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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 8 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during February 2009 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.19 billion pounds, down 8 percent from the amount certified in February 2008. The January 2009 revised certified total at 3.39 billion pounds, was down 12 percent from January 2008. The January revision represented an increase of 523 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during February 2009 was 4.27 billion pounds, down 9 percent from 4.68 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.64 billion pounds, down 8 percent from February 2008. Mature chickens, at 59.4 million pounds, were down 15 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 558 million pounds, down 12 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 11.2 million pounds, down 17 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during February 2009 averaged 5.54 pounds per bird, up slightly from February 2008. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.85 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2009 averaged 29.6 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from February 2008.

Ante-mortem condemnations during February 2009 totaled 12.5 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.29 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.36 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 38.7 million pounds, were 1.20 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.35 percent a year earlier.

February 2009 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays, while February 2008 had 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Special Note

This release introduces a new format to the *Poultry Slaughter* report. The tables on pages 7, 8, 10, and 11 have been changed to be more consistent with the *Livestock Slaughter* report. This change further aligns NASS reports while providing consistent data.

**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, February, 2008-2009 ¹**

Commodity	Feb 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Feb 2008	Jan 2009	2008	2009	
	<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	716,294	694,758	657,218	92	95	1,503,267	1,351,976	90
Mature	11,801	11,031	10,159	86	92	24,771	21,190	86
Light	5,356	5,238	4,459	83	85	11,689	9,697	83
Heavy	6,445	5,793	5,700	88	98	13,082	11,493	88
Total	728,095	705,789	667,377	92	95	1,528,038	1,373,166	90
Turkeys								
Young	21,146	19,254	18,721	89	97	43,730	37,975	87
Old	122	203	116	95	57	240	319	133
Total	21,268	19,457	18,837	89	97	43,970	38,294	87
Ducks	2,005	1,953	1,697	85	87	4,160	3,650	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	3,963,422	3,864,090	3,642,562	92	94	8,344,208	7,506,652	90
Mature	69,555	62,095	59,441	85	96	142,903	121,536	85
Light	17,709	16,839	14,603	82	87	38,310	31,442	82
Heavy	51,846	45,256	44,838	86	99	104,593	90,094	86
Total	4,032,977	3,926,185	3,702,003	92	94	8,487,111	7,628,188	90
Turkeys								
Young	631,115	588,056	554,945	88	94	1,317,449	1,143,001	87
Old	3,290	5,613	3,256	99	58	6,329	8,869	140
Total	634,405	593,669	558,201	88	94	1,323,778	1,151,870	87
Ducks	13,600	12,992	11,241	83	87	28,199	24,233	86
Other Poultry ²	155	152	129	83	85	330	281	85
Total Poultry	4,681,137	4,532,998	4,271,574	91	94	9,839,418	8,804,572	89
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pct</i>
Average Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.53	5.56	5.54	100	100	5.55	5.55	100
Mature	5.89	5.63	5.85	99	104	5.77	5.74	99
Light	3.31	3.21	3.27	99	102	3.28	3.24	99
Heavy	8.04	7.81	7.87	98	101	8.00	7.84	98
Total	5.54	5.56	5.55	100	100	5.55	5.56	100
Turkeys								
Young	29.85	30.54	29.64	99	97	30.13	30.10	100
Old	26.97	27.65	28.07	104	102	26.37	27.80	105
Total	29.83	30.51	29.63	99	97	30.11	30.08	100
Ducks	6.78	6.65	6.62	98	100	6.78	6.64	98

