



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 3 Percent from Last Year

**Poultry certified wholesome** during October 2010 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.76 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the amount certified in October 2009. The September 2010 revised certified total at 3.76 billion pounds, was up 5 percent from September 2009. The September revision represented an increase of 14.4 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during October 2010 was 4.98 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 4.83 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.25 billion pounds, up 3 percent from October 2009. Mature chickens, at 64.6 million pounds, were down 7 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 655 million pounds, up 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.5 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during October 2010 averaged 5.87 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from October 2009. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.91 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during October 2010 averaged 28.4 pounds per bird, down slightly from October 2009.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during October 2010 totaled 10.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.21 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.8 million pounds, were 0.92 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.95 percent a year earlier.

**October 2010** contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

**October 2009** contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2009	September 2010	October 2010	October 2010 as % of		January to October		2010 as percent of 2009
				October 2009	September 2010	2009	2010	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Number slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	725,194	754,552	723,437	100	96	7,160,811	7,215,009	101
Mature .....	11,929	12,618	10,928	92	87	118,135	118,558	100
Light .....	5,077	6,120	5,009	99	82	53,633	57,910	108
Heavy .....	6,852	6,498	5,919	86	91	64,502	60,648	94
Total .....	737,123	767,170	734,365	100	96	7,278,946	7,333,567	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	22,213	20,431	22,991	104	113	203,281	199,031	98
Old .....	169	127	131	78	103	1,581	1,181	75
Total .....	22,382	20,558	23,122	103	112	204,862	200,212	98
Ducks .....	1,911	2,075	1,978	104	95	18,818	19,454	103
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Total live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	4,109,602	4,329,987	4,249,306	103	98	39,914,311	40,902,252	102
Mature .....	69,693	72,183	64,576	93	89	680,499	669,918	98
Light .....	16,429	19,529	16,354	100	84	173,943	186,395	107
Heavy .....	53,264	52,654	48,222	91	92	506,556	483,523	95
Total .....	4,179,295	4,402,170	4,313,882	103	98	40,594,810	41,572,170	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	631,792	581,236	652,016	103	112	5,891,903	5,801,190	98
Old .....	4,317	3,324	3,446	80	104	41,617	31,311	75
Total .....	636,109	584,560	655,462	103	112	5,933,520	5,832,501	98
Ducks .....	13,035	14,306	13,528	104	95	127,194	132,755	104
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1,331	1,299	1,553	117	120	3,835	4,332	113
Total .....	4,829,770	5,002,335	4,984,425	103	100	46,659,359	47,541,758	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	5.67	5.74	5.87	104	102	5.57	5.67	102
Mature .....	5.84	5.72	5.91	101	103	5.76	5.65	98
Light .....	3.24	3.19	3.26	101	102	3.24	3.22	99
Heavy .....	7.77	8.10	8.15	105	101	7.85	7.97	102
Total .....	5.67	5.74	5.87	104	102	5.58	5.67	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	28.44	28.45	28.36	100	100	28.98	29.15	101
Old .....	25.54	26.17	26.31	103	101	26.32	26.51	101
Total .....	28.42	28.43	28.35	100	100	28.96	29.13	101
Ducks .....	6.82	6.89	6.84	100	99	6.76	6.82	101

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, and squab.

## Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	October 2009	September 2010	October 2010	October 2010 as % of		January to October		2010 as percent of 2009
				October 2009	September 2010	2009	2010	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	2,797,783	2,936,103	2,886,914	103	98	27,035,819	27,844,344	103
Mature .....	44,171	45,482	40,994	93	90	424,650	417,806	98
Light .....	8,948	10,214	8,688	97	85	90,784	98,228	108
Heavy .....	35,223	35,268	32,306	92	92	333,866	319,578	96
Total .....	2,841,954	2,981,585	2,927,908	103	98	27,460,469	28,262,150	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	328,728	283,697	333,951	102	118	2,920,647	2,879,515	99
Old .....	3,284	2,447	2,564	78	105	28,379	23,148	82
Total .....	332,012	286,144	336,515	101	118	2,949,026	2,902,663	98
Ducks .....	3,403	3,705	3,660	108	99	31,458	35,092	112
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	93	114	155	167	136	788	1,028	130
Total .....	3,177,462	3,271,548	3,268,238	103	100	30,441,741	31,200,933	102
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	274,054	301,904	295,014	108	98	2,719,507	2,763,258	102
Mature .....	416	84	25	6	30	3,063	1,497	49
Light .....	102	-	-	-	-	215	225	105
Heavy .....	314	84	25	8	30	2,848	1,272	45
Total .....	274,470	301,988	295,039	107	98	2,722,570	2,764,755	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	175,687	180,382	187,227	107	104	1,776,438	1,757,403	99
Old .....	59	118	89	151	75	3,560	928	26
Total .....	175,746	180,500	187,316	107	104	1,779,998	1,758,331	99
Ducks .....	5,937	6,528	6,011	101	92	59,360	60,143	101
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	695	666	777	112	117	1,540	1,694	110
Total .....	456,848	489,682	489,143	107	100	4,563,468	4,584,923	100
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,071,837	3,238,007	3,181,928	104	98	29,755,326	30,607,602	103
Mature .....	44,587	45,566	41,019	92	90	427,713	419,303	98
Light .....	9,050	10,214	8,688	96	85	90,999	98,453	108
Heavy .....	35,537	35,352	32,331	91	91	336,714	320,850	95
Total .....	3,116,424	3,283,573	3,222,947	103	98	30,183,039	31,026,905	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	504,415	464,079	521,178	103	112	4,697,085	4,636,918	99
Old .....	3,343	2,565	2,653	79	103	31,939	24,076	75
Total .....	507,758	466,644	523,831	103	112	4,729,024	4,660,994	99
Ducks .....	9,340	10,233	9,671	104	95	90,818	95,235	105
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	788	780	932	118	119	2,328	2,722	117
Total .....	3,634,310	3,761,230	3,757,381	103	100	35,005,209	35,785,856	102

