



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 4 Percent from Last Year

**Poultry certified wholesome** during February 2011 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.33 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the amount certified in February 2010. The January 2011 revised certified total at 3.64 billion pounds, was up 10 percent from January 2010. The January revision represented an increase of 2.66 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during February 2011 was 4.42 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 4.27 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.80 billion pounds, up 4 percent from February 2010. Mature chickens, at 61.1 million pounds, were up 9 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 549 million pounds, up 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 12.6 million pounds, up 3 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during February 2011 averaged 5.76 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from February 2010. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.56 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2011 averaged 30.5 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from February 2010.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during February 2011 totaled 11.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.26 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.29 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 36.7 million pounds, were 1.09 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.03 percent a year earlier.

**February 2011** contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**February 2010** contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2010	January 2011	February 2011	February 2011 as % of		January to February		2011 as percent of 2010
				February 2010	January 2011	2010	2011	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
<b>Number slaughtered</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	651,808	713,638	659,099	101	92	1,324,568	1,372,737	104
Mature .....	10,236	11,596	10,999	107	95	21,414	22,595	106
Light .....	5,215	5,895	5,587	107	95	11,018	11,482	104
Heavy .....	5,021	5,701	5,412	108	95	10,396	11,113	107
Total .....	662,044	725,234	670,098	101	92	1,345,982	1,395,332	104
Turkeys								
Young .....	17,617	18,750	17,833	101	95	34,939	36,583	105
Old .....	105	96	145	138	151	263	241	92
Total .....	17,722	18,846	17,978	101	95	35,202	36,824	105
Ducks .....	1,781	2,097	1,840	103	88	3,596	3,937	109
	(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 .....	3,665,827	4,176,056	3,798,570	104	91	7,458,380	7,974,626	107
Mature .....	56,060	63,864	61,117	109	96	116,737	124,981	107
Light .....	16,832	18,697	17,858	106	96	35,326	36,555	103
Heavy .....	39,228	45,167	43,259	110	96	81,411	88,426	109
Total .....	3,721,887	4,239,920	3,859,687	104	91	7,575,117	8,099,607	107
Turkeys								
Young .....	530,676	578,561	544,803	103	94	1,059,846	1,123,364	106
Old .....	2,823	2,631	3,722	132	141	6,864	6,353	93
Total .....	533,499	581,192	548,525	103	94	1,066,710	1,129,717	106
Ducks .....	12,253	14,430	12,607	103	87	24,702	27,037	109
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	123	164	125	102	76	254	289	114
Total .....	4,267,762	4,835,706	4,420,944	104	91	8,666,783	9,256,650	107
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	5.62	5.85	5.76	102	98	5.63	5.81	103
Mature .....	5.48	5.51	5.56	101	101	5.45	5.53	101
Light .....	3.23	3.17	3.20	99	101	3.21	3.18	99
Heavy .....	7.81	7.92	7.99	102	101	7.83	7.96	102
Total .....	5.62	5.85	5.76	102	98	5.63	5.80	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	30.12	30.86	30.55	101	99	30.33	30.71	101
Old .....	26.89	27.41	25.67	95	94	26.10	26.36	101
Total .....	30.10	30.84	30.51	101	99	30.30	30.68	101
Ducks .....	6.88	6.88	6.85	100	100	6.87	6.87	100

