



Poultry Slaughter

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

Poultry certified wholesome during September 2010 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.75 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the amount certified in September 2009. The August 2010 revised certified total at 3.74 billion pounds, was up 6 percent from August 2009. The August revision represented an increase of 12.2 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during September 2010 was 4.98 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 4.77 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.31 billion pounds, up 5 percent from September 2009. Mature chickens, at 72.2 million pounds, were up 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 584 million pounds, down slightly from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.3 million pounds, up 9 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during September 2010 averaged 5.73 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from September 2009. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.72 pounds per bird, up slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during September 2010 averaged 28.5 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from September 2009.

Ante-mortem condemnations during September 2010 totaled 11.4 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.23 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.1 million pounds, were 0.90 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.97 percent a year earlier.

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Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	September 2010 as % of		January to September		2010 as percent of 2009
				September 2009	August 2010	2009	2010	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Number slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	729,056	768,714	752,026	103	98	6,435,617	6,489,046	101
Mature	11,868	12,707	12,618	106	99	106,206	107,630	101
Light	5,471	5,642	6,120	112	108	48,556	52,901	109
Heavy	6,397	7,065	6,498	102	92	57,650	54,729	95
Total	740,924	781,421	764,644	103	98	6,541,823	6,596,676	101
Turkeys								
Young	20,280	21,420	20,393	101	95	181,068	176,002	97
Old	209	141	127	61	90	1,412	1,050	74
Total	20,489	21,561	20,520	100	95	182,480	177,052	97
Ducks	1,930	2,037	2,075	108	102	16,907	17,476	103
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,099,080	4,281,226	4,311,188	105	101	35,804,709	36,634,147	102
Mature	67,781	75,090	72,183	106	96	610,806	605,342	99
Light	17,669	17,893	19,529	111	109	157,514	170,041	108
Heavy	50,112	57,197	52,654	105	92	453,292	435,301	96
Total	4,166,861	4,356,316	4,383,371	105	101	36,415,515	37,239,489	102
Turkeys								
Young	581,586	599,244	580,656	100	97	5,260,111	5,148,594	98
Old	5,185	3,716	3,324	64	89	37,300	27,865	75
Total	586,771	602,960	583,980	100	97	5,297,411	5,176,459	98
Ducks	13,115	13,962	14,309	109	102	114,159	119,230	104
Other ¹	1,191	327	1,299	109	397	2,504	2,779	111
Total	4,767,938	4,973,565	4,982,959	105	100	41,829,589	42,537,957	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.62	5.57	5.73	102	103	5.56	5.65	102
Mature	5.71	5.91	5.72	100	97	5.75	5.62	98
Light	3.23	3.17	3.19	99	101	3.24	3.21	99
Heavy	7.83	8.10	8.10	103	100	7.86	7.95	101
Total	5.62	5.57	5.73	102	103	5.57	5.65	101
Turkeys								
Young	28.68	27.98	28.47	99	102	29.05	29.25	101
Old	24.81	26.35	26.17	105	99	26.42	26.54	100
Total	28.64	27.97	28.46	99	102	29.03	29.24	101
Ducks	6.80	6.85	6.90	101	101	6.75	6.82	101

¹ Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, and squab.

