	11,243	10,055	8,601	77	86	120,866	105,840	88
Other								
Poultry ²	137	609	282	206	46	2,026	2,408	119
Total								
Poultry	3,600,651	3,916,963	3,221,925	89	82	39,306,123	40,330,674	103

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, November, 2007-2008¹**

Commodity	Nov 2007	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2007
				Nov 2007	Oct 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	11,892	11,282	9,392	79	83	154,442	142,383	92
Mature	882	888	746	85	84	13,489	13,540	100
Light	216	137	166	77	121	3,766	3,941	105
Heavy	666	751	580	87	77	9,723	9,599	99
Total	12,774	12,170	10,138	79	83	167,931	155,923	93
Turkeys								
Young	1,443	1,479	1,342	93	91	20,078	18,238	91
Old	32	37	34	106	92	651	562	86
Total	1,475	1,516	1,376	93	91	20,729	18,800	91
Ducks	30	44	45	150	102	420	439	105
Other Poultry	2	5	1	50	20	18	13	72
Total Poultry	14,281	13,735	11,560	81	84	189,098	175,175	93
	<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	0.26	0.26	90	100	0.34	0.31	91
Mature	1.36	1.10	1.21	89	110	1.84	1.64	89
Light	1.43	0.72	1.15	80	160	2.22	1.88	85
Heavy	1.34	1.22	1.23	92	101	1.72	1.55	90
Total	0.31	0.27	0.28	90	104	0.37	0.33	89
Turkeys								
Young	0.22	0.20	0.21	95	105	0.29	0.25	86
Old	0.58	0.69	1.03	178	149	1.26	1.11	88
Total	0.22	0.21	0.22	100	105	0.30	0.26	87
Ducks	0.19	0.31	0.37	195	119	0.25	0.30	120
Other Poultry	0.93	0.46	0.21	23	46	0.52	0.32	62
Total Poultry	0.30	0.26	0.27	90	104	0.36	0.32	89

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

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

Commodity	Nov 2007	Oct 2008	Nov 2008	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2007
				Nov 2007	Oct 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	30,334	29,374	25,378	84	86	360,993	348,345	96
Mature	2,913	3,636	2,953	101	81	34,122	37,614	110
Light	1,030	1,252	1,075	104	86	12,371	13,300	108
Heavy	1,883	2,384	1,878	100	79	21,751	24,314	112
Total	33,247	33,010	28,331	85	86	395,115	385,959	98
Turkeys								
Young	8,059	8,782	7,330	91	83	94,294	92,305	98
Old	231	195	118	51	61	2,712	2,549	94
Total	8,290	8,977	7,448	90	83	97,006	94,854	98
Ducks	351	311	294	84	95	3,587	2,977	83
Other Poultry	2	4	2	100	50	54	24	44
Total Poultry	41,890	42,302	36,075	86	85	495,762	483,814	98
	<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	0.99	0.89	0.94	95	106	1.07	1.02	95
Mature	6.63	6.71	7.11	107	106	6.90	6.75	98
Light	11.19	11.48	12.92	115	113	12.38	10.85	88
Heavy	5.42	5.50	5.65	104	103	5.52	5.59	101
Total	1.07	0.98	1.04	97	105	1.16	1.11	96
Turkeys								
Young	1.52	1.49	1.42	94	95	1.70	1.58	93
Old	5.17	4.55	4.44	86	98	6.49	6.25	96
Total	1.55	1.51	1.44	93	95	1.73	1.62	93
Ducks	3.03	3.00	3.31	109	110	2.88	2.74	95
Other Poultry	1.44	0.65	0.70	49	108	2.60	0.99	38
Total Poultry	1.15	1.07	1.11	96	104	1.25	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, October 2008-November 2008**

