



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 5 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during July 2009 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.63 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the amount certified in July 2008. The June 2009 revised certified total at 3.60 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from June 2008. The June revision represented an increase of 1.33 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during July 2009 was 4.83 billion pounds, down 6 percent from 5.13 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.13 billion pounds, down 5 percent from July 2008. Mature chickens, at 75.3 million pounds, were down 8 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 611 million pounds, down 11 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 12.8 million pounds, down 5 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during July 2009 averaged 5.54 pounds per bird, unchanged from July 2008. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.90 pounds per bird, unchanged from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during July 2009 averaged 28.4 pounds per bird, up slightly from July 2008.

Ante-mortem condemnations during July 2009 totaled 12.8 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.26 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.39 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 36.9 million pounds, were 1.01 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.12 percent a year earlier.

July 2009 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays, while July 2008 had 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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

Commodity	Jul 2008	Jun 2009	Jul 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Jul 2008	Jun 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	785,356	737,805	746,099	95	101	5,297,104	4,978,585	94
Mature	13,828	12,752	12,762	92	100	92,394	82,096	89
Light	5,941	6,200	5,552	93	90	43,203	37,605	87
Heavy	7,887	6,552	7,210	91	110	49,191	44,491	90
Total	799,184	750,557	758,861	95	101	5,389,498	5,060,681	94
Turkeys								
Young	24,001	21,531	21,325	89	99	155,531	140,384	90
Old	198	153	168	85	110	1,176	1,071	91
Total	24,199	21,684	21,493	89	99	156,707	141,455	90
Ducks	2,061	1,912	1,890	92	99	14,083	13,133	93
	<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	4,350,613	4,083,618	4,134,550	95	101	29,475,706	27,661,093	94
Mature	81,599	72,379	75,340	92	104	532,321	472,303	89
Light	19,451	20,071	18,182	93	91	141,335	121,950	86
Heavy	62,148	52,308	57,158	92	109	390,986	350,353	90
Total	4,432,212	4,155,997	4,209,890	95	101	30,008,027	28,133,396	94
Turkeys								
Young	682,139	613,838	606,367	89	99	4,555,981	4,102,921	90
Old	5,098	3,988	4,407	86	111	31,194	28,641	92
Total	687,237	617,826	610,774	89	99	4,587,175	4,131,562	90
Ducks	13,528	13,011	12,840	95	99	94,530	88,640	94
Other Poultry ²	208	193	199	96	103	1,259	1,131	90
Total Poultry	5,133,185	4,787,027	4,833,703	94	101	34,690,991	32,354,729	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	5.54	5.53	5.54	100	100	5.56	5.56	100
Mature	5.90	5.68	5.90	100	104	5.76	5.75	100
Light	3.27	3.24	3.27	100	101	3.27	3.24	99
Heavy	7.88	7.98	7.93	101	99	7.95	7.87	99
Total	5.55	5.54	5.55	100	100	5.57	5.56	100
Turkeys								
Young	28.42	28.51	28.43	100	100	29.29	29.23	100
Old	25.75	26.07	26.23	102	101	26.53	26.74	101
Total	28.40	28.49	28.42	100	100	29.27	29.21	100
Ducks	6.56	6.80	6.79	104	100	6.71	6.75	101