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	September 2010 as % of		January to September		2010 as percent of 2009
				September 2009	August 2010	2009	2010	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,784,787	2,908,101	2,923,285	105	101	24,238,036	24,944,612	103
Mature	42,727	47,442	45,482	106	96	380,479	376,812	99
Light	9,463	9,487	10,214	108	108	81,836	89,540	109
Heavy	33,264	37,955	35,268	106	93	298,643	287,272	96
Total	2,827,514	2,955,543	2,968,767	105	100	24,618,515	25,321,424	103
Turkeys								
Young	283,994	292,322	283,684	100	97	2,591,919	2,545,551	98
Old	3,979	2,752	2,447	61	89	25,095	20,584	82
Total	287,973	295,074	286,131	99	97	2,617,014	2,566,135	98
Ducks	3,244	3,539	3,705	114	105	28,055	31,432	112
Other ¹	83	166	114	137	69	695	873	126
Total	3,118,814	3,254,322	3,258,717	104	100	27,264,279	27,919,864	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	279,478	292,150	300,794	108	103	2,445,453	2,467,134	101
Mature	392	57	84	21	147	2,647	1,472	56
Light	-	-	-	-	-	113	225	199
Heavy	392	57	84	21	147	2,534	1,247	49
Total	279,870	292,207	300,878	108	103	2,448,100	2,468,606	101
Turkeys								
Young	179,842	185,877	179,926	100	97	1,600,751	1,569,720	98
Old	70	103	118	169	115	3,501	839	24
Total	179,912	185,980	180,044	100	97	1,604,252	1,570,559	98
Ducks	6,201	6,418	6,528	105	102	53,423	54,132	101
Other ¹	608	68	666	110	979	845	917	109
Total	466,591	484,673	488,116	105	101	4,106,620	4,094,214	100
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,064,265	3,200,251	3,224,079	105	101	26,683,489	27,411,746	103
Mature	43,119	47,499	45,566	106	96	383,126	378,284	99
Light	9,463	9,487	10,214	108	108	81,949	89,765	110
Heavy	33,656	38,012	35,352	105	93	301,177	288,519	96
Total	3,107,384	3,247,750	3,269,645	105	101	27,066,615	27,790,030	103
Turkeys								
Young	463,836	478,199	463,610	100	97	4,192,670	4,115,271	98
Old	4,049	2,855	2,565	63	90	28,596	21,423	75
Total	467,885	481,054	466,175	100	97	4,221,266	4,136,694	98
Ducks	9,445	9,957	10,233	108	103	81,478	85,564	105
Other ¹	691	234	780	113	333	1,540	1,790	116
Total	3,585,405	3,738,995	3,746,833	105	100	31,370,899	32,014,078	102

- Represents zero.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	September 2010 as % of		January to September		2010 as percent of 2009
				September 2009	August 2010	2009	2010	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	8,661	11,044	9,224	107	84	89,491	86,712	97
Mature	956	1,443	865	90	60	10,219	10,204	100
Light	248	424	265	107	63	2,292	2,775	121
Heavy	708	1,019	600	85	59	7,927	7,429	94
Total	9,617	12,487	10,089	105	81	99,710	96,916	97
Turkeys								
Young	1,200	1,619	1,187	99	73	13,178	12,733	97
Old	26	39	36	138	92	360	320	89
Total	1,226	1,658	1,223	100	74	13,538	13,053	96
Ducks	51	75	48	94	64	387	435	112
Total	10,897	14,220	11,362	104	80	113,638	110,406	97
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.21	0.26	0.21	100	81	0.25	0.24	96
Mature	1.41	1.92	1.20	85	63	1.67	1.69	101
Light	1.40	2.37	1.36	97	57	1.46	1.63	112
Heavy	1.41	1.78	1.14	81	64	1.75	1.71	98
Total	0.23	0.29	0.23	100	79	0.27	0.26	96
Turkeys								
Young	0.21	0.27	0.20	95	74	0.25	0.25	100
Old	0.50	1.05	1.08	216	103	0.97	1.15	119
Total	0.21	0.27	0.21	100	78	0.26	0.25	96
Ducks	0.39	0.54	0.34	87	63	0.34	0.36	106
Total	0.23	0.29	0.23	100	79	0.27	0.26	96

