

Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down Slightly from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during March 2009 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.52 billion pounds, down slightly from the amount certified in March 2008. The February 2009 revised certified total at 3.19 billion pounds, was down 8 percent from February 2008. The February revision represented an increase of 634 thousand pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during March 2009 was 4.71 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 4.74 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.03 billion pounds, down slightly from March 2008. Mature chickens, at 68.1 million pounds, were down 5 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 592 million pounds, down 4 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.3 million pounds, down 4 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during March 2009 averaged 5.55 pounds per bird, down slightly from March 2008. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.79 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during March 2009 averaged 29.4 pounds per bird, up slightly from March 2008.

Ante-mortem condemnations during March 2009 totaled 13.0 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.28 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.33 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 40.8 million pounds, were 1.15 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.36 percent a year earlier.

March 2009 contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays, while March 2008 had 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, March, 2008-2009¹**

Commodity	Mar 2008	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Mar 2008	Feb 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	726,841	657,218	726,974	100	111	2,230,108	2,078,950	93
Mature	12,720	10,159	11,769	93	116	37,491	32,959	88
Light	6,319	4,459	5,168	82	116	18,008	14,865	83
Heavy	6,401	5,700	6,601	103	116	19,483	18,094	93
Total	739,561	667,377	738,743	100	111	2,267,599	2,111,909	93
Turkeys								
Young	20,770	18,732	19,925	96	106	64,500	57,911	90
Old	177	116	187	106	161	417	506	121
Total	20,947	18,848	20,112	96	107	64,917	58,417	90
Ducks	2,041	1,697	1,982	97	117	6,201	5,632	91
	<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	4,037,830	3,642,562	4,034,172	100	111	12,382,038	11,540,824	93
Mature	71,817	59,441	68,120	95	115	214,720	189,656	88
Light	20,680	14,603	16,658	81	114	58,990	48,100	82
Heavy	51,137	44,838	51,462	101	115	155,730	141,556	91
Total	4,109,647	3,702,003	4,102,292	100	111	12,596,758	11,730,480	93
Turkeys								
Young	610,365	555,158	587,139	96	106	1,927,814	1,730,353	90
Old	4,644	3,256	4,852	104	149	10,973	13,721	125
Total	615,009	558,414	591,991	96	106	1,938,787	1,744,074	90
Ducks	13,848	11,241	13,312	96	118	42,047	37,545	89
Other Poultry ²	149	129	137	92	106	479	418	87
Total Poultry	4,738,653	4,271,787	4,707,732	99	110	14,578,071	13,512,517	93
	<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	5.56	5.54	5.55	100	100	5.55	5.55	100
Mature	5.65	5.85	5.79	102	99	5.73	5.75	100
Light	3.27	3.27	3.22	98	98	3.28	3.24	99
Heavy	7.99	7.87	7.80	98	99	7.99	7.82	98
Total	5.56	5.55	5.55	100	100	5.56	5.55	100
Turkeys								
Young	29.39	29.64	29.47	100	99	29.89	29.88	100
Old	26.24	28.07	25.95	99	92	26.31	27.12	103
Total	29.36	29.63	29.43	100	99	29.87	29.86	100
Ducks	6.78	6.62	6.72	99	102	6.78	6.67	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, March, 2008-2009¹**