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2009	September 2010	October 2010	October 2010 as % of		January to October		2010 as percent of 2009
				October 2009	September 2010	2009	2010	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	8,677	9,294	8,609	99	93	98,168	95,391	97
Mature .....	831	865	734	88	85	11,050	10,938	99
Light .....	135	265	184	136	69	2,427	2,959	122
Heavy .....	696	600	550	79	92	8,623	7,979	93
Total .....	9,508	10,159	9,343	98	92	109,218	106,329	97
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,240	1,188	1,269	102	107	14,418	14,003	97
Old .....	26	36	41	158	114	386	361	94
Total .....	1,266	1,224	1,310	103	107	14,804	14,364	97
Ducks .....	34	48	40	118	83	421	475	113
Total .....	10,810	11,433	10,695	99	94	124,448	121,172	97
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.21	0.21	0.20	95	95	0.25	0.23	92
Mature .....	1.19	1.20	1.14	96	95	1.62	1.63	101
Light .....	0.82	1.36	1.13	138	83	1.40	1.59	114
Heavy .....	1.31	1.14	1.14	87	100	1.70	1.65	97
Total .....	0.23	0.23	0.22	96	96	0.27	0.26	96
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.20	0.20	0.19	95	95	0.24	0.24	100
Old .....	0.60	1.08	1.19	198	110	0.93	1.15	124
Total .....	0.20	0.21	0.20	100	95	0.25	0.25	100
Ducks .....	0.26	0.34	0.30	115	88	0.33	0.36	109
Total .....	0.22	0.23	0.21	95	91	0.27	0.25	93

<sup>1</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2009	September 2010	October 2010	October 2010 as % of		January to October		2010 as percent of 2009
				October 2009	September 2010	2009	2010	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Carcass and parts</b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	24,331	24,033	24,351	100	101	264,894	241,326	91
Mature .....	3,131	3,109	2,790	89	90	31,728	31,228	98
Light .....	1,082	1,153	1,041	96	90	11,941	12,669	106
Heavy .....	2,049	1,956	1,749	85	89	19,787	18,559	94
Total .....	27,462	27,142	27,141	99	100	296,622	272,554	92
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	6,979	6,679	7,203	103	108	71,870	67,290	94
Old .....	153	115	119	78	103	1,507	1,142	76
Total .....	7,132	6,794	7,322	103	108	73,377	68,432	93
Ducks .....	212	281	285	134	101	2,552	2,562	100
Other .....	5	7	6	120	86	23	26	113
Total .....	34,811	34,224	34,754	100	102	372,574	343,574	92
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.79	0.74	0.76	96	103	0.88	0.78	89
Mature .....	6.56	6.39	6.37	97	100	6.91	6.93	100
Light .....	10.68	10.14	10.70	100	106	11.60	11.40	98
Heavy .....	5.45	5.24	5.13	94	98	5.55	5.47	99
Total .....	0.87	0.82	0.84	97	102	0.97	0.87	90
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.36	1.42	1.36	100	96	1.51	1.43	95
Old .....	4.38	4.29	4.29	98	100	4.51	4.53	100
Total .....	1.39	1.44	1.38	99	96	1.53	1.45	95
Ducks .....	2.22	2.67	2.86	129	107	2.73	2.62	96
Other .....	0.63	0.89	0.64	102	72	0.98	0.95	97
Total .....	0.95	0.90	0.92	97	102	1.05	0.95	90