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, July, 2008-2009 ¹**

Commodity	Jul 2008	Jun 2009	Jul 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Jul 2008	Jun 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	2,912,261	2,766,747	2,802,736	96	101	19,746,058	18,706,859	95
Mature	50,562	44,776	47,426	94	106	324,738	293,132	90
Light	10,084	10,605	9,796	97	92	68,814	62,803	91
Heavy	40,478	34,171	37,630	93	110	255,924	230,329	90
Total	2,962,823	2,811,523	2,850,162	96	101	20,070,796	18,999,991	95
Turkeys								
Young	311,598	296,133	293,634	94	99	2,117,346	2,027,439	96
Old	2,782	2,935	3,301	119	112	17,945	18,509	103
Total	314,380	299,068	296,935	94	99	2,135,291	2,045,948	96
Ducks	3,547	3,175	3,114	88	98	28,722	21,552	75
Other Poultry ²	91	82	81	89	99	615	525	85
Total Poultry	3,280,841	3,113,848	3,150,292	96	101	22,235,424	21,068,016	95
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	314,428	282,049	287,138	91	102	2,065,213	1,893,487	92
Mature	564	338	316	56	93	8,690	2,039	23
Light						6,199	113	2
Heavy	564	338	316	56	93	2,491	1,926	77
Total	314,992	282,387	287,454	91	102	2,073,903	1,895,526	91
Turkeys								
Young	230,555	194,539	188,644	82	97	1,501,691	1,241,354	83
Old	1,082	86	69	6	80	5,426	3,363	62
Total	231,637	194,625	188,713	81	97	1,507,117	1,244,717	83
Ducks	6,232	6,110	6,051	97	99	39,259	41,630	106
Other Poultry ²	33	37	42	127	114	199	206	104
Total Poultry	552,894	483,159	482,260	87	100	3,620,478	3,182,079	88
Chilled and Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,226,689	3,048,796	3,089,874	96	101	21,811,271	20,600,346	94
Mature	51,126	45,114	47,742	93	106	333,428	295,171	89
Light	10,084	10,605	9,796	97	92	75,013	62,916	84
Heavy	41,042	34,509	37,946	92	110	258,415	232,255	90
Total	3,277,815	3,093,910	3,137,616	96	101	22,144,699	20,895,517	94
Turkeys								
Young	542,153	490,672	482,278	89	98	3,619,037	3,268,793	90
Old	3,864	3,021	3,370	87	112	23,371	21,872	94
Total	546,017	493,693	485,648	89	98	3,642,408	3,290,665	90
Ducks	9,779	9,285	9,165	94	99	67,981	63,182	93
Other Poultry ²	124	119	123	99	103	814	731	90
Total Poultry	3,833,735	3,597,007	3,632,552	95	101	25,855,902	24,250,095	94

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, July, 2008-2009¹**

Commodity	Jul 2008	Jun 2009	Jul 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Jul 2008	Jun 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	16,128	10,716	10,001	62	93	96,969	71,241	73
Mature	1,911	1,662	1,377	72	83	9,514	7,993	84
Light	522	395	244	47	62	3,052	1,756	58
Heavy	1,389	1,267	1,133	82	89	6,462	6,237	97
Total	18,039	12,378	11,378	63	92	106,483	79,234	74
Turkeys								
Young	1,960	1,565	1,307	67	84	12,296	10,615	86
Old	78	59	48	62	81	373	302	81
Total	2,038	1,624	1,355	66	83	12,669	10,917	86
Ducks	54	50	52	96	104	226	281	124
Other Poultry						2		
Total Poultry	20,131	14,052	12,785	64	91	119,380	90,432	76
	<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	0.37	0.26	0.24	65	92	0.33	0.26	79
Mature	2.34	2.30	1.83	78	80	1.79	1.69	94
Light	2.68	1.97	1.34	50	68	2.16	1.44	67
Heavy	2.23	2.42	1.98	89	82	1.65	1.78	108
Total	0.41	0.30	0.27	66	90	0.35	0.28	80
Turkeys								
Young	0.29	0.25	0.22	76	88	0.27	0.26	96
Old	1.53	1.48	1.09	71	74	1.20	1.05	88
Total	0.30	0.26	0.22	73	85	0.28	0.26	93
Ducks	0.40	0.38	0.40	100	105	0.24	0.32	133
Other Poultry						0.16		
Total Poultry	0.39	0.29	0.26	67	90	0.34	0.28	82