Commodity	Mar 2008	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Mar 2008	Feb 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	2,697,439	2,454,591	2,723,631	101	111	8,287,582	7,796,273	94
Mature	43,690	36,887	42,185	97	114	130,333	116,975	90
Light	9,875	7,393	8,385	85	113	28,296	24,139	85
Heavy	33,815	29,494	33,800	100	115	102,037	92,836	91
Total	2,741,129	2,491,478	2,765,816	101	111	8,417,915	7,913,248	94
Turkeys								
Young	289,922	276,334	299,020	103	108	901,589	864,640	96
Old	2,737	1,992	3,310	121	166	6,839	7,714	113
Total	292,659	278,326	302,330	103	109	908,428	872,354	96
Ducks	4,761	2,759	3,139	66	114	14,213	9,288	65
Other Poultry ²	81	67	71	88	106	247	212	86
Total Poultry	3,038,630	2,772,630	3,071,356	101	111	9,340,803	8,795,102	94
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	284,170	249,274	272,169	96	109	857,801	774,483	90
Mature	1,390	202	329	24	163	4,183	947	23
Light	1,135					3,193	112	4
Heavy	255	202	329	129	163	990	835	84
Total	285,560	249,476	272,498	95	109	861,984	775,430	90
Turkeys								
Young	193,561	165,296	168,697	87	102	626,452	510,188	81
Old	774	481	404	52	84	1,371	2,784	203
Total	194,335	165,777	169,101	87	102	627,823	512,972	82
Ducks	5,201	5,294	6,379	123	120	15,918	17,560	110
Other Poultry ²	21	20	25	119	125	77	67	87
Total Poultry	485,117	420,567	448,003	92	107	1,505,802	1,306,029	87
Chilled and Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	2,981,609	2,703,865	2,995,800	100	111	9,145,383	8,570,756	94
Mature	45,080	37,089	42,514	94	115	134,516	117,922	88
Light	11,010	7,393	8,385	76	113	31,489	24,251	77
Heavy	34,070	29,696	34,129	100	115	103,027	93,671	91
Total	3,026,689	2,740,954	3,038,314	100	111	9,279,899	8,688,678	94
Turkeys								
Young	483,483	441,630	467,717	97	106	1,528,041	1,374,828	90
Old	3,511	2,473	3,714	106	150	8,210	10,498	128
Total	486,994	444,103	471,431	97	106	1,536,251	1,385,326	90
Ducks	9,962	8,053	9,518	96	118	30,131	26,848	89
Other Poultry ²	102	87	96	94	110	324	279	86
Total Poultry	3,523,747	3,193,197	3,519,359	100	110	10,846,605	10,101,131	93

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

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

Commodity	Mar 2008	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Mar 2008	Feb 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	12,542	9,961	10,176	81	102	42,341	32,101	76
Mature	1,112	886	1,172	105	132	3,918	3,297	84
Light	399	139	225	56	162	1,310	739	56
Heavy	713	747	947	133	127	2,608	2,558	98
Total	13,654	10,847	11,348	83	105	46,259	35,398	77
Turkeys								
Young	1,733	1,539	1,603	92	104	5,690	4,986	88
Old	42	39	43	102	110	138	139	101
Total	1,775	1,578	1,646	93	104	5,828	5,125	88
Ducks	22	32	31	141	97	77	108	140
Total Poultry	15,451	12,457	13,025	84	105	52,164	40,631	78
	<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	0.31	0.27	0.25	81	93	0.34	0.28	82
Mature	1.55	1.49	1.72	111	115	1.82	1.74	96
Light	1.93	0.95	1.35	70	142	2.22	1.54	69
Heavy	1.39	1.67	1.84	132	110	1.67	1.81	108
Total	0.33	0.29	0.28	85	97	0.37	0.30	81
Turkeys								
Young	0.28	0.28	0.27	96	96	0.30	0.29	97
Old	0.90	1.20	0.89	99	74	1.26	1.01	80
Total	0.29	0.28	0.28	97	100	0.30	0.29	97
Ducks	0.16	0.28	0.23	144	82	0.18	0.29	161
Total Poultry	0.33	0.29	0.28	85	97	0.36	0.30	83

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, March, 2008-2009 ¹**

Commodity	Mar 2008	Feb 2009	Mar 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Mar 2008	Feb 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	36,414	28,279	29,171	80	103	109,488	87,379	80
Mature	3,341	2,649	3,326	100	126	9,812	8,991	92
Light	1,376	874	1,159	84	133	3,589	3,251	91
Heavy	1,965	1,775	2,167	110	122	6,223	5,740	92
Total	39,755	30,928	32,497	82	105	119,300	96,370	81
Turkeys								
Young	8,418	7,336	7,862	93	107	26,630	22,995	86
Old	238	127	192	81	151	602	503	84
Total	8,656	7,463	8,054	93	108	27,232	23,498	86
Ducks	265	313	273	103	87	800	950	119
Other Poultry	2	1	2	100	200	4	4	100
Total Poultry	48,678	38,705	40,826	84	105	147,336	120,822	82
	<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	1.21	1.04	0.96	79	92	1.18	1.01	86
Mature	6.90	6.67	7.26	105	109	6.80	7.08	104
Light	11.11	10.57	12.14	109	115	10.23	11.82	116
Heavy	5.45	5.64	5.97	110	106	5.70	5.77	101
Total	1.30	1.12	1.06	82	95	1.27	1.10	87
Turkeys								
Young	1.71	1.63	1.65	96	101	1.71	1.65	96
Old	6.35	4.88	4.92	77	101	6.83	4.57	67
Total	1.75	1.65	1.68	96	102	1.74	1.67	96
Ducks	2.59	3.74	2.79	108	75	2.59	3.42	132
Other Poultry	1.92	1.14	2.04	106	179	1.22	1.41	116
Total Poultry	1.36	1.20	1.15	85	96	1.34	1.18	88