<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	February 2010	January 2011	February 2011	February 2011 as % of		January to February		2011 as percent of 2010
				February 2010	January 2011	2010	2011	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Chilled</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	2,477,956	2,857,406	2,605,683	105	91	5,047,763	5,463,089	108
Mature .....	34,688	39,801	37,038	107	93	71,909	76,839	107
Light .....	8,786	9,927	9,596	109	97	18,523	19,523	105
Heavy .....	25,902	29,874	27,442	106	92	53,386	57,316	107
Total .....	2,512,644	2,897,207	2,642,721	105	91	5,119,672	5,539,928	108
Turkeys								
Young .....	266,662	299,238	272,912	102	91	529,935	572,150	108
Old .....	2,202	1,952	2,800	127	143	5,190	4,752	92
Total .....	268,864	301,190	275,712	103	92	535,125	576,902	108
Ducks .....	3,283	3,896	3,222	98	83	6,469	7,118	110
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	71	84	73	103	87	143	157	110
Total .....	2,784,862	3,202,377	2,921,728	105	91	5,661,409	6,124,105	108
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	261,572	270,081	244,907	94	91	522,939	514,988	98
Mature .....	56	9	326	582	3,622	643	335	52
Light .....	49	9	260	531	2,889	49	269	549
Heavy .....	7	-	66	943	(X)	594	66	11
Total .....	261,628	270,090	245,233	94	91	523,582	515,323	98
Turkeys								
Young .....	156,486	161,672	159,828	102	99	314,309	321,500	102
Old .....	20	94	71	355	76	90	165	183
Total .....	156,506	161,766	159,899	102	99	314,399	321,665	102
Ducks .....	5,488	6,456	5,868	107	91	11,206	12,324	110
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	15	25	14	93	56	34	39	115
Total .....	423,637	438,337	411,014	97	94	849,221	849,351	100
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	2,739,528	3,127,487	2,850,590	104	91	5,570,702	5,978,077	107
Mature .....	34,744	39,810	37,364	108	94	72,552	77,174	106
Light .....	8,835	9,936	9,856	112	99	18,572	19,792	107
Heavy .....	25,909	29,874	27,508	106	92	53,980	57,382	106
Total .....	2,774,272	3,167,297	2,887,954	104	91	5,643,254	6,055,251	107
Turkeys								
Young .....	423,148	460,910	432,740	102	94	844,244	893,650	106
Old .....	2,222	2,046	2,871	129	140	5,280	4,917	93
Total .....	425,370	462,956	435,611	102	94	849,524	898,567	106
Ducks .....	8,771	10,352	9,090	104	88	17,675	19,442	110
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	86	109	87	101	80	177	196	111
Total .....	3,208,499	3,640,714	3,332,742	104	92	6,510,630	6,973,456	107

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	February 2010	January 2011	February 2011	February 2011 as % of		January to February		2011 as percent of 2010
				February 2010	January 2011	2010	2011	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	9,633	10,362	8,938	93	86	20,212	19,300	95
Mature .....	1,057	1,000	978	93	98	2,171	1,978	91
Light .....	270	244	271	100	111	630	515	82
Heavy .....	787	756	707	90	94	1,541	1,463	95
Total .....	10,690	11,362	9,916	93	87	22,383	21,278	95
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,499	1,607	1,593	106	99	2,946	3,200	109
Old .....	22	21	41	186	195	88	62	70
Total .....	1,521	1,628	1,634	107	100	3,034	3,262	108
Ducks .....	38	50	49	129	98	80	99	124
Total .....	12,249	13,040	11,599	95	89	25,497	24,639	97
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.26	0.25	0.24	92	96	0.27	0.24	89
Mature .....	1.89	1.57	1.60	85	102	1.86	1.58	85
Light .....	1.60	1.31	1.52	95	116	1.78	1.41	79
Heavy .....	2.01	1.67	1.63	81	98	1.89	1.65	87
Total .....	0.29	0.27	0.26	90	96	0.30	0.26	87
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.28	0.28	0.29	104	104	0.28	0.28	100
Old .....	0.78	0.80	1.10	141	138	1.28	0.98	77
Total .....	0.29	0.28	0.30	103	107	0.28	0.29	104
Ducks .....	0.31	0.35	0.39	126	111	0.32	0.37	116
Total .....	0.29	0.27	0.26	90	96	0.29	0.27	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	February 2010	January 2011	February 2011	February 2011 as % of		January to February		2011 as percent of 2010
				February 2010	January 2011	2010	2011	
	(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 .....	23,791	28,556	26,160	110	92	48,496	54,716	113
Mature .....	2,936	2,358	3,120	106	132	6,071	5,478	90
Light .....	1,224	687	1,276	104	186	2,679	1,963	73
Heavy .....	1,712	1,671	1,844	108	110	3,392	3,515	104
Total .....	26,727	30,914	29,280	110	95	54,567	60,194	110
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	6,256	6,897	7,033	112	102	12,435	13,930	112
Old .....	97	85	113	116	133	271	198	73
Total .....	6,353	6,982	7,146	112	102	12,706	14,128	111
Ducks .....	234	292	259	111	89	462	551	119
Other .....	1	1	1	100	100	2	2	100
Total .....	33,315	38,189	36,686	110	96	67,737	74,875	111
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.86	0.90	0.91	106	101	0.86	0.91	106
Mature .....	7.79	5.59	7.71	99	138	7.72	6.63	86
Light .....	12.17	6.47	11.46	94	177	12.61	9.02	72
Heavy .....	6.20	5.30	6.28	101	118	5.91	5.77	98
Total .....	0.95	0.97	1.00	105	103	0.96	0.98	102
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.46	1.47	1.60	110	109	1.45	1.53	106
Old .....	4.18	3.99	3.79	91	95	4.88	3.87	79
Total .....	1.47	1.49	1.61	110	108	1.47	1.55	105
Ducks .....	2.60	2.74	2.77	107	101	2.55	2.76	108
Other .....	1.15	0.91	1.14	99	125	1.12	1.01	90
Total .....	1.03	1.04	1.09	106	105	1.03	1.06	103

