

# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 7 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during April 2009 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.52 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the amount certified in April 2008. The March 2009 revised certified total at 3.52 billion pounds, was down slightly from March 2008. The March revision represented an increase of 2.83 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during April 2009 was 4.70 billion pounds, down 7 percent from 5.06 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.02 billion pounds, down 7 percent from April 2008. Mature chickens, at 69.9 million pounds, were down 9 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 595 million pounds, down 9 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 12.8 million pounds, down 8 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during April 2009 averaged 5.57 pounds per bird, down slightly from April 2008. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.80 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during April 2009 averaged 29.3 pounds per bird, down slightly from April 2008.

Ante-mortem condemnations during April 2009 totaled 12.1 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 38.0 million pounds, were 1.07 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.25 percent a year earlier.

April 2009 contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays, while April 2008 had 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,  
United States, April, 2008-2009<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Apr 2008	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Apr 2008	Mar 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>
<b>Number Slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young	771,921	727,605	721,352	93	99	3,002,029	2,800,933	93
Mature	13,536	11,769	12,048	89	102	51,027	45,007	88
Light	6,576	5,168	5,296	81	102	24,584	20,161	82
Heavy	6,960	6,601	6,752	97	102	26,443	24,846	94
Total	785,457	739,374	733,400	93	99	3,053,056	2,845,940	93
Turkeys								
Young	22,041	19,925	20,167	91	101	86,541	78,078	90
Old	213	187	130	61	70	630	636	101
Total	22,254	20,112	20,297	91	101	87,171	78,714	90
Ducks	2,072	1,982	1,880	91	95	8,273	7,512	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>
<b>Live Weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young	4,318,116	4,038,057	4,020,639	93	100	16,700,154	15,565,348	93
Mature	76,741	68,120	69,865	91	103	291,461	259,521	89
Light	21,482	16,658	17,032	79	102	80,472	65,132	81
Heavy	55,259	51,462	52,833	96	103	210,989	194,389	92
Total	4,394,857	4,106,177	4,090,504	93	100	16,991,615	15,824,869	93
Turkeys								
Young	647,166	587,139	591,652	91	101	2,574,980	2,322,005	90
Old	5,796	4,852	3,608	62	74	16,769	17,329	103
Total	652,962	591,991	595,260	91	101	2,591,749	2,339,334	90
Ducks	13,985	13,312	12,811	92	96	56,032	50,356	90
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	166	137	157	95	115	645	575	89
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>5,061,970</b>	<b>4,711,617</b>	<b>4,698,732</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>19,640,041</b>	<b>18,215,134</b>	<b>93</b>
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pct</i>
<b>Average Live Weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young	5.59	5.55	5.57	100	100	5.56	5.56	100
Mature	5.67	5.79	5.80	102	100	5.71	5.77	101
Light	3.27	3.22	3.22	98	100	3.27	3.23	99
Heavy	7.94	7.80	7.82	98	100	7.98	7.82	98
Total	5.60	5.55	5.58	100	101	5.57	5.56	100
Turkeys								
Young	29.36	29.47	29.34	100	100	29.75	29.74	100
Old	27.21	25.95	27.75	102	107	26.62	27.25	102
Total	29.34	29.43	29.33	100	100	29.73	29.72	100
Ducks	6.75	6.72	6.81	101	101	6.77	6.70	99