<sup>1</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

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

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	5,705	6,248	672,229	647,394
Mature .....	-	-	901	479	156,532	157,547
Light .....	-	-	709	258	124,887	128,772
Heavy .....	-	-	192	221	31,645	28,775
Total .....	-	-	6,606	6,727	828,761	804,941
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	50	61	35,345	40,558
Old .....	-	-	-	1	1,162	1,109
Total .....	-	-	50	62	36,507	41,667
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	195,969	221,659	5,866	4,510	39,310	36,637
Mature .....	11,170	6,243	479	311	41,170	36,524
Light .....	9,559	4,545	193	133	34,310	29,928
Heavy .....	1,611	1,698	286	178	6,860	6,596
Total .....	207,139	227,902	6,345	4,821	80,480	73,161
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	5,591	5,438	2,921	3,422	97	142
Old .....	88	142	1	2	80	68
Total .....	5,679	5,580	2,922	3,424	177	210
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	10,445	9,999	72,882	74,864	82,283	79,762
Mature .....	12,862	11,164	3,113	2,799	120,136	97,740
Light .....	12,257	10,373	1,801	1,706	101,714	77,880
Heavy .....	605	791	1,312	1,093	18,422	19,860
Total .....	23,307	21,163	75,995	77,663	202,419	177,502
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	182	251	1,335	1,834	1,481	1,584
Old .....	3	2	9	12	22	25
Total .....	185	253	1,344	1,846	1,503	1,609
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	14,891	15,213	566,172	610,005	1,665,752	1,706,291
Mature .....	380	168	176,150	143,531	522,893	456,506
Light .....	64	46	71,952	57,853	357,446	311,494
Heavy .....	316	122	104,198	85,678	165,447	145,012
Total .....	15,271	15,381	742,322	753,536	2,188,645	2,162,797
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	235	686	10,965	11,711	58,202	65,687
Old .....	1	1	180	282	1,546	1,644
Total .....	236	687	11,145	11,993	59,748	67,331

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> 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: September and October 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	95,167	90,713	538,669	530,444	5.66	5.85
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	83,851	79,387	478,719	470,597	5.71	5.93
California .....	23,584	22,050	134,731	122,092	5.71	5.54
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	26,022	24,987	181,546	175,345	6.98	7.02
Florida .....	4,368	4,519	26,987	28,990	6.18	6.42
Georgia .....	105,405	103,602	564,789	562,229	5.36	5.43
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	5,047	4,622	22,392	20,542	4.44	4.44
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	25,904	24,502	139,974	135,540	5.40	5.53
Louisiana .....	16,159	15,082	98,433	95,828	6.09	6.35
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	12,531	11,460	62,114	57,217	4.96	4.99
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	65,791	62,393	388,253	382,693	5.90	6.13
Missouri .....	36,167	34,776	174,215	167,458	4.82	4.82
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	390	482	1,722	2,171	4.41	4.51
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	1,606	1,659	8,500	8,508	5.29	5.13
North Carolina .....	61,205	57,954	431,681	420,019	7.05	7.25
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	4,790	4,853	31,240	32,163	6.52	6.63
Oklahoma .....	12,258	12,002	89,893	89,891	7.33	7.49
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	10,916	10,792	61,133	59,762	5.60	5.54
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	25,166	25,621	162,125	172,756	6.44	6.74
South Dakota .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Tennessee .....	25,960	24,186	134,922	126,452	5.20	5.23
Texas .....	60,133	59,682	338,263	345,223	5.63	5.78
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	27,938	25,746	145,747	137,124	5.22	5.33
Washington .....	4,084	3,861	22,831	21,857	5.59	5.66
West Virginia .....	10,503	9,412	42,066	37,329	4.01	3.97
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	754,552	723,437	4,329,987	4,249,306	5.74	5.87

- Represents zero.

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

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

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	400,192	393,431	2,739	2,871	0.68	0.72
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	354,086	347,679	2,991	3,052	0.84	0.87
California .....	98,896	89,075	742	650	0.74	0.72
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	131,273	126,795	1,370	1,354	1.03	1.06
Florida .....	18,799	20,202	113	114	0.60	0.56
Georgia .....	427,493	424,067	2,891	2,987	0.67	0.70
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	16,411	15,097	76	71	0.46	0.47
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	101,937	98,796	392	510	0.38	0.51
Louisiana .....	72,546	70,954	316	295	0.43	0.41
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	44,949	41,355	372	310	0.82	0.74
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi .....	294,754	297,727	1,745	1,838	0.59	0.61
Missouri .....	128,279	123,356	920	756	0.71	0.61
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	1,124	1,432	25	25	2.18	1.75
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	5,819	5,283	131	163	2.21	2.99
North Carolina .....	337,803	328,766	3,127	3,162	0.92	0.95
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	23,085	23,669	491	531	2.08	2.19
Oklahoma .....	67,029	67,022	727	710	1.07	1.05
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	43,153	41,722	539	544	1.23	1.29
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	121,659	129,575	823	917	0.67	0.70
South Dakota .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Tennessee .....	97,887	92,015	664	548	0.67	0.59
Texas .....	263,405	268,570	1,578	1,655	0.60	0.61
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	103,004	96,794	551	565	0.53	0.58
Washington .....	16,992	16,322	93	105	0.55	0.64
West Virginia .....	30,201	26,792	93	91	0.31	0.34
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	3,238,007	3,181,928	24,033	24,351	0.74	0.76

- Represents zero.