Commodity	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>
Chickens						
Young			5,626	7,223	858,677	744,423
Mature			1,565	1,112	199,107	163,650
Light			1,394	987	160,585	128,744
Heavy			171	125	38,522	34,906
Total			7,191	8,335	1,057,784	908,073
Turkeys						
Young			73	59	54,067	53,673
Old					2,016	1,383
Total			73	59	56,083	55,056
Commodity	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>
Chickens						
Young	308,718	352,666	5,533	4,547	55,574	43,804
Mature	13,712	9,468	327	382	60,411	50,861
Light	9,638	6,688	180	251	51,703	44,557
Heavy	4,074	2,780	147	131	8,708	6,304
Total	322,430	362,134	5,860	4,929	115,985	94,665
Turkeys						
Young	5,237	4,437	2,734	2,323	181	196
Old	438	478	1		64	34
Total	5,675	4,915	2,735	2,323	245	230
Commodity	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>
Chickens						
Young	15,646	12,463	77,047	64,321	113,425	101,069
Mature	11,579	9,689	3,339	2,621	114,303	90,535
Light	10,290	8,588	1,982	1,713	101,668	79,979
Heavy	1,289	1,101	1,357	908	12,635	10,556
Total	27,225	22,152	80,386	66,942	227,728	191,604
Turkeys						
Young	450	450	3,435	2,588	2,811	2,942
Old	7	7	37	44	73	61
Total	457	457	3,472	2,632	2,884	3,003
Commodity	Overscald		Other		Total	
	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>
Chickens						
Young	35,635	35,833	711,396	634,890	2,187,277	2,001,239
Mature	1,055	996	201,947	184,321	607,345	513,635
Light	862	679	73,971	79,507	412,273	351,693
Heavy	193	317	127,976	104,814	195,072	161,942
Total	36,690	36,829	913,343	819,211	2,794,622	2,514,874
Turkeys						
Young	1,689	324	15,114	13,550	85,791	80,542
Old	16	1	154	140	2,806	2,148
Total	1,705	325	15,268	13,690	88,597	82,690

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

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	96,487	80,076	529,363	433,372	5.49	5.41
AR	94,891	76,763	539,453	429,583	5.68	5.60
DE	27,020	21,327	187,874	150,356	6.95	7.05
GA	113,472	92,865	609,236	494,387	5.37	5.32
KY	26,522	22,110	150,314	122,206	5.67	5.53
LA	15,486	13,397	93,635	80,497	6.05	6.01
MD	12,507	9,426	62,206	47,064	4.97	4.99
MS	68,738	57,386	407,322	335,589	5.93	5.85
MO	35,466	29,600	166,893	139,648	4.71	4.72
NY	*	1,367	*	7,134	*	5.22
NC	64,709	53,174	450,896	372,807	6.97	7.01
OH	4,802	3,810	28,075	22,474	5.85	5.90
PA	10,122	8,877	59,284	51,881	5.86	5.84
SC	26,187	22,481	168,049	144,221	6.42	6.42
TN	22,386	17,710	118,022	91,567	5.27	5.17
TX	60,925	49,817	326,748	267,726	5.36	5.37
VA	28,796	23,357	137,782	111,272	4.78	4.76
US ¹	778,136	638,830	4,397,781	3,582,440	5.65	5.61

* 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, October 2008-November 2008**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	October	November	Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
			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	401,454	327,663	3,062	2,572	0.76	0.78
AR	387,376	309,960	4,011	3,305	1.02	1.06
DE	135,364	108,421	1,565	1,235	1.14	1.13
GA	460,521	370,846	3,094	2,809	0.67	0.75
KY	109,216	89,116	595	436	0.54	0.49
LA	69,649	59,908	335	303	0.48	0.50
MD	45,424	33,994	569	466	1.24	1.35
MS	305,877	250,969	2,848	2,600	0.92	1.03
MO	122,646	102,983	1,341	1,121	1.08	1.08
NY	*	4,368	*	135	*	3.00
NC	344,941	286,779	4,204	3,501	1.20	1.21
OH	20,728	16,493	373	334	1.77	1.98
PA	41,763	36,097	813	869	1.91	2.35
SC	126,206	108,428	928	856	0.73	0.78
TN	85,550	66,338	608	519	0.71	0.78
TX	252,134	207,520	1,738	1,647	0.68	0.79
VA	96,830	78,167	601	515	0.62	0.65
US ³	3,271,539	2,664,003	29,374	25,378	0.89	0.94

* 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 State and United States, October 2008-November 2008**