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

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, April, 2008-2009<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Apr 2008	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Apr 2008	Mar 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>
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young	2,897,726	2,726,357	2,713,598	94	100	11,185,308	10,512,597	94
Mature	46,900	42,185	43,615	93	103	177,233	160,590	91
Light	10,375	8,385	8,599	83	103	38,671	32,738	85
Heavy	36,525	33,800	35,016	96	104	138,562	127,852	92
Total	2,944,626	2,768,542	2,757,213	94	100	11,362,541	10,673,187	94
Turkeys								
Young	305,992	299,020	299,793	98	100	1,207,581	1,164,433	96
Old	3,074	3,310	2,393	78	72	9,913	10,107	102
Total	309,066	302,330	302,186	98	100	1,217,494	1,174,540	96
Ducks	4,427	3,139	3,079	70	98	18,640	12,367	66
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	89	71	75	84	106	336	287	85
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>3,258,208</b>	<b>3,074,082</b>	<b>3,062,553</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>12,599,011</b>	<b>11,860,381</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young	298,832	272,276	281,354	94	103	1,156,633	1,055,944	91
Mature	1,132	329	170	15	52	5,315	1,117	21
Light	903		1			4,096	113	3
Heavy	229	329	169	74	51	1,219	1,004	82
Total	299,964	272,605	281,524	94	103	1,161,948	1,057,061	91
Turkeys								
Young	208,845	168,697	172,450	83	102	835,297	682,638	82
Old	1,292	404	353	27	87	2,663	3,137	118
Total	210,137	169,101	172,803	82	102	837,960	685,775	82
Ducks	5,601	6,379	5,990	107	94	21,519	23,550	109
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	24	25	26	108	104	101	93	92
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>515,726</b>	<b>448,110</b>	<b>460,343</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>2,021,528</b>	<b>1,766,479</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Chilled and Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young	3,196,558	2,998,633	2,994,952	94	100	12,341,941	11,568,541	94
Mature	48,032	42,514	43,785	91	103	182,548	161,707	89
Light	11,278	8,385	8,600	76	103	42,767	32,851	77
Heavy	36,754	34,129	35,185	96	103	139,781	128,856	92
Total	3,244,590	3,041,147	3,038,737	94	100	12,524,489	11,730,248	94
Turkeys								
Young	514,837	467,717	472,243	92	101	2,042,878	1,847,071	90
Old	4,366	3,714	2,746	63	74	12,576	13,244	105
Total	519,203	471,431	474,989	91	101	2,055,454	1,860,315	91
Ducks	10,028	9,518	9,069	90	95	40,159	35,917	89
Other Poultry <sup>2</sup>	113	96	101	89	105	437	380	87
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>3,773,934</b>	<b>3,522,192</b>	<b>3,522,896</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>14,620,539</b>	<b>13,626,860</b>	<b>93</b>

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

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,  
United States, April, 2008-2009 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Apr 2008	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Apr 2008	Mar 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	12,621	10,186	9,770	77	96	54,962	41,881	76
Mature	1,049	1,172	816	78	70	4,967	4,113	83
Light	497	225	155	31	69	1,807	894	49
Heavy	552	947	661	120	70	3,160	3,219	102
Total	13,670	11,358	10,586	77	93	59,929	45,994	77
Turkeys								
Young	1,550	1,603	1,475	95	92	7,240	6,461	89
Old	51	43	36	71	84	189	175	93
Total	1,601	1,646	1,511	94	92	7,429	6,636	89
Ducks	25	31	32	128	103	102	140	137
Other Poultry	2					2		
Total Poultry	15,298	13,035	12,129	79	93	67,462	52,770	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 <sup>2</sup>								
Chickens								
Young	0.29	0.25	0.24	83	96	0.33	0.27	82
Mature	1.37	1.72	1.17	85	68	1.70	1.58	93
Light	2.31	1.35	0.91	39	67	2.25	1.37	61
Heavy	1.00	1.84	1.25	125	68	1.50	1.66	111
Total	0.31	0.28	0.26	84	93	0.35	0.29	83
Turkeys								
Young	0.24	0.27	0.25	104	93	0.28	0.28	100
Old	0.88	0.89	1.00	114	112	1.13	1.01	89
Total	0.25	0.28	0.25	100	89	0.29	0.28	97
Ducks	0.18	0.23	0.25	139	109	0.18	0.28	156
Other Poultry	1.20					0.31		
Total Poultry	0.30	0.28	0.26	87	93	0.34	0.29	85

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

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

**Poultry Slaughter: Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type,  
United States, April, 2008-2009 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Apr 2008	Mar 2009	Apr 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Apr 2008	Mar 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	34,937	29,209	26,946	77	92	144,425	114,363	79
Mature	3,374	3,326	3,276	97	98	13,186	12,267	93
Light	1,268	1,159	1,144	90	99	4,857	4,395	90
Heavy	2,106	2,167	2,132	101	98	8,329	7,872	95
Total	38,311	32,535	30,222	79	93	157,611	126,630	80
Turkeys								
Young	8,713	7,862	7,437	85	95	35,343	30,432	86
Old	303	192	147	49	77	905	650	72
Total	9,016	8,054	7,584	84	94	36,248	31,082	86
Ducks	314	273	220	70	81	1,114	1,170	105
Other Poultry	2	2	3	150	150	6	7	117
Total Poultry	47,643	40,864	38,029	80	93	194,979	158,889	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 <sup>2</sup>								
Chickens								
Young	1.08	0.96	0.89	82	93	1.16	0.98	84
Mature	6.56	7.26	6.96	106	96	6.74	7.05	105
Light	10.11	12.14	11.74	116	97	10.20	11.80	116
Heavy	5.42	5.97	5.71	105	96	5.62	5.76	102
Total	1.17	1.06	0.98	84	92	1.24	1.07	86
Turkeys								
Young	1.66	1.65	1.55	93	94	1.70	1.62	95
Old	6.49	4.92	5.08	78	103	6.71	4.68	70
Total	1.71	1.68	1.57	92	93	1.73	1.64	95
Ducks	3.04	2.79	2.37	78	85	2.70	3.15	117
Other Poultry	1.74	2.04	2.88	166	141	1.35	1.81	134
Total Poultry	1.25	1.15	1.07	86	93	1.32	1.15	87