<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: January and February 2011

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	11,693	18,320	796,746	684,499
Mature .....	-	-	910	778	163,099	170,054
Light .....	-	-	648	594	132,160	135,853
Heavy .....	-	-	262	184	30,939	34,201
Total .....	-	-	12,603	19,098	959,845	854,553
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	28	41	39,080	43,179
Old .....	-	-	-	1	966	1,608
Total .....	-	-	28	42	40,046	44,787
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	489,090	500,867	5,020	3,518	37,294	31,959
Mature .....	8,439	9,818	351	389	38,805	41,539
Light .....	7,279	8,323	159	174	31,826	34,280
Heavy .....	1,160	1,495	192	215	6,979	7,259
Total .....	497,529	510,685	5,371	3,907	76,099	73,498
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	5,431	6,087	2,605	2,994	140	98
Old .....	59	163	-	4	102	98
Total .....	5,490	6,250	2,605	2,998	242	196
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	11,259	10,796	92,916	76,868	97,870	83,390
Mature .....	13,460	16,039	3,321	4,415	93,736	89,426
Light .....	12,762	15,238	2,317	3,049	73,940	69,151
Heavy .....	698	801	1,004	1,366	19,796	20,275
Total .....	24,719	26,835	96,237	81,283	191,606	172,816
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	251	185	1,562	1,483	2,882	1,580
Old .....	3	2	16	23	41	60
Total .....	254	187	1,578	1,506	2,923	1,640
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	16,375	21,492	794,617	875,299	2,352,880	2,307,008
Mature .....	754	265	142,650	170,233	465,525	502,956
Light .....	259	56	51,170	55,298	312,520	322,016
Heavy .....	495	209	91,480	114,935	153,005	180,940
Total .....	17,129	21,757	937,267	1,045,532	2,818,405	2,809,964
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	569	346	12,315	16,054	64,863	72,047
Old .....	5	4	138	166	1,330	2,129
Total .....	574	350	12,453	16,220	66,193	74,176

