



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 10 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during January 2011 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.64 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the amount certified in January 2010. The December 2010 revised certified total at 3.69 billion pounds, was up 6 percent from December 2009. The December revision represented an increase of 5.7 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during January 2011 was 4.83 billion pounds, up 10 percent from 4.40 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.17 billion pounds, up 10 percent from January 2010. Mature chickens, at 63.9 million pounds, were up 5 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 581 million pounds, up 9 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.4 million pounds, up 16 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during January 2011 averaged 5.85 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from January 2010. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.51 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during January 2011 averaged 30.8 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from January 2010.

Ante-mortem condemnations during January 2011 totaled 13.0 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.27 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.30 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 38.2 million pounds, were 1.04 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.03 percent a year earlier.

January 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

January 2010 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2010	December 2010	January 2011	January 2011 as % of		January to date		2011 as percent of 2010
				January 2010	December 2010	2010	2011	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Number slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	672,760	724,479	713,162	106	98	672,760	713,162	106
Mature	11,178	12,050	11,596	104	96	11,178	11,596	104
Light	5,803	5,634	5,895	102	105	5,803	5,895	102
Heavy	5,375	6,416	5,701	106	89	5,375	5,701	106
Total	683,938	736,529	724,758	106	98	683,938	724,758	106
Turkeys								
Young	17,322	19,129	18,750	108	98	17,322	18,750	108
Old	158	132	96	61	73	158	96	61
Total	17,480	19,261	18,846	108	98	17,480	18,846	108
Ducks	1,815	2,189	2,097	116	96	1,815	2,097	116
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	3,792,553	4,238,450	4,173,256	110	98	3,792,553	4,173,256	110
Mature	60,677	69,832	63,864	105	91	60,677	63,864	105
Light	18,494	17,958	18,697	101	104	18,494	18,697	101
Heavy	42,183	51,874	45,167	107	87	42,183	45,167	107
Total	3,853,230	4,308,282	4,237,120	110	98	3,853,230	4,237,120	110
Turkeys								
Young	529,170	574,448	578,561	109	101	529,170	578,561	109
Old	4,041	3,794	2,631	65	69	4,041	2,631	65
Total	533,211	578,242	581,192	109	101	533,211	581,192	109
Ducks	12,449	15,041	14,430	116	96	12,449	14,430	116
Other ¹	131	216	164	125	76	131	164	125
Total	4,399,021	4,901,781	4,832,906	110	99	4,399,021	4,832,906	110
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.64	5.85	5.85	104	100	5.64	5.85	104
Mature	5.43	5.80	5.51	101	95	5.43	5.51	101
Light	3.19	3.19	3.17	99	99	3.19	3.17	99
Heavy	7.85	8.09	7.92	101	98	7.85	7.92	101
Total	5.63	5.85	5.85	104	100	5.63	5.85	104
Turkeys								
Young	30.55	30.03	30.86	101	103	30.55	30.86	101
Old	25.58	28.74	27.41	107	95	25.58	27.41	107
Total	30.50	30.02	30.84	101	103	30.50	30.84	101
Ducks	6.86	6.87	6.88	100	100	6.86	6.88	100

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	January 2010	December 2010	January 2011	January 2011 as % of		January to date		2011 as percent of 2010
				January 2010	December 2010	2010	2011	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,569,807	2,891,431	2,855,552	111	99	2,569,807	2,855,552	111
Mature	37,221	44,125	39,801	107	90	37,221	39,801	107
Light	9,737	9,591	9,927	102	104	9,737	9,927	102
Heavy	27,484	34,534	29,874	109	87	27,484	29,874	109
Total	2,607,028	2,935,556	2,895,353	111	99	2,607,028	2,895,353	111
Turkeys								
Young	263,273	302,460	299,238	114	99	263,273	299,238	114
Old	2,988	2,771	1,952	65	70	2,988	1,952	65
Total	266,261	305,231	301,190	113	99	266,261	301,190	113
Ducks	3,186	4,195	3,896	122	93	3,186	3,896	122
Other ¹	72	119	84	117	71	72	84	117
Total	2,876,547	3,245,101	3,200,523	111	99	2,876,547	3,200,523	111
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	261,367	283,435	269,276	103	95	261,367	269,276	103
Mature	587	11	9	2	82	587	9	2
Light	-	-	9	(X)	(X)	-	9	(X)
Heavy	587	11	-	(X)	(X)	587	-	(X)
Total	261,954	283,446	269,285	103	95	261,954	269,285	103
Turkeys								
Young	157,823	156,134	161,672	102	104	157,823	161,672	102
Old	70	68	94	134	138	70	94	134
Total	157,893	156,202	161,766	102	104	157,893	161,766	102
Ducks	5,718	6,579	6,456	113	98	5,718	6,456	113
Other ¹	19	26	25	132	96	19	25	132
Total	425,584	446,253	437,532	103	98	425,584	437,532	103
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	2,831,174	3,174,866	3,124,828	110	98	2,831,174	3,124,828	110
Mature	37,808	44,136	39,810	105	90	37,808	39,810	105
Light	9,737	9,591	9,936	102	104	9,737	9,936	102
Heavy	28,071	34,545	29,874	106	86	28,071	29,874	106
Total	2,868,982	3,219,002	3,164,638	110	98	2,868,982	3,164,638	110
Turkeys								
Young	421,096	458,594	460,910	109	101	421,096	460,910	109
Old	3,058	2,839	2,046	67	72	3,058	2,046	67
Total	424,154	461,433	462,956	109	100	424,154	462,956	109
Ducks	8,904	10,774	10,352	116	96	8,904	10,352	116
Other ¹	91	145	109	120	75	91	109	120
Total	3,302,131	3,691,354	3,638,055	110	99	3,302,131	3,638,055	110