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, February 2009-March 2009**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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			8,235	10,836	841,927	851,813
Mature			1,388	2,090	112,675	134,707
Light			1,230	1,940	82,630	98,260
Heavy			158	150	30,045	36,447
Total			9,623	12,926	954,602	986,520
Turkeys						
Young			67	31	48,195	51,088
Old					1,402	2,995
Total			67	31	49,597	54,083
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	641,138	560,671	9,012	6,230	43,558	46,927
Mature	5,036	6,884	226	321	34,955	33,600
Light	2,636	4,094	17	91	29,259	26,555
Heavy	2,400	2,790	209	230	5,696	7,045
Total	646,174	567,555	9,238	6,551	78,513	80,527
Turkeys						
Young	13,978	12,077	3,840	4,425	132	138
Old	141	371		14	96	43
Total	14,119	12,448	3,840	4,439	228	181
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	12,962	13,576	69,840	72,208	110,115	119,299
Mature	9,863	9,696	3,051	3,697	84,126	108,983
Light	9,326	8,760	1,669	2,145	72,938	95,608
Heavy	537	936	1,382	1,552	11,188	13,375
Total	22,825	23,272	72,891	75,905	194,241	228,282
Turkeys						
Young	182	504	1,971	1,974	2,169	2,806
Old	13	26	10	24	71	131
Total	195	530	1,981	1,998	2,240	2,937
Commodity	Overscald		Other		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	32,740	28,148	788,674	817,574	2,558,201	2,527,282
Mature	2,519	1,278	142,104	180,609	395,943	481,865
Light	242	506	58,033	80,638	257,980	318,597
Heavy	2,277	772	84,071	99,971	137,963	163,268
Total	35,259	29,426	930,778	998,183	2,954,144	3,009,147
Turkeys						
Young	738	540	9,076	9,681	80,348	83,264
Old	5	3	82	271	1,820	3,878
Total	743	543	9,158	9,952	82,168	87,142

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	79,493	88,721	434,674	484,942	5.47	5.47
AK						
AZ						
AR	80,327	86,384	449,518	465,024	5.60	5.38
CA	20,766	22,161	118,695	126,128	5.72	5.69
CO						
CT						
DE	22,036	24,171	148,855	166,162	6.76	6.87
FL	3,651	3,415	22,604	19,970	6.19	5.85
GA	97,220	109,486	506,878	569,369	5.21	5.20
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	4,029	4,679	17,544	20,777	4.35	4.44
IA						
KS						
KY	23,011	24,199	122,123	129,391	5.31	5.35
LA	13,539	15,618	78,591	90,720	5.80	5.81
ME						
MD	9,710	11,193	44,836	54,376	4.62	4.86
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	56,684	62,113	323,520	355,273	5.71	5.72
MO	31,158	33,126	146,508	156,096	4.70	4.71
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	443	593	1,975	2,569	4.46	4.33
NM						
NY	1,457	1,630	7,548	8,581	5.18	5.27
NC	52,462	59,272	363,016	416,074	6.92	7.02
ND						
OH	4,056	4,487	23,697	25,933	5.84	5.78
OK						
OR						
PA	9,211	10,261	51,991	57,114	5.64	5.57
RI						
SC	22,477	25,317	140,978	162,064	6.27	6.40
SD						
TN	19,458	21,863	99,466	113,862	5.11	5.21
TX	52,173	59,560	278,688	319,113	5.34	5.36
UT						
VT						
VA	24,086	25,034	116,978	124,642	4.86	4.98
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	657,218	726,974	3,642,562	4,034,172	5.54	5.55