¹ Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	September 2010 as % of		January to September		2010 as percent of 2009
				September 2009	August 2010	2009	2010	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	24,475	23,610	23,931	98	101	240,563	216,873	90
Mature	3,296	2,919	3,109	94	107	28,597	28,438	99
Light	1,288	935	1,153	90	123	10,859	11,628	107
Heavy	2,008	1,984	1,956	97	99	17,738	16,810	95
Total	27,771	26,529	27,040	97	102	269,160	245,311	91
Turkeys								
Young	6,786	7,188	6,670	98	93	64,891	60,078	93
Old	152	114	115	76	101	1,354	1,023	76
Total	6,938	7,302	6,785	98	93	66,245	61,101	92
Ducks	231	245	281	122	115	2,340	2,277	97
Other	4	5	7	175	140	18	20	111
Total	34,944	34,081	34,113	98	100	337,763	308,709	91
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.79	0.73	0.74	94	101	0.89	0.78	88
Mature	7.10	5.79	6.39	90	110	6.95	6.99	101
Light	11.98	8.97	10.14	85	113	11.70	11.47	98
Heavy	5.63	4.96	5.24	93	106	5.56	5.51	99
Total	0.89	0.81	0.82	92	101	0.98	0.88	90
Turkeys								
Young	1.44	1.48	1.42	99	96	1.52	1.44	95
Old	3.62	3.84	4.29	119	112	4.52	4.56	101
Total	1.46	1.50	1.43	98	95	1.55	1.46	94
Ducks	2.39	2.40	2.67	112	111	2.79	2.59	93
Other	0.58	2.09	0.89	153	43	1.16	1.10	95
Total	0.97	0.90	0.90	93	100	1.07	0.96	90

¹ Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

**Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States:
August and September 2010**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	10,580	5,705	694,518	672,149
Mature	-	-	818	901	134,775	156,532
Light	-	-	541	709	101,834	124,887
Heavy	-	-	277	192	32,941	31,645
Total	-	-	11,398	6,606	829,293	828,681
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	66	47	33,515	35,238
Old	-	-	-	-	1,167	1,162
Total	-	-	66	47	34,682	36,400
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)
Chickens						
Young	183,015	195,949	6,499	5,860	37,417	39,309
Mature	10,134	11,170	507	479	35,819	41,170
Light	8,522	9,559	165	193	27,714	34,310
Heavy	1,612	1,611	342	286	8,105	6,860
Total	193,149	207,119	7,006	6,339	73,236	80,479
Turkeys						
Young	6,151	5,591	2,654	2,921	269	97
Old	117	88	6	1	65	80
Total	6,268	5,679	2,660	2,922	334	177
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)
Chickens						
Young	12,301	10,439	70,493	72,846	92,452	82,221
Mature	11,221	12,862	2,669	3,113	86,154	120,136
Light	10,711	12,257	1,412	1,801	70,802	101,714
Heavy	510	605	1,257	1,312	15,352	18,422
Total	23,522	23,301	73,162	75,959	178,606	202,357
Turkeys						
Young	185	182	1,674	1,334	1,545	1,479
Old	1	3	43	9	29	22
Total	186	185	1,717	1,343	1,574	1,501
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)
Chickens						
Young	19,345	14,879	616,070	562,534	1,742,690	1,661,891
Mature	271	380	167,745	176,150	450,113	522,893
Light	140	64	61,002	71,952	282,843	357,446
Heavy	131	316	106,743	104,198	167,270	165,447
Total	19,616	15,259	783,815	738,684	2,192,803	2,184,784
Turkeys						
Young	488	228	10,924	10,679	57,471	57,796
Old	14	1	165	180	1,607	1,546
Total	502	229	11,089	10,859	59,078	59,342

- Represents zero.

¹ Includes any portion of the carcass affected by an inflammatory process, plant-rejected carcasses, missing viscera, or ascites fluid preventing proper inspection of the carcass.