- 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: January and February 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	85,799	82,508	480,410	463,896	5.60	5.62
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	80,407	71,622	464,261	405,584	5.77	5.66
California .....	21,887	19,755	125,876	114,298	5.75	5.79
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	26,398	23,557	185,145	161,727	7.01	6.87
Florida .....	5,021	4,833	30,854	30,185	6.15	6.25
Georgia .....	98,708	94,240	534,774	502,412	5.42	5.33
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	4,601	4,455	19,770	19,681	4.30	4.42
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	23,751	21,627	132,925	120,890	5.60	5.59
Louisiana .....	15,024	13,750	95,100	86,725	6.33	6.31
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	11,933	11,089	62,276	55,069	5.22	4.97
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,811	3,354	21,878	19,250	5.74	5.74
Mississippi .....	60,366	57,626	363,333	341,331	6.02	5.92
Missouri .....	34,871	32,884	167,368	159,528	4.80	4.85
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	117	116	549	571	4.68	4.92
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	1,766	1,620	9,005	8,383	5.10	5.17
North Carolina .....	62,193	55,889	447,294	394,474	7.19	7.06
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	4,324	3,967	26,932	24,577	6.23	6.20
Oklahoma .....	11,020	8,037	85,330	63,085	7.74	7.85
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	11,352	10,653	62,672	58,589	5.52	5.50
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	24,182	23,163	173,795	161,314	7.19	6.96
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	23,013	21,489	119,142	108,357	5.18	5.04
Texas .....	59,065	52,675	345,918	302,355	5.86	5.74
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	25,199	22,702	133,196	115,717	5.29	5.10
Washington .....	4,311	3,835	26,061	22,623	6.05	5.90
West Virginia .....	8,551	8,275	33,933	33,040	3.97	3.99
Wisconsin .....	4,086	3,778	17,288	16,012	4.23	4.24
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	713,638	659,099	4,176,056	3,798,570	5.85	5.76

- Represents zero.

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

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

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Total chilled and frozen pounds certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-mortem condemnations			
	January	February	Carcass and parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
			January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	358,053	347,530	2,937	2,818	0.81	0.80
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	343,192	299,374	3,475	3,020	1.00	1.00
California .....	93,218	84,832	715	637	0.76	0.75
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	133,091	116,609	1,647	1,646	1.22	1.39
Florida .....	21,435	21,024	127	152	0.59	0.72
Georgia .....	403,038	379,864	3,527	3,266	0.87	0.85
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	14,487	14,367	107	92	0.73	0.64
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	97,065	88,080	597	642	0.61	0.72
Louisiana .....	69,784	63,895	304	311	0.43	0.48
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	45,203	39,799	623	705	1.36	1.74
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	17,574	15,500	218	191	1.23	1.22
Mississippi .....	283,656	268,268	1,768	1,784	0.62	0.66
Missouri .....	123,509	117,476	885	845	0.71	0.71
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	411	429	6	6	1.34	1.30
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	5,479	5,057	283	336	4.90	6.24
North Carolina .....	348,383	308,415	4,487	3,712	1.27	1.19
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	19,991	18,292	409	306	2.01	1.65
Oklahoma .....	64,370	46,854	802	760	1.23	1.60
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	43,614	40,855	592	581	1.34	1.40
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	130,678	121,105	970	916	0.74	0.75
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	86,459	78,533	754	704	0.86	0.89
Texas .....	267,796	235,296	1,966	1,638	0.73	0.69
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	93,021	80,667	767	628	0.82	0.77
Washington .....	19,475	16,877	118	91	0.60	0.54
West Virginia .....	24,310	23,719	106	97	0.44	0.41
Wisconsin .....	12,668	11,735	102	79	0.80	0.67
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,127,487	2,850,590	28,556	26,160	0.90	0.91

- Represents zero.

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

(X) Not applicable.