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, February 2009-March 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	322,986	360,425	2,802	2,837	0.86	0.78
AK						
AZ						
AR	323,131	335,056	3,595	3,404	1.10	1.01
CA	87,634	92,987	802	920	0.91	0.98
CO						
CT						
DE	107,222	119,329	1,424	1,493	1.31	1.24
FL	15,758	14,188	90	75	0.57	0.53
GA	380,381	424,143	3,417	3,800	0.89	0.89
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	12,804	15,257	151	159	1.17	1.03
IA						
KS						
KY	89,067	94,415	1,629	885	1.80	0.93
LA	57,782	66,720	394	404	0.68	0.60
ME						
MD	32,327	39,369	580	606	1.76	1.52
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	245,046	270,740	2,138	2,314	0.87	0.85
MO	107,539	115,124	1,274	1,304	1.17	1.12
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	1,215	1,555	41	51	3.28	3.17
NM						
NY	4,556	5,204	126	166	2.70	3.10
NC	278,681	320,552	3,621	3,869	1.28	1.19
ND						
OH	17,519	19,127	286	324	1.61	1.66
OK						
OR						
PA	36,189	39,801	720	761	1.95	1.88
RI						
SC	105,912	121,550	800	931	0.75	0.76
SD						
TN	72,029	82,421	541	709	0.75	0.85
TX	218,307	248,951	1,925	2,054	0.87	0.82
UT						
VT						
VA	81,886	87,121	696	771	0.84	0.88
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	2,703,865	2,995,800	28,279	29,171	1.04	0.96

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, February 2009-March 2009**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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			105	192	53,064	55,490
AR			360	376	122,204	108,454
DE			2,077	1,172	47,127	50,094
GA			96	134	59,659	69,514
MS			109	230	24,785	28,421
MO			254	218	83,807	83,161
NC			2,709	5,253	75,715	79,072
TX			92	84	47,862	46,472
VA			86	95	27,329	28,257
US ¹			8,235	10,836	841,927	851,813
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	66,659	55,026	255	426	3,577	3,730
AR	37,809	30,365	1,846	1,549	2,500	2,301
DE	31,944	33,798	138	113	5,476	5,738
GA	113,216	149,664	284	151	7,563	9,444
MS	26,999	19,716	120	111	504	500
MO	11,778	13,842	159	140	1,501	1,449
NC	52,044	55,838	104	232	8,658	9,025
TX	26,839	17,311	47	49	556	649
VA	20,040	22,925	11	11	2,475	3,060
US ¹	641,138	560,671	9,012	6,230	43,558	46,927
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	1,307	1,358	6,339	6,888	8,495	7,860
AR	1,746	1,658	8,201	8,547	10,637	11,868
DE	643	752	2,636	3,079	3,132	4,347
GA	836	1,210	14,756	15,713	7,420	9,310
MS	1,329	1,351	1,998	2,080	5,984	7,553
MO	675	523	1,853	1,681	7,679	7,949
NC	978	1,057	10,364	10,161	4,916	5,573
TX	259	301	3,356	3,578	5,407	6,543
VA	576	469	1,565	1,391	2,367	2,472
US ¹	12,962	13,576	69,840	72,208	110,115	119,299
State	Overscald		Other		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	4,544	4,986	115,049	116,465	259,394	252,421
AR	1,844	2,829	72,225	60,233	259,372	228,180
DE	2,796	984	27,721	20,533	123,690	120,610
GA	4,517	2,455	88,221	100,887	296,568	358,482
MS	123	310	45,167	47,680	107,118	107,952
MO	136	41	74,061	73,069	181,903	182,073
NC	4,692	4,449	86,907	81,700	247,087	252,360
TX	1,863	1,056	53,995	52,921	140,276	128,964
VA	1,706	633	37,580	39,505	93,735	98,818
US ¹	32,740	28,148	788,674	817,574	2,558,201	2,527,282

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, February 2009-March 2009**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	3,029	2,880	59,598	55,561	19.68	19.30
CA	870	1,034	25,090	28,167	28.85	27.25
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	1,272	1,529	48,222	57,763	37.90	37.79
IA	913	981	36,875	38,867	40.38	39.60
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	2,689	3,050	73,643	82,119	27.39	26.93
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	2,852	2,894	86,446	88,392	30.32	30.54
ND						
OH	389	413	16,989	17,600	43.63	42.62
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	372	389	15,524	16,526	41.73	42.46
TN						
TX						
UT	12	239	288	4,682	24.03	19.57
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	18,732	19,925	555,158	587,139	29.64	29.47

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, February 2009-March 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	49,646	46,300	754	762	1.50	1.62
CA	20,235	22,895	246	261	1.20	1.13
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	38,575	46,295	653	734	1.66	1.56
IA	28,768	30,407	756	640	2.56	2.06
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	58,728	65,265	1,106	1,427	1.85	2.14
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	68,612	70,393	538	613	0.78	0.86
ND						
OH	13,401	13,931	384	382	2.78	2.67
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	12,534	13,259	159	170	1.25	1.27
TN						
TX						
UT	223	3,764	15	63	6.35	1.65
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	441,630	467,717	7,336	7,862	1.63	1.65

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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