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

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

Commodity	Jul 2008	Jun 2009	Jul 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Jul 2008	Jun 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	30,421	26,503	26,008	85	98	237,127	192,003	81
Mature	3,754	3,237	3,471	92	107	24,058	22,126	92
Light	1,307	1,408	1,189	91	84	8,524	8,355	98
Heavy	2,447	1,829	2,282	93	125	15,534	13,771	89
Total	34,175	29,740	29,479	86	99	261,185	214,129	82
Turkeys								
Young	8,571	7,120	6,992	82	98	60,220	51,403	85
Old	224	172	161	72	94	1,741	1,094	63
Total	8,795	7,292	7,153	81	98	61,961	52,497	85
Ducks	269	210	247	92	118	1,825	1,830	100
Other Poultry	2	2	2	100	100	11	13	118
Total Poultry	43,241	37,244	36,881	85	99	324,982	268,469	83
	<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	0.93	0.86	0.83	89	97	1.08	0.92	85
Mature	6.84	6.69	6.78	99	101	6.73	6.97	104
Light	11.47	11.72	10.82	94	92	10.20	11.72	115
Heavy	5.63	5.03	5.67	101	113	5.67	5.60	99
Total	1.03	0.95	0.93	90	98	1.17	1.01	86
Turkeys								
Young	1.56	1.43	1.43	92	100	1.64	1.55	95
Old	5.48	5.39	4.56	83	85	6.93	4.76	69
Total	1.59	1.46	1.45	91	99	1.67	1.57	94
Ducks	2.68	2.21	2.62	98	119	2.61	2.81	108
Other Poultry	1.59	1.65	1.60	101	97	1.33	1.75	132
Total Poultry	1.12	1.02	1.01	90	99	1.24	1.09	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, June 2009-July 2009**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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			8,850	9,069	823,513	818,748
Mature			1,319	1,240	191,995	166,972
Light			1,075	1,099	165,154	134,129
Heavy			244	141	26,841	32,843
Total			10,169	10,309	1,015,508	985,720
Turkeys						
Young			537	22	35,209	31,033
Old			1		2,025	2,117
Total			538	22	37,234	33,150
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	291,916	247,082	5,344	6,111	50,470	48,841
Mature	13,923	14,150	719	407	56,715	51,629
Light	10,795	10,156	575	231	51,257	45,740
Heavy	3,128	3,994	144	176	5,458	5,889
Total	305,839	261,232	6,063	6,518	107,185	100,470
Turkeys						
Young	4,369	3,948	2,000	2,383	91	109
Old	291	234	4	8	85	114
Total	4,660	4,182	2,004	2,391	176	223
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	12,585	12,530	66,508	67,529	109,384	103,194
Mature	16,792	11,500	3,428	3,385	105,863	107,614
Light	16,253	10,869	2,375	1,693	97,065	98,128
Heavy	539	631	1,053	1,692	8,798	9,486
Total	29,377	24,030	69,936	70,914	215,247	210,808
Turkeys						
Young	380	410	1,302	1,432	1,985	1,817
Old	8	4	6	24	87	54
Total	388	414	1,308	1,456	2,072	1,871
Commodity	Overscald		Other		Total	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	31,121	30,042	819,526	772,871	2,219,217	2,116,017
Mature	1,291	3,615	169,388	173,933	561,433	534,445
Light	334	1,279	78,619	53,429	423,502	356,753
Heavy	957	2,336	90,769	120,504	137,931	177,692
Total	32,412	33,657	988,914	946,804	2,780,650	2,650,462
Turkeys						
Young	386	943	13,117	12,475	59,376	54,572
Old	37	13	622	370	3,166	2,938
Total	423	956	13,739	12,845	62,542	57,510

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	91,745	94,219	502,617	514,764	5.48	5.46
AK						
AZ						
AR	85,481	83,762	457,838	450,120	5.36	5.37
CA	24,671	24,570	137,209	137,141	5.56	5.58
CO						
CT						
DE	26,916	26,517	187,569	183,918	6.97	6.94
FL	2,865	3,161	17,082	18,867	5.96	5.97
GA	105,538	105,292	543,416	549,611	5.15	5.22
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	4,848	4,900	20,867	21,548	4.30	4.40
IA						
KS						
KY	25,799	27,406	139,186	147,519	5.40	5.38
LA	10,707	12,025	64,037	72,106	5.98	6.00
ME						
MD	12,251	12,224	56,602	59,337	4.62	4.85
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	63,356	64,041	365,021	368,549	5.76	5.75
MO	34,588	35,900	161,908	167,532	4.68	4.67
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	460	317	1,979	1,393	4.30	4.40
NM						
NY	1,883	1,824	9,654	9,428	5.13	5.17
NC	61,663	62,575	428,432	436,859	6.95	6.98
ND						
OH	4,711	4,886	28,124	29,229	5.97	5.98
OK						
OR						
PA	10,320	9,778	58,689	54,886	5.69	5.61
RI						
SC	25,258	25,637	159,447	159,916	6.31	6.24
SD						
TN	23,341	22,982	115,990	113,541	4.97	4.94
TX	59,583	59,635	322,270	318,710	5.41	5.34
UT						
VT						
VA	27,375	29,061	135,750	145,121	4.96	4.99
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	737,805	746,099	4,083,618	4,134,550	5.53	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, June 2009-July 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	377,026	385,165	2,733	2,684	0.72	0.69
AK						
AZ						
AR	333,980	328,927	2,913	2,795	0.86	0.84
CA	100,786	101,190	1,101	1,141	1.08	1.11
CO						
CT						
DE	134,640	132,006	1,626	1,609	1.19	1.20
FL	12,012	13,257	90	101	0.74	0.76
GA	407,790	412,834	2,604	2,578	0.63	0.62
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	15,262	15,756	176	160	1.14	1.01
IA						
KS						
KY	101,351	107,451	619	522	0.61	0.48
LA	49,034	54,408	256	262	0.52	0.48
ME						
MD	41,138	43,038	405	426	0.98	0.98
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	281,338	285,427	2,191	2,113	0.77	0.73
MO	119,232	123,454	1,420	1,257	1.18	1.01
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	1,219	876	38	36	3.01	3.90
NM						
NY	6,030	5,757	216	248	3.46	4.13
NC	330,303	337,048	3,648	3,738	1.09	1.10
ND						
OH	20,842	21,701	338	352	1.59	1.59
OK						
OR						
PA	41,210	38,606	681	742	1.63	1.89
RI						
SC	119,726	120,312	921	883	0.76	0.73
SD						
TN	84,003	81,992	639	574	0.75	0.70
TX	251,470	249,232	1,834	1,835	0.72	0.73
UT						
VT						
VA	94,639	101,931	871	760	0.91	0.74
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	3,048,796	3,089,874	26,503	26,008	0.86	0.83