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

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

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



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

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	167	162	60,195	60,554
Arkansas .....	-	-	438	393	92,825	86,623
Delaware .....	-	-	220	136	36,440	37,069
Georgia .....	-	-	76	119	43,045	46,599
Mississippi .....	-	-	69	119	25,445	25,417
Missouri .....	-	-	128	138	49,427	46,114
North Carolina .....	-	-	2,364	1,287	77,710	79,096
Texas .....	-	-	65	71	49,273	47,965
Virginia .....	-	-	151	65	19,937	21,281
United States .....	-	-	5,705	6,248	672,229	647,394

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	22,773	24,586	424	366	2,545	2,352
Arkansas .....	15,000	19,998	3,244	2,129	1,625	1,397
Delaware .....	13,155	14,725	115	94	5,200	5,253
Georgia .....	29,818	28,744	137	100	5,935	5,397
Mississippi .....	7,137	9,377	213	207	608	534
Missouri .....	7,263	6,350	165	120	1,353	1,439
North Carolina .....	28,188	28,797	281	243	8,038	7,380
Texas .....	10,351	11,807	134	108	1,035	1,077
Virginia .....	6,986	10,259	46	29	2,015	2,220
United States .....	195,969	221,659	5,866	4,510	39,310	36,637

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,084	1,083	6,792	7,629	9,542	10,093
Arkansas .....	1,086	879	7,129	6,786	6,806	5,798
Delaware .....	1,083	1,025	3,059	2,629	4,229	3,989
Georgia .....	658	564	12,400	12,602	6,698	6,861
Mississippi .....	675	745	2,347	2,760	3,846	3,699
Missouri .....	214	219	2,205	2,775	5,112	4,643
North Carolina .....	1,103	1,087	10,426	10,908	5,991	5,966
Texas .....	645	584	5,793	5,957	4,994	4,414
Virginia .....	639	608	1,619	1,242	3,097	2,251
United States .....	10,445	9,999	72,882	74,864	82,283	79,762

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	2,674	2,927	97,179	106,512	203,375	216,264
Arkansas .....	510	462	60,388	69,369	189,051	193,834
Delaware .....	473	618	13,982	15,371	77,956	80,909
Georgia .....	1,247	1,264	74,924	77,008	174,938	179,258
Mississippi .....	189	249	38,422	29,940	78,951	73,047
Missouri .....	228	217	29,311	30,304	95,406	92,319
North Carolina .....	4,157	4,254	42,611	43,150	180,869	182,168
Texas .....	984	960	31,317	34,800	104,591	107,743
Virginia .....	969	362	24,198	30,782	59,657	69,099
United States .....	14,891	15,213	566,172	610,005	1,665,752	1,706,291

- Represents zero.

<sup>1</sup> 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: September and October 2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	2,720	3,053	54,473	63,753	20.02	20.88
California .....	1,193	2,145	33,407	52,337	28.01	24.40
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	1,485	1,515	50,199	51,698	33.80	34.12
Iowa .....	1,157	1,185	44,062	46,108	38.08	38.92
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 .....	3,825	4,072	93,241	103,605	24.37	25.44
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 .....	2,333	2,513	73,298	79,187	31.42	31.51
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	458	440	18,523	17,700	40.42	40.18
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	496	823	11,140	18,315	22.47	22.26
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 .....	2,388	2,586	63,023	67,423	26.40	26.07
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	20,431	22,991	581,236	652,016	28.45	28.36

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

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
			Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	44,935	53,866	402	396	0.89	0.73
California .....	27,250	42,210	235	374	0.86	0.88
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	40,591	41,824	595	670	1.45	1.58
Iowa .....	34,688	36,287	678	731	1.92	1.98
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 .....	74,706	82,874	1,204	1,274	1.59	1.51
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 .....	57,697	62,046	495	633	0.85	1.01
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	14,680	13,847	302	284	2.02	2.01
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	8,841	14,671	218	239	2.40	1.61
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 .....	49,557	52,695	487	511	0.97	0.96
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	464,079	521,178	6,679	7,203	1.42	1.36

- Represents zero.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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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