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2010	December 2010	January 2011	January 2011 as % of		January to date		2011 as percent of 2010
				January 2010	December 2010	2010	2011	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	10,579	10,444	10,357	98	99	10,579	10,357	98
Mature	1,114	1,308	1,000	90	76	1,114	1,000	90
Light	360	313	244	68	78	360	244	68
Heavy	754	995	756	100	76	754	756	100
Total	11,693	11,752	11,357	97	97	11,693	11,357	97
Turkeys								
Young	1,447	1,400	1,607	111	115	1,447	1,607	111
Old	66	40	21	32	53	66	21	32
Total	1,513	1,440	1,628	108	113	1,513	1,628	108
Ducks	42	54	50	119	93	42	50	119
Total	13,248	13,246	13,035	98	98	13,248	13,035	98
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.28	0.25	0.25	89	100	0.28	0.25	89
Mature	1.84	1.87	1.57	85	84	1.84	1.57	85
Light	1.95	1.74	1.31	67	75	1.95	1.31	67
Heavy	1.79	1.92	1.67	93	87	1.79	1.67	93
Total	0.30	0.27	0.27	90	100	0.30	0.27	90
Turkeys								
Young	0.27	0.24	0.28	104	117	0.27	0.28	104
Old	1.63	1.05	0.80	49	76	1.63	0.80	49
Total	0.28	0.25	0.28	100	112	0.28	0.28	100
Ducks	0.34	0.36	0.35	103	97	0.34	0.35	103
Total	0.30	0.27	0.27	90	100	0.30	0.27	90

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

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	January 2010	December 2010	January 2011	January 2011 as % of		January to date		2011 as percent of 2010
				January 2010	December 2010	2010	2011	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Carcass and parts								
Chickens								
Young	24,705	27,500	28,538	116	104	24,705	28,538	116
Mature	3,135	2,825	2,358	75	83	3,135	2,358	75
Light	1,455	1,106	687	47	62	1,455	687	47
Heavy	1,680	1,719	1,671	99	97	1,680	1,671	99
Total	27,840	30,325	30,896	111	102	27,840	30,896	111
Turkeys								
Young	6,179	6,589	6,897	112	105	6,179	6,897	112
Old	174	114	85	49	75	174	85	49
Total	6,353	6,703	6,982	110	104	6,353	6,982	110
Ducks	228	332	292	128	88	228	292	128
Other	1	1	1	100	100	1	1	100
Total	34,422	37,361	38,171	111	102	34,422	38,171	111
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.87	0.86	0.91	105	106	0.87	0.91	105
Mature	7.66	6.02	5.59	73	93	7.66	5.59	73
Light	13.00	10.34	6.47	50	63	13.00	6.47	50
Heavy	5.65	4.74	5.30	94	112	5.65	5.30	94
Total	0.96	0.93	0.97	101	104	0.96	0.97	101
Turkeys								
Young	1.45	1.42	1.47	101	104	1.45	1.47	101
Old	5.38	3.86	3.99	74	103	5.38	3.99	74
Total	1.48	1.43	1.49	101	104	1.48	1.49	101
Ducks	2.50	2.99	2.74	110	92	2.50	2.74	110
Other	1.09	0.68	0.91	83	134	1.09	0.91	83
Total	1.03	1.00	1.04	101	104	1.03	1.04	101