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, June 2009-July 2009**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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			88	118	53,948	57,871
AR			385	458	101,128	100,531
DE			1,711	1,272	47,392	43,825
GA			98	80	53,571	51,713
MS			175	164	29,814	27,667
MO			273	245	83,871	80,236
NC			3,358	2,689	83,648	91,068
TX			58	59	40,997	44,549
VA			130	95	26,061	23,319
US ¹			8,850	9,069	823,513	818,748
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	37,237	35,870	203	317	3,272	3,500
AR	25,107	22,073	2,410	3,094	1,720	1,641
DE	22,205	16,899	65	22	6,673	5,992
GA	49,433	43,307	147	230	10,493	10,096
MS	10,131	8,329	266	191	421	451
MO	15,004	11,984	135	168	1,455	1,611
NC	30,296	26,618	222	405	12,494	10,553
TX	10,021	8,877	67	73	609	624
VA	14,276	9,656	15	53	3,069	2,975
US ¹	291,916	247,082	5,344	6,111	50,470	48,841
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	1,290	1,292	5,528	5,149	8,055	7,269
AR	1,344	1,337	6,122	6,482	10,379	10,346
DE	862	1,003	3,421	2,999	5,205	5,438
GA	1,047	993	12,073	11,825	6,484	6,614
MS	696	690	2,269	1,965	2,566	2,936
MO	542	579	1,731	2,143	8,983	8,404
NC	1,136	1,323	9,937	10,075	6,824	7,634
TX	382	378	4,464	4,727	7,168	5,671
VA	560	592	1,636	1,968	3,687	4,367
US ¹	12,585	12,530	66,508	67,529	109,384	103,194
State	Overscald		Other		Total	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	5,952	4,348	91,794	94,693	207,367	210,427
AR	2,608	1,058	111,246	102,156	262,449	249,176
DE	947	498	30,605	49,545	119,086	127,493
GA	2,712	2,674	53,212	54,680	189,270	182,212
MS	328	183	60,646	48,097	107,312	90,673
MO	57	328	88,802	50,406	200,853	156,104
NC	7,860	10,173	67,528	72,337	223,303	232,875
TX	1,371	956	33,761	29,947	98,898	95,861
VA	1,128	1,989	64,106	52,223	114,668	97,237
US ¹	31,121	30,042	819,526	772,871	2,219,217	2,116,017

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, June 2009-July 2009**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	2,687	2,393	51,262	45,396	19.07	18.97
CA	1,069	1,238	29,032	32,181	27.15	26.00
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	1,484	1,555	55,026	56,663	37.07	36.45
IA	917	932	36,560	36,493	39.86	39.14
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	4,335	4,074	106,604	100,697	24.59	24.71
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	2,913	2,936	87,413	86,248	30.01	29.38
ND						
OH	403	397	16,951	16,624	42.09	41.84
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	420	400	17,836	16,674	42.45	41.68
TN						
TX						
UT	396	387	8,224	8,101	20.75	20.96
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	21,531	21,325	613,838	606,367	28.51	28.43

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, June 2009-July 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	42,833	37,886	596	582	1.37	1.51
CA	23,669	26,182	230	305	0.96	1.15
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	44,036	45,328	788	806	1.76	1.75
IA	28,817	28,491	549	552	1.87	1.90
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	85,519	80,770	1,423	1,342	1.64	1.63
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	69,626	67,609	543	492	0.77	0.72
ND						
OH	13,525	13,207	367	349	2.64	2.58
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	14,445	13,519	147	127	1.01	0.93
TN						
TX						
UT	6,784	6,662	74	64	1.08	0.96
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	490,672	482,278	7,120	6,992	1.43	1.43

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.

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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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