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>
AL			*	*	57,757	54,404
AR			*	432	120,725	100,627
DE			565	*	63,531	51,359
GA			212	118	64,976	59,901
KY			*	21	28,151	23,915
LA			*	*	8,315	7,895
MD			*	*	28,383	18,462
MS			*	*	36,212	36,277
MO			304	329	66,901	62,316
NY			*	94	*	*
NC			*	199	89,917	75,216
OH			*	*	10,065	7,419
PA			292	*	13,780	12,042
SC			*	*	8,520	*
TN			*	*	29,476	24,209
TX			103	61	44,100	36,313
VA			94	63	26,617	20,890
US ¹			5,626	7,223	858,677	744,423
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>
AL	42,523	53,459	321	305	*	*
AR	20,769	23,245	*	1,657	2,110	2,011
DE	16,672	15,926	110	*	7,331	5,891
GA	53,651	75,192	*	*	*	*
KY	*	15,775	*	*	*	*
LA	1,800	1,929	20	*	152	141
MD	*	*	*	17	*	*
MS	17,433	20,663	168	239	637	615
MO	14,554	*	*	173	1,424	1,225
NY	*	3,274	*	73	*	165
NC	34,506	35,609	*	62	13,551	8,341
OH	2,875	2,492	*	*	*	*
PA	4,809	5,470	*	75	191	204
SC	*	5,601	*	*	*	*
TN	10,251	11,061	*	*	617	615
TX	9,849	10,786	73	*	597	546
VA	9,490	11,271	*	*	*	*
US ¹	308,718	352,666	5,533	4,547	55,574	43,804

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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

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>
AL	1,526	1,311	5,159	4,775	9,388	8,258
AR	2,029	1,598	10,234	8,179	13,095	10,466
DE	1,075	760	3,402	2,776	4,126	3,016
GA	1,144	861	15,877	14,802	9,266	8,879
KY	123	*	2,680	2,245	3,134	2,925
LA	121	109	1,556	1,784	498	689
MD	*	*	1,658	754	*	*
MS	*	*	1,772	1,890	4,852	*
MO	797	524	1,632	1,757	8,789	6,680
NY	*	406	*	*	*	1,809
NC	1,662	1,385	11,822	9,903	7,416	7,046
OH	173	104	2,028	1,663	479	314
PA	258	*	*	520	1,604	3,122
SC	427	328	*	*	1,149	1,076
TN	*	*	1,280	827	2,297	*
TX	433	284	3,242	2,507	7,174	*
VA	963	733	1,492	1,459	2,809	2,465
US ¹	15,646	12,463	77,047	64,321	113,425	101,069

State	Overscald		Other		Total	
	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>
AL	5,724	4,769	81,317	86,172	207,367	216,207
AR	2,017	1,274	66,204	49,023	240,218	198,512
DE	966	729	20,261	12,247	118,039	94,795
GA	2,733	3,568	58,647	56,426	214,711	227,331
KY	*	*	*	*	*	55,403
LA	*	*	1,252	1,577	13,754	14,200
MD	*	603	*	*	*	*
MS	*	*	64,199	54,300	127,598	121,425
MO	*	*	91,331	70,321	186,647	155,962
NY	*	*	*	*	*	18,397
NC	8,316	11,305	99,238	79,033	266,994	228,099
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	46,024	47,697
SC	*	*	*	34,686	46,469	51,714
TN	*	503	*	*	47,701	41,822
TX	1,027	*	41,086	39,329	107,684	96,793
VA	956	*	17,905	*	63,427	58,352
US ¹	35,635	35,833	711,396	634,890	2,187,277	2,001,239

* 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, October 2008-November 2008

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	3,130	3,195	67,199	65,074	21.47	20.37
MN	3,496	3,350	98,386	88,844	28.15	26.52
MO	*	*	*	*	*	*
US ¹	25,149	22,923	725,608	633,769	28.85	27.65

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	October	November	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	56,213	55,197	795	661	1.39	1.18
MN	78,872	71,378	1,421	1,322	1.77	1.82
MO	*	*	*	*	*	*
US ³	580,076	507,898	8,782	7,330	1.49	1.42

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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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