<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: January and February 2011

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	319	315	67,234	62,137
Arkansas .....	-	-	299	233	108,345	97,423
Delaware .....	-	-	234	203	41,548	35,298
Georgia .....	-	-	51	55	64,057	54,986
Mississippi .....	-	-	85	195	26,570	24,623
Missouri .....	-	-	120	73	62,710	55,426
North Carolina .....	-	-	7,317	14,030	97,684	70,483
Texas .....	-	-	32	50	67,103	52,469
Virginia .....	-	-	73	124	22,104	20,192
United States .....	-	-	11,693	18,320	796,746	684,499

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	45,859	59,070	361	256	2,722	2,287
Arkansas .....	45,566	46,811	2,094	1,383	1,967	1,627
Delaware .....	34,004	35,873	91	69	4,240	3,577
Georgia .....	76,989	67,214	165	167	4,406	3,763
Mississippi .....	15,556	12,073	151	138	619	492
Missouri .....	15,744	13,443	211	163	2,173	1,583
North Carolina .....	66,454	58,723	314	204	7,462	7,311
Texas .....	28,573	24,953	75	77	1,103	1,097
Virginia .....	28,551	42,271	26	13	2,525	1,812
United States .....	489,090	500,867	5,020	3,518	37,294	31,959

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,392	1,584	7,765	6,994	11,852	10,557
Arkansas .....	842	712	7,585	6,743	5,782	5,733
Delaware .....	1,254	990	3,218	2,608	3,604	3,312
Georgia .....	648	604	15,493	13,735	8,322	6,558
Mississippi .....	671	718	2,787	2,598	4,516	3,674
Missouri .....	317	259	5,121	4,113	4,441	3,861
North Carolina .....	1,415	965	15,972	11,991	7,520	5,375
Texas .....	503	446	8,712	7,451	4,201	3,456
Virginia .....	644	654	958	665	2,765	2,786
United States .....	11,259	10,796	92,916	76,868	97,870	83,390

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	2,522	2,007	143,453	138,271	283,479	283,478
Arkansas .....	683	245	92,764	121,658	265,927	282,568
Delaware .....	1,533	3,487	36,817	42,613	126,543	128,030
Georgia .....	721	1,311	84,329	127,549	255,181	275,942
Mississippi .....	232	263	39,359	39,211	90,546	83,985
Missouri .....	441	415	43,281	43,681	134,559	123,017
North Carolina .....	3,006	4,741	74,128	60,114	281,272	233,937
Texas .....	756	1,049	30,188	28,797	141,246	119,845
Virginia .....	727	944	43,658	49,359	102,031	118,820
United States .....	16,375	21,492	794,617	875,299	2,352,880	2,307,008

- 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: January and February 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	2,742	2,554	54,468	52,152	19.86	20.42
California .....	893	852	28,065	24,663	31.43	28.94
Colorado .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Indiana .....	1,403	1,380	52,596	50,076	37.49	36.28
Iowa .....	1,183	1,185	49,344	49,590	41.70	41.83
Kansas .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,478	3,014	94,148	81,328	27.07	26.98
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	1,868	2,080	63,119	68,041	33.79	32.71
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	408	395	17,791	17,159	43.59	43.41
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Pennsylvania .....	368	376	9,095	8,860	24.73	23.57
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	548	503	8,212	7,478	14.99	14.86
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia .....	2,222	2,167	59,458	58,182	26.76	26.85
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	18,750	17,833	578,561	544,803	30.86	30.55

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

[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>	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	45,332	43,168	340	391	0.74	0.90
California .....	22,710	19,846	267	180	1.16	0.90
Colorado .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Indiana .....	42,542	40,300	665	812	1.54	1.97
Iowa .....	38,810	38,589	683	807	1.73	2.05
Kansas .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Kentucky .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	74,996	64,890	1,376	1,313	1.80	1.98
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 .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	48,905	52,749	528	532	1.07	1.00
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	14,104	13,609	281	309	1.95	2.22
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	7,111	6,918	194	177	2.66	2.50
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	6,667	6,078	43	36	0.64	0.58
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia .....	46,763	45,522	411	418	0.87	0.91
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	460,910	432,740	6,897	7,033	1.47	1.60

- Represents zero.

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(X) Not applicable.

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

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