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, February, 2008-2009¹**

Commodity	Feb 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Feb 2008	Jan 2009	2008	2009	
	<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	2,647,285	2,618,051	2,454,591	93	94	5,590,143	5,072,642	91
Mature	42,172	37,903	36,887	87	97	86,643	74,790	86
Light	8,428	8,361	7,393	88	88	18,421	15,754	86
Heavy	33,744	29,542	29,494	87	100	68,222	59,036	87
Total	2,689,457	2,655,954	2,491,478	93	94	5,676,786	5,147,432	91
Turkeys								
Young	301,855	289,286	277,667	92	96	611,667	566,953	93
Old	2,206	2,412	1,992	90	83	4,102	4,404	107
Total	304,061	291,698	279,659	92	96	615,769	571,357	93
Ducks	4,484	3,390	2,759	62	81	9,452	6,149	65
Other Poultry ²	82	74	67	82	91	166	141	85
Total Poultry	2,998,084	2,951,116	2,773,963	93	94	6,302,173	5,725,079	91
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	279,248	253,040	249,274	89	99	573,631	502,314	88
Mature	1,525	416	202	13	49	2,793	618	22
Light	1,127	112				2,058	112	5
Heavy	398	304	202	51	66	735	506	69
Total	280,773	253,456	249,476	89	98	576,424	502,932	87
Turkeys								
Young	198,536	176,195	163,329	82	93	432,891	339,524	78
Old	242	1,899	481	199	25	597	2,380	399
Total	198,778	178,094	163,810	82	92	433,488	341,904	79
Ducks	5,230	5,887	5,294	101	90	10,717	11,181	104
Other Poultry ²	21	22	20	95	91	56	42	75
Total Poultry	484,802	437,459	418,600	86	96	1,020,685	856,059	84
Chilled and Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	2,926,533	2,871,091	2,703,865	92	94	6,163,774	5,574,956	90
Mature	43,697	38,319	37,089	85	97	89,436	75,408	84
Light	9,555	8,473	7,393	77	87	20,479	15,866	77
Heavy	34,142	29,846	29,696	87	99	68,957	59,542	86
Total	2,970,230	2,909,410	2,740,954	92	94	6,253,210	5,650,364	90
Turkeys								
Young	500,391	465,481	440,996	88	95	1,044,558	906,477	87
Old	2,448	4,311	2,473	101	57	4,699	6,784	144
Total	502,839	469,792	443,469	88	94	1,049,257	913,261	87
Ducks	9,714	9,277	8,053	83	87	20,169	17,330	86
Other Poultry ²	103	96	87	84	91	222	183	82
Total Poultry	3,482,886	3,388,575	3,192,563	92	94	7,322,858	6,581,138	90

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, February, 2008-2009 ¹**

Commodity	Feb 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Feb 2008	Jan 2009	2008	2009	
	<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	13,468	11,964	9,961	74	83	29,799	21,925	74
Mature	1,362	1,239	886	65	72	2,806	2,125	76
Light	516	375	139	27	37	911	514	56
Heavy	846	864	747	88	86	1,895	1,611	85
Total	14,830	13,203	10,847	73	82	32,605	24,050	74
Turkeys								
Young	1,850	1,844	1,539	83	83	3,957	3,383	85
Old	46	57	39	85	68	96	96	100
Total	1,896	1,901	1,578	83	83	4,053	3,479	86
Ducks	25	45	32	128	71	55	77	140
Total Poultry	16,751	15,149	12,457	74	82	36,713	27,606	75
	<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	0.34	0.31	0.27	79	87	0.36	0.29	81
Mature	1.96	2.00	1.49	76	75	1.96	1.75	89
Light	2.91	2.23	0.95	33	43	2.38	1.63	68
Heavy	1.63	1.91	1.67	102	87	1.81	1.79	99
Total	0.37	0.34	0.29	78	85	0.38	0.32	84
Turkeys								
Young	0.29	0.31	0.28	97	90	0.30	0.30	100
Old	1.40	1.02	1.20	86	118	1.52	1.08	71
Total	0.30	0.32	0.28	93	88	0.31	0.30	97
Ducks	0.18	0.35	0.28	156	80	0.20	0.32	160
Total Poultry	0.36	0.33	0.29	81	88	0.37	0.31	84

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, February, 2008-2009¹**

Commodity	Feb 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Feb 2008	Jan 2009	2008	2009	
	<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	35,213	29,929	28,276	80	94	73,074	58,205	80
Mature	3,077	3,016	2,649	86	88	6,471	5,665	88
Light	964	1,218	874	91	72	2,213	2,092	95
Heavy	2,113	1,798	1,775	84	99	4,258	3,573	84
Total	38,290	32,945	30,925	81	94	79,545	63,870	80
Turkeys								
Young	8,825	7,797	7,333	83	94	18,212	15,130	83
Old	188	184	127	68	69	364	311	85
Total	9,013	7,981	7,460	83	93	18,576	15,441	83
Ducks	249	364	313	126	86	535	677	127
Other Poultry	1	1	1	100	100	2	2	100
Total Poultry	47,553	41,291	38,699	81	94	98,658	79,990	81
	<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	1.19	1.03	1.03	87	100	1.17	1.03	88
Mature	6.58	7.30	6.67	101	91	6.75	6.99	104
Light	9.16	12.57	10.57	115	84	9.75	11.65	119
Heavy	5.83	5.68	5.64	97	99	5.82	5.66	97
Total	1.27	1.12	1.12	88	100	1.26	1.12	89
Turkeys								
Young	1.73	1.65	1.64	95	99	1.71	1.64	96
Old	7.13	4.09	4.88	68	119	7.19	4.38	61
Total	1.76	1.67	1.65	94	99	1.74	1.66	95
Ducks	2.50	3.78	3.74	150	99	2.58	3.76	146
Other Poultry	0.96	1.03	1.14	119	111	0.89	1.08	121
Total Poultry	1.35	1.20	1.20	89	100	1.33	1.20	90

