



Poultry Slaughter

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

Poultry certified wholesome during March 2011 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.86 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the amount certified in March 2010. The February 2011 revised certified total at 3.34 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from February 2010. The February revision represented an increase of 3.5 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during March 2011 was 5.11 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 4.92 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.39 billion pounds, up 4 percent from March 2010. Mature chickens, at 72.9 million pounds, were up 5 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 631 million pounds, up 3 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.7 million pounds, up 8 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during March 2011 averaged 5.75 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from March 2010. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.62 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during March 2011 averaged 29.8 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from March 2010.

Ante-mortem condemnations during March 2011 totaled 11.5 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.24 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 39.4 million pounds, were 1.01 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.03 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	March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	March 2011 as % of		January to March		2011 as percent of 2010
				March 2010	February 2011	2010	2011	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Number slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	748,976	659,576	763,533	102	116	2,073,544	2,136,747	103
Mature	12,742	10,999	12,961	102	118	34,156	35,556	104
Light	6,500	5,587	6,537	101	117	17,518	18,019	103
Heavy	6,242	5,412	6,424	103	119	16,638	17,537	105
Total	761,718	670,575	776,494	102	116	2,107,700	2,172,303	103
Turkeys								
Young	20,646	17,833	21,040	102	118	55,585	57,623	104
Old	100	145	114	114	79	363	355	98
Total	20,746	17,978	21,154	102	118	55,948	57,978	104
Ducks	1,989	1,840	2,142	108	116	5,585	6,079	109
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,221,224	3,801,465	4,393,165	104	116	11,679,604	12,370,686	106
Mature	69,601	61,117	72,898	105	119	186,338	197,879	106
Light	20,789	17,858	20,902	101	117	56,115	57,457	102
Heavy	48,812	43,259	51,996	107	120	130,223	140,422	108
Total	4,290,825	3,862,582	4,466,063	104	116	11,865,942	12,568,565	106
Turkeys								
Young	610,879	544,803	627,353	103	115	1,670,725	1,750,717	105
Old	2,577	3,722	3,675	143	99	9,441	10,028	106
Total	613,456	548,525	631,028	103	115	1,680,166	1,760,745	105
Ducks	13,623	12,607	14,651	108	116	38,325	41,688	109
Other ¹	149	125	141	95	113	403	430	107
Total	4,918,053	4,423,839	5,111,883	104	116	13,584,836	14,371,428	106
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.64	5.76	5.75	102	100	5.63	5.79	103
Mature	5.46	5.56	5.62	103	101	5.46	5.57	102
Light	3.20	3.20	3.20	100	100	3.20	3.19	100
Heavy	7.82	7.99	8.09	103	101	7.83	8.01	102
Total	5.63	5.76	5.75	102	100	5.63	5.79	103
Turkeys								
Young	29.59	30.55	29.82	101	98	30.06	30.38	101
Old	25.77	25.67	32.24	125	126	26.01	28.25	109
Total	29.57	30.51	29.83	101	98	30.03	30.37	101
Ducks	6.85	6.85	6.84	100	100	6.86	6.86	100

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	March 2011 as % of		January to March		2011 as percent of 2010
				March 2010	February 2011	2010	2011	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,883,711	2,608,711	3,012,725	104	115	7,931,474	8,478,842	107
Mature	43,365	37,038	43,954	101	119	115,274	120,793	105
Light	11,143	9,596	11,372	102	119	29,666	30,895	104
Heavy	32,222	27,442	32,582	101	119	85,608	89,898	105
Total	2,927,076	2,645,749	3,056,679	104	116	8,046,748	8,599,635	107
Turkeys								
Young	313,335	272,912	323,375	103	118	843,270	895,525	106
Old	1,880	2,800	2,727	145	97	7,070	7,479	106
Total	315,215	275,712	326,102	103	118	850,340	903,004	106
Ducks	3,611	3,222	3,694	102	115	10,080	10,812	107
Other ¹	77	73	87	113	119	220	244	111
Total	3,245,979	2,924,756	3,386,562	104	116	8,907,388	9,513,695	107
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	278,299	245,316	294,106	106	120	801,238	809,503	101
Mature	76	326	100	132	31	719	435	61
Light	44	260	19	43	7	93	288	310
Heavy	32	66	81	253	123	626	147	23
Total	278,375	245,642	294,206	106	120	801,957	809,938	101
Turkeys								
Young	174,665	159,862	177,017	101	111	488,974	498,551	102
Old	83	71	100	120	141	173	265	153
Total	174,748	159,933	177,117	101	111	489,147	498,816	102
Ducks	6,197	5,868	6,846	110	117	17,403	19,170	110
Other ¹	28	14	7	25	50	62	46	74
Total	459,348	411,457	478,176	104	116	1,308,569	1,327,970	101
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,162,010	2,854,027	3,306,831	105	116	8,732,712	9,288,345	106
Mature	43,441	37,364	44,054	101	118	115,993	121,228	105
Light	11,187	9,856	11,391	102	116	29,759	31,183	105
Heavy	32,254	27,508	32,663	101	119	86,234	90,045	104
Total	3,205,451	2,891,391	3,350,885	105	116	8,848,705	9,409,573	106
Turkeys								
Young	488,000	432,774	500,392	103	116	1,332,244	1,394,076	105
Old	1,963	2,871	2,827	144	98	7,243	7,744	107
Total	489,963	435,645	503,219	103	116	1,339,487	1,401,820	105
Ducks	9,808	9,090	10,540	107	116	27,483	29,982	109
Other ¹	105	87	94	90	108	282	290	103
Total	3,705,327	3,336,213	3,864,738	104	116	10,215,957	10,841,665	106