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

**Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States:
December 2010 and January 2011**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	7,923	11,692	774,603	795,853
Mature	-	-	1,144	910	170,718	163,099
Light	-	-	998	648	137,679	132,160
Heavy	-	-	146	262	33,039	30,939
Total	-	-	9,067	12,602	945,321	958,952
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	52	28	36,852	39,080
Old	-	-	-	-	1,365	966
Total	-	-	52	28	38,217	40,046
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	408,414	488,195	4,070	5,019	39,203	37,277
Mature	8,693	8,439	319	351	39,710	38,805
Light	7,110	7,279	116	159	33,227	31,826
Heavy	1,583	1,160	203	192	6,483	6,979
Total	417,107	496,634	4,389	5,370	78,913	76,082
Turkeys						
Young	3,945	5,431	1,868	2,605	142	140
Old	159	59	34	-	121	102
Total	4,104	5,490	1,902	2,605	263	242
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	11,405	11,248	86,244	92,860	104,470	97,731
Mature	14,786	13,460	3,560	3,321	88,265	93,736
Light	13,728	12,762	2,121	2,317	67,364	73,940
Heavy	1,058	698	1,439	1,004	20,901	19,796
Total	26,191	24,708	89,804	96,181	192,735	191,467
Turkeys						
Young	178	251	1,379	1,562	1,943	2,882
Old	-	3	26	16	34	41
Total	178	254	1,405	1,578	1,977	2,923
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	18,764	16,375	804,891	794,234	2,259,987	2,350,484
Mature	401	754	149,337	142,650	476,933	465,525
Light	255	259	64,515	51,170	327,113	312,520
Heavy	146	495	84,822	91,480	149,820	153,005
Total	19,165	17,129	954,228	936,884	2,736,920	2,816,009
Turkeys						
Young	231	569	13,635	12,315	60,225	64,863
Old	1	5	195	138	1,935	1,330
Total	232	574	13,830	12,453	62,160	66,193

- 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: December 2010 and January 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	84,758	81,154	484,939	459,411	5.72	5.66
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	76,171	74,965	453,746	438,220	5.96	5.85
California	30,716	30,992	174,000	178,383	5.66	5.76
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	25,115	26,398	176,336	185,145	7.02	7.01
Florida	4,834	5,021	29,218	30,854	6.04	6.15
Georgia	102,082	98,708	544,855	534,774	5.34	5.42
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,530	4,601	19,707	19,770	4.35	4.30
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,699	23,751	142,408	132,925	5.54	5.60
Louisiana	15,714	15,024	99,873	95,100	6.36	6.33
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	12,131	11,933	63,067	62,276	5.20	5.22
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,724	3,811	21,382	21,878	5.74	5.74
Mississippi	53,098	51,261	325,693	310,827	6.13	6.06
Missouri	30,966	30,832	141,403	139,937	4.57	4.54
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	447	117	2,003	549	4.48	4.68
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,729	1,766	8,761	9,005	5.07	5.10
North Carolina	58,595	61,783	422,611	444,912	7.21	7.20
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	4,613	4,324	29,031	26,932	6.29	6.23
Oklahoma	12,104	11,020	90,661	85,330	7.49	7.74
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	15,179	15,931	78,943	83,252	5.20	5.23
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	24,999	24,182	182,831	173,795	7.31	7.19
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	22,817	23,013	120,024	119,142	5.26	5.18
Texas	59,940	59,065	350,734	345,918	5.85	5.86
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	25,386	25,199	132,484	133,196	5.22	5.29
Washington	4,452	4,311	26,908	26,061	6.04	6.05
West Virginia	10,224	8,551	40,596	33,933	3.97	3.97
Wisconsin	3,912	4,086	16,581	17,288	4.24	4.23
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	724,479	713,162	4,238,450	4,173,256	5.85	5.85

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2010 and January 2011

[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	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	362,495	342,531	2,795	2,808	0.77	0.81
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	332,318	321,776	3,416	3,206	1.02	0.99
California	127,377	132,079	1,232	1,262	0.96	0.95
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	126,960	133,091	1,603	1,647	1.25	1.22
Florida	20,341	21,435	130	127	0.63	0.59
Georgia	413,136	403,038	3,279	3,527	0.79	0.87
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	14,461	14,487	93	107	0.64	0.73
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	103,564	97,065	608	597	0.58	0.61
Louisiana	73,796	69,510	322	304	0.43	0.44
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	45,665	45,203	547	623	1.18	1.36
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	17,118	17,574	217	218	1.25	1.23
Mississippi	254,956	244,795	1,237	1,221	0.48	0.50
Missouri	104,556	103,758	905	798	0.86	0.76
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	1,316	411	26	6	1.96	1.34
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,315	5,479	207	283	3.74	4.90
North Carolina	329,833	346,292	3,865	4,471	1.16	1.27
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	21,511	19,991	411	409	1.88	2.01
Oklahoma	67,230	64,370	676	802	1.00	1.23
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	55,910	58,842	644	719	1.14	1.21
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	137,498	130,678	1,088	970	0.79	0.74
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	87,160	86,459	645	754	0.74	0.86
Texas	273,223	267,796	1,845	1,966	0.67	0.73
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	93,117	93,021	791	767	0.84	0.82
Washington	20,044	19,475	147	118	0.73	0.60
West Virginia	29,066	24,310	100	106	0.34	0.44
Wisconsin	12,148	12,668	89	102	0.73	0.80
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,174,866	3,124,828	27,500	28,538	0.86	0.91