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, January 2009-February 2009**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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			10,663	8,235	889,504	841,927
Mature			1,373	1,388	190,619	112,675
Light			1,293	1,230	161,321	82,630
Heavy			80	158	29,298	30,045
Total			12,036	9,623	1,080,123	954,602
Turkeys						
Young			81	67	53,590	48,135
Old					2,721	1,402
Total			81	67	56,311	49,537
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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	649,766	641,138	16,253	9,012	48,571	43,558
Mature	10,369	5,036	347	226	61,434	34,955
Light	6,791	2,636	181	17	55,714	29,259
Heavy	3,578	2,400	166	209	5,720	5,696
Total	660,135	646,174	16,600	9,238	110,005	78,513
Turkeys						
Young	8,489	13,978	3,032	3,840	79	132
Old	303	141	1		46	96
Total	8,792	14,119	3,033	3,840	125	228
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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	13,422	12,962	87,771	69,840	117,921	110,115
Mature	13,584	9,863	4,206	3,051	115,682	84,126
Light	12,874	9,326	2,878	1,669	103,748	72,938
Heavy	710	537	1,328	1,382	11,934	11,188
Total	27,006	22,825	91,977	72,891	233,603	194,241
Turkeys						
Young	197	182	2,160	1,970	2,455	2,168
Old	8	13	64	10	135	71
Total	205	195	2,224	1,980	2,590	2,239
Commodity	Overscald		Other		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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	27,717	32,740	807,064	788,794	2,668,652	2,558,321
Mature	1,420	2,519	147,549	142,104	546,583	395,943
Light	240	242	58,219	58,033	403,259	257,980
Heavy	1,180	2,277	89,330	84,071	143,324	137,963
Total	29,137	35,259	954,613	930,898	3,215,235	2,954,264
Turkeys						
Young	511	738	11,712	9,061	82,306	80,271
Old	22	5	262	82	3,562	1,820
Total	533	743	11,974	9,143	85,868	82,091

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
by State and United States, January 2009-February 2009**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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	83,338	79,493	450,675	434,674	5.41	5.47
AK						
AZ						
AR	81,551	80,327	457,715	449,518	5.61	5.60
CA	23,428	20,766	135,450	118,695	5.78	5.72
CO						
CT						
DE	24,264	22,036	164,707	148,855	6.79	6.76
FL	4,108	3,651	25,265	22,604	6.15	6.19
GA	101,269	97,220	524,525	506,878	5.18	5.21
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	4,443	4,029	19,840	17,544	4.47	4.35
IA						
KS						
KY	20,902	23,011	111,684	122,123	5.34	5.31
LA	14,743	13,539	85,826	78,591	5.82	5.80
ME						
MD	10,536	9,710	47,172	44,836	4.48	4.62
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	59,026	56,684	338,559	323,520	5.74	5.71
MO	32,676	31,158	155,470	146,508	4.76	4.70
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	467	443	2,011	1,975	4.31	4.46
NM						
NY	1,568	1,457	8,157	7,548	5.20	5.18
NC	61,467	52,462	426,325	363,016	6.94	6.92
ND						
OH	4,417	4,056	26,463	23,697	5.99	5.84
OK						
OR						
PA	9,448	9,211	53,628	51,991	5.68	5.64
RI						
SC	23,440	22,477	150,170	140,978	6.41	6.27
SD						
TN	20,776	19,458	107,880	99,466	5.19	5.11
TX	55,056	52,173	286,959	278,688	5.21	5.34
UT						
VT						
VA	26,464	24,086	129,134	116,978	4.88	4.86
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	694,758	657,218	3,864,090	3,642,562	5.56	5.54

¹ States with no data printed are included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations or no active slaughter facility exists in the State.

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by State and United States, January 2009-February 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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	339,309	322,986	2,980	2,802	0.87	0.86
AK						
AZ						
AR	329,659	323,131	3,766	3,595	1.13	1.10
CA	100,086	87,634	913	802	0.90	0.91
CO						
CT						
DE	118,582	107,222	1,487	1,424	1.24	1.31
FL	17,559	15,758	98	90	0.56	0.57
GA	393,102	380,381	3,569	3,414	0.90	0.89
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	14,400	12,804	168	151	1.15	1.17
IA						
KS						
KY	81,558	89,067	1,544	1,629	1.86	1.80
LA	63,196	57,782	352	394	0.55	0.68
ME						
MD	33,949	32,327	540	580	1.57	1.76
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	256,961	245,046	2,212	2,138	0.85	0.87
MO	114,117	107,539	1,218	1,274	1.06	1.17
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	1,240	1,215	54	41	4.20	3.28
NM						
NY	4,978	4,556	115	126	2.25	2.70
NC	327,687	278,681	4,165	3,621	1.26	1.28
ND						
OH	19,523	17,519	325	286	1.64	1.61
OK						
OR						
PA	37,318	36,189	868	720	2.27	1.95
RI						
SC	112,931	105,912	809	800	0.71	0.75
SD						
TN	78,147	72,029	580	541	0.74	0.75
TX	222,266	218,307	2,008	1,925	0.90	0.87
UT						
VT						
VA	89,852	81,886	734	696	0.81	0.84
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	2,871,091	2,703,865	29,929	28,276	1.03	1.03

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

³ States with no data printed are included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations or no active slaughter facility exists in the State.