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

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,  
United States, March 2009-April 2009**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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			10,844	15,472	852,480	790,607
Mature			2,090	1,894	134,707	138,828
Light			1,940	1,747	98,260	102,698
Heavy			150	147	36,447	36,130
Total			12,934	17,366	987,187	929,435
Turkeys						
Young			31	37	51,088	43,946
Old					2,995	1,727
Total			31	37	54,083	45,673
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	561,018	435,531	6,230	4,217	46,938	45,220
Mature	6,884	6,970	321	247	33,600	43,532
Light	4,094	3,851	91	53	26,555	37,100
Heavy	2,790	3,119	230	194	7,045	6,432
Total	567,902	442,501	6,551	4,464	80,538	88,752
Turkeys						
Young	12,077	7,080	4,425	3,160	138	74
Old	371	300	14	4	43	45
Total	12,448	7,380	4,439	3,164	181	119
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	13,615	13,453	72,260	66,935	119,663	109,107
Mature	9,696	12,921	3,697	2,745	108,983	107,340
Light	8,760	12,333	2,145	1,281	95,608	91,477
Heavy	936	588	1,552	1,464	13,375	15,863
Total	23,311	26,374	75,957	69,680	228,646	216,447
Turkeys						
Young	504	457	1,974	1,740	2,806	5,643
Old	26	32	24	74	131	105
Total	530	489	1,998	1,814	2,937	5,748
Commodity	Overscald		Other		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	28,174	25,225	818,544	787,184	2,529,766	2,292,951
Mature	1,278	1,381	180,609	171,660	481,865	487,518
Light	506	333	80,638	62,121	318,597	312,994
Heavy	772	1,048	99,971	109,539	163,268	174,524
Total	29,452	26,606	999,153	958,844	3,011,631	2,780,469
Turkeys						
Young	540	504	9,681	11,303	83,264	73,944
Old	3	38	271	312	3,878	2,637
Total	543	542	9,952	11,615	87,142	76,581

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	88,721	89,156	484,942	486,246	5.47	5.45
AK						
AZ						
AR	86,384	86,970	465,024	475,186	5.38	5.46
CA	22,155	22,572	126,084	128,160	5.69	5.68
CO						
CT						
DE	24,171	24,612	166,162	169,736	6.87	6.90
FL	3,415	2,933	19,970	17,293	5.85	5.90
GA	109,486	108,451	569,369	566,499	5.20	5.22
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	4,679	4,621	20,777	20,988	4.44	4.54
IA						
KS						
KY	24,199	24,464	129,391	132,679	5.35	5.42
LA	15,618	14,353	90,720	82,214	5.81	5.73
ME						
MD	11,193	11,218	54,376	54,573	4.86	4.86
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	62,318	60,393	356,409	347,427	5.72	5.75
MO	33,126	33,968	156,096	160,946	4.71	4.74
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	593	492	2,569	2,444	4.33	4.97
NM						
NY	1,630	1,648	8,581	8,591	5.27	5.21
NC	59,381	57,625	417,153	406,011	7.03	7.05
ND						
OH	4,487	4,604	25,933	27,051	5.78	5.88
OK						
OR						
PA	10,322	9,749	57,417	54,364	5.56	5.58
RI						
SC	25,579	24,796	163,475	160,504	6.39	6.47
SD						
TN	21,863	22,141	113,862	116,256	5.21	5.25
TX	59,560	57,014	319,113	307,040	5.36	5.39
UT						
VT						
VA	25,034	25,816	124,642	129,419	4.98	5.01
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US <sup>1</sup>	727,605	721,352	4,038,057	4,020,639	5.55	5.57