Young Chickens, Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: August and September 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	95,613	95,167	524,160	538,669	5.48	5.66
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	85,005	81,596	468,149	461,222	5.51	5.65
California	24,438	23,584	138,064	134,731	5.65	5.71
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	26,847	26,022	183,204	181,546	6.82	6.98
Florida	4,290	4,368	26,526	26,987	6.18	6.18
Georgia	107,121	105,405	553,306	564,789	5.17	5.36
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,032	5,047	21,857	22,392	4.34	4.44
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	26,817	25,690	139,956	139,132	5.22	5.42
Louisiana	16,565	16,159	96,809	98,433	5.84	6.09
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	12,517	12,531	59,852	62,114	4.78	4.96
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	67,607	65,791	384,829	388,253	5.69	5.90
Missouri	36,799	36,167	171,570	174,215	4.66	4.82
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	546	390	2,422	1,722	4.43	4.41
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,861	1,606	10,864	8,500	5.84	5.29
North Carolina	62,201	61,155	431,339	431,269	6.93	7.05
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	4,652	4,788	28,222	31,229	6.07	6.52
Oklahoma	11,195	12,258	77,022	89,893	6.88	7.33
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11,170	10,916	62,121	61,133	5.56	5.60
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	26,945	25,166	164,717	162,125	6.11	6.44
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	26,226	25,960	131,160	134,922	5.00	5.20
Texas	61,224	60,133	336,955	338,263	5.50	5.63
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	29,096	27,938	150,105	145,747	5.16	5.22
Washington	4,535	4,084	26,981	22,831	5.95	5.59
West Virginia	10,385	10,503	41,113	42,066	3.96	4.01
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	768,714	752,026	4,281,226	4,311,188	5.57	5.73

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
	August	September	Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
			August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	389,497	400,192	2,612	2,739	0.67	0.68
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	346,524	341,756	2,899	2,895	0.83	0.84
California	102,318	98,896	777	742	0.75	0.74
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	132,123	131,273	1,337	1,370	1.00	1.03
Florida	18,412	18,799	123	113	0.66	0.60
Georgia	420,075	426,958	2,687	2,891	0.64	0.67
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	15,814	16,411	73	76	0.46	0.46
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	101,568	101,212	407	391	0.40	0.38
Louisiana	71,570	72,546	282	316	0.39	0.43
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	43,256	44,949	270	372	0.62	0.82
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	291,743	294,754	1,753	1,746	0.60	0.59
Missouri	126,664	128,279	1,013	920	0.79	0.71
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	1,553	1,124	40	25	2.53	2.18
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	6,488	5,819	191	131	2.86	2.21
North Carolina	335,954	337,496	3,017	3,121	0.89	0.92
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	20,920	23,078	503	491	2.35	2.08
Oklahoma	56,952	67,029	533	727	0.93	1.07
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	43,698	43,153	560	539	1.26	1.23
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	123,913	121,659	942	823	0.75	0.67
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	95,243	97,887	604	664	0.63	0.67
Texas	262,455	263,405	1,708	1,578	0.65	0.60
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	106,320	103,004	534	551	0.50	0.53
Washington	20,125	16,992	125	93	0.62	0.55
West Virginia	29,514	30,201	84	93	0.28	0.31
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	3,200,251	3,224,079	23,610	23,931	0.73	0.74

- Represents zero.

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¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Young Chickens, Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause – States and United States: August and September 2010

[Published States do not add to United States total to avoid disclosure]

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)
Alabama	-	-	156	167	63,384	60,195
Arkansas	-	-	548	438	98,509	92,825
Delaware	-	-	310	220	33,094	36,440
Georgia	-	-	75	76	46,954	43,045
Mississippi	-	-	245	69	26,416	25,445
Missouri	-	-	93	128	57,685	49,427
North Carolina	-	-	7,072	2,364	78,919	77,672
Texas	-	-	68	65	55,534	49,273
Virginia	-	-	167	151	22,692	19,937
United States	-	-	10,580	5,705	694,518	672,149

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)
Alabama	22,419	22,773	467	424	2,189	2,545
Arkansas	15,849	15,000	3,232	3,244	1,523	1,625
Delaware	10,644	13,155	60	115	4,554	5,200
Georgia	28,288	29,818	132	137	6,051	5,935
Mississippi	6,700	7,137	404	213	563	608
Missouri	8,880	7,263	203	165	1,337	1,353
North Carolina	22,125	28,179	275	281	7,878	8,038
Texas	10,800	10,351	159	134	880	1,035
Virginia	8,653	6,986	73	46	1,877	2,015
United States	183,015	195,949	6,499	5,860	37,417	39,309