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

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: December 2010 and January 2011

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	336	319	63,278	67,234
Arkansas	-	-	320	328	115,097	110,012
Delaware	-	-	168	234	42,635	41,548
Georgia	-	-	78	51	56,700	64,057
Mississippi	-	-	30	27	17,956	18,659
Missouri	-	-	126	77	52,304	52,461
North Carolina	-	-	4,011	7,317	88,999	96,945
Texas	-	-	46	32	66,996	67,103
Virginia	-	-	88	73	23,007	22,104
United States	-	-	7,923	11,692	774,603	795,853

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	37,493	45,859	324	361	2,807	2,722
Arkansas	39,521	41,465	1,892	2,103	2,554	2,530
Delaware	27,062	34,004	93	91	4,649	4,240
Georgia	57,401	76,989	107	165	4,814	4,406
Mississippi	8,260	11,934	90	47	584	515
Missouri	13,219	15,710	215	178	1,271	1,399
North Carolina	54,586	65,565	132	313	7,355	7,446
Texas	23,773	28,573	121	75	1,200	1,103
Virginia	29,138	28,551	31	26	3,159	2,525
United States	408,414	488,195	4,070	5,019	39,203	37,277

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,322	1,392	8,802	7,765	11,858	11,852
Arkansas	868	807	8,411	8,127	6,577	5,777
Delaware	1,073	1,254	2,559	3,218	4,215	3,604
Georgia	544	648	14,550	15,493	8,375	8,322
Mississippi	287	275	2,246	2,419	2,146	2,004
Missouri	253	294	3,126	4,048	5,076	4,081
North Carolina	1,296	1,405	11,638	15,918	6,030	7,383
Texas	616	503	7,301	8,712	4,198	4,201
Virginia	767	644	1,332	958	2,278	2,765
United States	11,405	11,248	86,244	92,860	104,470	97,731

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	3,749	2,522	103,438	115,242	233,407	255,268
Arkansas	408	603	107,594	84,065	283,242	255,817
Delaware	3,116	1,533	35,919	36,817	121,489	126,543
Georgia	884	721	108,757	84,329	252,210	255,181
Mississippi	85	186	35,933	34,077	67,617	70,143
Missouri	370	436	39,705	41,917	115,665	120,601
North Carolina	3,038	3,006	58,234	73,782	235,319	279,080
Texas	1,218	756	32,421	30,188	137,890	141,246
Virginia	676	727	46,595	43,658	107,071	102,031
United States	18,764	16,375	804,891	794,234	2,259,987	2,350,484

- 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: December 2010 and January 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,775	2,742	54,829	54,468	19.75	19.86
California	1,204	893	32,602	28,065	27.08	31.43
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,431	1,403	51,935	52,596	36.31	37.49
Iowa	1,112	1,183	45,757	49,344	41.14	41.70
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Kentucky	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,188	3,478	83,227	94,148	26.11	27.07
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	1,995	1,868	70,963	63,119	35.57	33.79
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	437	408	18,680	17,791	42.80	43.59
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	477	368	10,907	9,095	22.88	24.73
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	514	548	7,255	8,212	14.11	14.99
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Virginia	2,409	2,222	64,323	59,458	26.71	26.76
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	19,129	18,750	574,448	578,561	30.03	30.86

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: December 2010 and January 2011

[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	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	46,160	45,332	355	340	0.76	0.74
California	26,406	22,710	256	267	0.96	1.16
Colorado	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	41,959	42,542	708	665	1.66	1.54
Iowa	36,023	38,810	600	683	1.64	1.73
Kansas	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Kentucky	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	66,586	74,996	1,162	1,376	1.71	1.80
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	55,345	48,905	595	528	1.06	1.07
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	14,828	14,104	304	281	2.01	1.95
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	8,617	7,111	244	194	2.75	2.66
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	5,907	6,667	10	43	0.17	0.64
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Virginia	50,537	46,763	492	411	0.96	0.87
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	458,594	460,910	6,589	6,897	1.42	1.47

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(X) Not applicable.

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 United States under Federal Inspection in 2010. Young chickens were slaughtered in 38 States, young turkeys in 26 States.

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