<sup>1</sup> 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, March 2009-April 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	360,425	363,159	2,837	2,796	0.78	0.76
AK						
AZ						
AR	335,056	343,453	3,404	3,168	1.01	0.91
CA	92,955	94,899	920	892	0.98	0.93
CO						
CT						
DE	119,329	122,138	1,493	1,428	1.24	1.16
FL	14,188	12,130	75	70	0.53	0.58
GA	424,143	424,844	3,800	3,262	0.89	0.76
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	15,257	15,325	159	174	1.03	1.12
IA						
KS						
KY	94,415	96,778	885	807	0.93	0.83
LA	66,720	60,458	404	311	0.60	0.51
ME						
MD	39,369	39,721	606	427	1.52	1.06
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	271,576	267,657	2,335	2,036	0.85	0.75
MO	115,124	118,017	1,304	1,276	1.12	1.07
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	1,555	1,514	51	63	3.17	4.01
NM						
NY	5,204	5,218	166	154	3.10	2.86
NC	321,356	313,472	3,876	3,602	1.19	1.14
ND						
OH	19,127	19,881	324	326	1.66	1.62
OK						
OR						
PA	40,014	37,914	768	657	1.88	1.70
RI						
SC	122,562	120,728	934	992	0.76	0.82
SD						
TN	82,421	84,429	709	648	0.85	0.76
TX	248,951	239,556	2,054	1,868	0.82	0.77
UT						
VT						
VA	87,121	90,321	771	763	0.88	0.84
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US <sup>3</sup>	2,998,633	2,994,952	29,209	26,946	0.96	0.89

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 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, March 2009-April 2009**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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			192	107	55,490	50,814
AR			376	336	108,454	101,427
DE			1,172	1,550	50,094	47,991
GA			134	120	69,514	62,761
MS			236	105	28,764	26,625
MO			218	183	83,161	78,480
NC			5,253	10,930	79,195	70,279
TX			84	79	46,472	40,156
VA			95	116	28,257	24,891
US <sup>1</sup>			10,844	15,472	852,480	790,607
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	55,026	63,109	426	274	3,730	3,678
AR	30,365	27,012	1,549	1,618	2,301	2,101
DE	33,798	28,431	113	85	5,738	5,584
GA	149,664	87,449	151	286	9,444	8,213
MS	19,907	16,127	111	145	507	397
MO	13,842	13,368	140	165	1,449	1,322
NC	55,872	47,286	232	326	9,029	9,477
TX	17,311	16,241	49	61	649	528
VA	22,925	17,378	11	30	3,060	2,914
US <sup>1</sup>	561,018	435,531	6,230	4,217	46,938	45,220
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	1,358	1,387	6,888	5,789	7,860	7,917
AR	1,658	1,457	8,547	7,195	11,868	10,693
DE	752	751	3,079	3,652	4,347	4,684
GA	1,210	1,145	15,713	14,451	9,310	8,108
MS	1,389	1,055	2,090	1,616	7,862	4,572
MO	523	488	1,681	1,385	7,949	8,299
NC	1,058	935	10,183	8,425	5,587	5,152
TX	301	320	3,578	3,953	6,543	6,254
VA	469	548	1,391	1,931	2,472	3,245
US <sup>1</sup>	13,615	13,453	72,260	66,935	119,663	109,107
State	Overscald		Other		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	4,986	5,688	116,465	104,599	252,421	243,362
AR	2,829	1,768	60,233	78,807	228,180	232,414
DE	984	808	20,533	17,901	120,610	111,437
GA	2,455	2,197	100,887	96,576	358,482	281,306
MS	335	542	47,905	47,692	109,106	98,876
MO	41	79	73,069	74,558	182,073	178,327
NC	4,450	5,748	81,710	92,511	252,569	251,069
TX	1,056	951	52,921	42,128	128,964	110,671
VA	633	1,168	39,505	38,494	98,818	90,715
US <sup>1</sup>	28,174	25,225	818,544	787,184	2,529,766	2,292,951

<sup>1</sup> Published States do not add to US total to avoid disclosure.

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	2,880	2,719	55,561	53,673	19.30	19.74
CA	1,034	1,198	28,167	32,581	27.25	27.19
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	1,529	1,442	57,763	53,627	37.79	37.20
IA	981	985	38,867	38,992	39.60	39.60
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	3,050	3,291	82,119	88,685	26.93	26.95
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	2,894	2,801	88,392	82,675	30.54	29.52
ND						
OH	413	398	17,600	17,423	42.62	43.78
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	389	419	16,526	17,682	42.46	42.19
TN						
TX						
UT	239	309	4,682	6,539	19.57	21.16
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US <sup>1</sup>	19,925	20,167	587,139	591,652	29.47	29.34

<sup>1</sup> 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, March 2009-April 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	46,300	44,634	762	788	1.62	1.74
CA	22,895	26,499	261	277	1.13	1.03
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	46,295	42,994	734	762	1.56	1.74
IA	30,407	30,832	640	675	2.06	2.14
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	65,265	70,781	1,427	1,280	2.14	1.78
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	70,393	65,656	613	592	0.86	0.89
ND						
OH	13,931	13,824	382	373	2.67	2.63
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	13,259	14,300	170	160	1.27	1.11
TN						
TX						
UT	3,764	5,357	63	79	1.65	1.45
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US <sup>3</sup>	467,717	472,243	7,862	7,437	1.65	1.55

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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