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
by State and United States, January 2009-February 2009**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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			138	105	59,025	53,064
AR			393	360	121,988	122,204
DE			1,336	2,077	55,764	47,127
GA			183	96	70,964	59,659
MS			321	109	28,425	24,785
MO			290	254	75,130	83,807
NC			1,435	2,709	95,434	75,715
TX			42	92	51,422	47,862
VA			100	86	30,470	27,329
US ¹			10,663	8,235	889,504	841,927
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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	72,170	66,659	548	255	3,099	3,577
AR	31,724	37,809	2,282	1,846	2,311	2,500
DE	33,054	31,944	73	138	6,850	5,476
GA	99,463	113,216	391	284	8,842	7,563
MS	22,316	26,999	280	120	442	504
MO	14,325	11,778	135	159	1,417	1,501
NC	60,417	52,044	89	104	9,683	8,658
TX	27,321	26,839	44	47	614	556
VA	21,273	20,040	20	11	3,666	2,475
US ¹	649,766	641,138	16,253	9,012	48,571	43,558
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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	1,413	1,307	6,493	6,339	9,512	8,495
AR	1,870	1,746	10,692	8,201	9,502	10,637
DE	614	643	2,635	2,636	2,642	3,132
GA	989	836	17,225	14,756	8,654	7,420
MS	1,231	1,329	2,775	1,998	5,676	5,984
MO	588	675	3,115	1,853	6,842	7,679
NC	1,292	978	13,074	10,364	7,093	4,916
TX	319	259	3,859	3,356	5,881	5,407
VA	699	576	1,770	1,565	2,725	2,367
US ¹	13,422	12,962	87,771	69,840	117,921	110,115
State	Overscald		Other		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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	2,737	4,544	120,196	115,049	275,331	259,394
AR	1,607	1,844	81,288	72,225	263,657	259,372
DE	465	2,796	24,806	27,721	128,239	123,690
GA	3,662	4,517	104,365	88,341	314,738	296,688
MS	562	123	43,914	45,167	105,942	107,118
MO	488	136	74,708	74,061	177,038	181,903
NC	7,293	4,692	82,714	86,907	278,524	247,087
TX	569	1,863	58,114	53,995	148,185	140,276
VA	787	1,706	30,202	37,580	91,712	93,735
US ¹	27,717	32,740	807,064	788,794	2,668,652	2,558,321

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, January 2009-February 2009**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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						
AK						
AZ						
AR	2,568	3,029	49,339	59,598	19.21	19.68
CA	916	859	29,661	24,877	32.37	28.95
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	1,326	1,272	48,635	48,222	36.67	37.90
IA	1,085	913	44,564	36,875	41.07	40.38
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	2,957	2,689	81,467	73,643	27.55	27.39
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	2,624	2,852	86,667	86,446	33.03	30.32
ND						
OH	407	389	17,308	16,989	42.56	43.63
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	402	372	16,842	15,524	41.91	41.73
TN						
TX						
UT		12		288		24.03
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	19,254	18,721	588,056	554,945	30.54	29.64

¹ States with no data printed are included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations or no active slaughter facility exists in the State.

**Young Turkeys Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem
Condemnations, by State and United States, January 2009-February 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	January	February	Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
			January	February	January	February
	<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						
AK						
AZ						
AR	40,586	49,180	683	754	1.65	1.51
CA	23,998	20,067	288	243	1.19	1.20
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	38,482	38,575	842	653	2.14	1.66
IA	34,868	28,768	690	756	1.94	2.56
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	64,801	58,728	1,287	1,106	1.95	1.85
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	68,336	68,612	569	538	0.83	0.78
ND						
OH	13,724	13,401	378	384	2.68	2.78
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	13,548	12,534	194	159	1.41	1.25
TN						
TX						
UT		223		15		6.35
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	465,481	440,996	7,797	7,333	1.65	1.64

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

³ States with no data printed are included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations or no active slaughter facility exists in the State.

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 and other turkeys such as fryers/roasters and young breeders.

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 2008. Young chickens were slaughtered in 34 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.

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