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)
Alabama	1,209	1,084	6,159	6,792	10,041	9,542
Arkansas	1,208	1,086	7,076	7,129	7,913	6,806
Delaware	1,359	1,083	2,471	3,059	3,752	4,229
Georgia	929	658	11,743	12,400	7,162	6,698
Mississippi	860	675	2,304	2,347	4,094	3,846
Missouri	235	214	2,960	2,205	6,734	5,112
North Carolina	1,198	1,103	9,824	10,404	6,697	5,991
Texas	764	645	7,560	5,793	6,057	4,994
Virginia	852	639	1,665	1,619	3,284	3,097
United States	12,301	10,439	70,493	72,846	92,452	82,221

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)	(Number of head)
Alabama	3,440	2,674	113,865	97,179	223,329	203,375
Arkansas	586	510	79,485	56,777	215,929	185,440
Delaware	1,771	473	12,443	13,982	70,458	77,956
Georgia	827	1,247	63,689	74,924	165,850	174,938
Mississippi	959	189	42,403	38,422	84,948	78,951
Missouri	109	228	34,249	29,311	112,485	95,406
North Carolina	3,916	4,157	43,683	42,608	181,587	180,797
Texas	1,258	984	33,970	31,317	117,050	104,591
Virginia	1,100	969	21,409	24,198	61,772	59,657
United States	19,345	14,879	616,070	562,534	1,742,690	1,661,891

- Represents zero.

¹ Includes any portion of the carcass affected by an inflammatory process, plant-rejected carcasses, missing viscera, or ascites fluid preventing proper inspection of the carcass.

Young Turkeys, Number Slaughtered, Total Live Weight, and Average Live Weight – States and United States: August and September 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,569	2,720	49,702	54,473	19.35	20.02
California	1,339	1,193	35,167	33,407	26.27	28.01
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,589	1,485	53,370	50,199	33.59	33.80
Iowa	1,133	1,156	42,760	44,053	37.75	38.09
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	4,468	3,788	103,616	92,670	23.19	24.46
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	2,322	2,333	73,337	73,298	31.59	31.42
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	461	458	18,917	18,523	40.99	40.42
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Pennsylvania	423	496	10,120	11,140	23.94	22.47
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,433	2,388	62,406	63,023	25.65	26.40
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	21,420	20,393	599,244	580,656	27.98	28.47

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ¹		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent ²	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	41,349	44,935	351	402	0.84	0.89
California	28,674	27,250	270	235	0.93	0.86
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	43,168	40,591	690	595	1.57	1.45
Iowa	33,659	34,680	752	678	2.18	1.92
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	83,033	74,245	1,298	1,195	1.54	1.58
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	57,582	57,697	591	495	1.02	0.85
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	14,827	14,680	323	302	2.13	2.02
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Pennsylvania	7,905	8,841	210	218	2.59	2.40
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	49,113	49,557	478	487	0.96	0.97
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	478,199	463,610	7,188	6,670	1.48	1.42

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¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Terms and Definitions Used for Poultry Slaughter Estimates

Ante-Mortem Condemnations: Birds condemned prior to their entry into the slaughter plant.

Average Live Weight: The weight of the whole bird, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

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.

Dressing Percent: Usually expressed as a percentage yield of frozen and chilled carcass in relation to the weight of the live bird.

Ducks: Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

Federally Inspected (FI) Plants: Plants that transport meat interstate must employ federal inspectors to assure compliance with USDA standards.

Mature Chickens: Fowl from breeder and market egg flocks and stags and cocks.

Number of Head: Includes post-mortem condemnations.

Old Turkeys: Fully matured birds held for egg production, usually over 15 months of age.

Plant, Slaughter: An establishment where birds are killed and butchered.

Post-Mortem Condemnations: Carcasses or parts condemned by the inspector because of disease or mishandling and removed from the slaughter line and destroyed.

Slaughter: Killing and butchering of birds primarily for food.

Total Live Weight: The total weight of live birds, before slaughter. Excludes post-mortem condemnations.

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.

Statistical Methodology

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 310 plants slaughtered poultry in the U.S. under Federal Inspection in 2009. Young chickens were slaughtered in 34 States, young turkeys in 27 States.

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