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	March 2011 as % of		January to March		2011 as percent of 2010
				March 2010	February 2011	2010	2011	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Live weight								
Chickens								
Young	9,409	8,944	8,811	94	99	29,621	28,117	95
Mature	985	978	917	93	94	3,156	2,895	92
Light	221	271	239	108	88	851	754	89
Heavy	764	707	678	89	96	2,305	2,141	93
Total	10,394	9,922	9,728	94	98	32,777	31,012	95
Turkeys								
Young	1,563	1,593	1,673	107	105	4,509	4,873	108
Old	25	41	30	120	73	113	92	81
Total	1,588	1,634	1,703	107	104	4,622	4,965	107
Ducks	36	49	46	128	94	116	145	125
Total	12,018	11,605	11,477	95	99	37,515	36,122	96
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.22	0.24	0.20	91	83	0.25	0.23	92
Mature	1.42	1.60	1.26	89	79	1.69	1.46	86
Light	1.06	1.52	1.14	108	75	1.52	1.31	86
Heavy	1.57	1.63	1.30	83	80	1.77	1.52	86
Total	0.24	0.26	0.22	92	85	0.28	0.25	89
Turkeys								
Young	0.26	0.29	0.27	104	93	0.27	0.28	104
Old	0.97	1.10	0.82	85	75	1.20	0.92	77
Total	0.26	0.30	0.27	104	90	0.28	0.28	100
Ducks	0.26	0.39	0.31	119	79	0.30	0.35	117
Total	0.24	0.26	0.22	92	85	0.28	0.25	89

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

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	March 2011 as % of		January to March		2011 as percent of 2010
				March 2010	February 2011	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	27,233	26,180	28,227	104	108	75,729	82,963	110
Mature	3,672	3,120	3,062	83	98	9,743	8,540	88
Light	1,597	1,276	1,148	72	90	4,276	3,111	73
Heavy	2,075	1,844	1,914	92	104	5,467	5,429	99
Total	30,905	29,300	31,289	101	107	85,472	91,503	107
Turkeys								
Young	7,228	7,033	7,647	106	109	19,663	21,577	110
Old	117	113	132	113	117	388	330	85
Total	7,345	7,146	7,779	106	109	20,051	21,907	109
Ducks	288	259	284	99	110	750	835	111
Other	1	1	1	100	100	3	3	100
Total	38,539	36,706	39,353	102	107	106,276	114,248	108
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.85	0.91	0.85	100	93	0.86	0.89	103
Mature	7.79	7.71	6.50	83	84	7.75	6.58	85
Light	12.49	11.46	9.16	73	80	12.56	9.07	72
Heavy	6.04	6.28	5.54	92	88	5.96	5.69	95
Total	0.95	1.00	0.93	98	93	0.96	0.96	100
Turkeys								
Young	1.46	1.60	1.51	103	94	1.45	1.52	105
Old	5.63	3.79	4.46	79	118	5.08	4.09	81
Total	1.48	1.61	1.52	103	94	1.47	1.54	105
Ducks	2.85	2.77	2.62	92	95	2.66	2.71	102
Other	0.94	1.14	1.05	112	92	1.05	1.02	97
Total	1.03	1.09	1.01	98	93	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: February and March 2011

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	18,320	18,890	685,046	724,121
Mature	-	-	778	814	170,054	182,463
Light	-	-	594	671	135,853	143,965
Heavy	-	-	184	143	34,201	38,498
Total	-	-	19,098	19,704	855,100	906,584
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	41	50	43,179	48,115
Old	-	-	1	-	1,608	1,984
Total	-	-	42	50	44,787	50,099
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	501,353	424,227	3,518	4,543	31,968	30,673
Mature	9,818	9,193	389	538	41,539	42,629
Light	8,323	7,420	174	271	34,280	35,583
Heavy	1,495	1,773	215	267	7,259	7,046
Total	511,171	433,420	3,907	5,081	73,507	73,302
Turkeys						
Young	6,087	5,549	2,994	2,449	98	123
Old	163	174	4	-	98	81
Total	6,250	5,723	2,998	2,449	196	204
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	10,806	11,944	76,908	69,398	83,613	90,309
Mature	16,039	16,592	4,415	2,729	89,426	89,576
Light	15,238	15,737	3,049	1,673	69,151	65,990
Heavy	801	855	1,366	1,056	20,275	23,586
Total	26,845	28,536	81,323	72,127	173,039	179,885
Turkeys						
Young	185	217	1,483	1,822	1,580	1,767
Old	2	2	23	19	60	60
Total	187	219	1,506	1,841	1,640	1,827
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	17,976	9,655	876,939	931,634	2,306,447	2,315,394
Mature	265	245	170,233	158,875	502,956	503,654
Light	56	123	55,298	57,749	322,016	329,182
Heavy	209	122	114,935	101,126	180,940	174,472
Total	18,241	9,900	1,047,172	1,090,509	2,809,403	2,819,048
Turkeys						
Young	346	638	16,054	16,337	72,047	77,067
Old	4	3	166	108	2,129	2,431
Total	350	641	16,220	16,445	74,176	79,498

- 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: February and March 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	82,508	95,717	463,896	537,009	5.62	5.61
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	71,622	86,231	405,584	484,102	5.66	5.61
California	19,755	22,782	114,298	131,253	5.79	5.76
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Delaware	23,557	26,097	161,727	182,561	6.87	7.00
Florida	4,833	5,467	30,185	35,008	6.25	6.40
Georgia	94,324	108,532	502,906	585,048	5.33	5.39
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,455	5,224	19,681	22,982	4.42	4.40
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	21,627	25,887	120,890	141,386	5.59	5.46
Louisiana	13,750	16,053	86,725	101,104	6.31	6.30
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	11,089	12,292	55,069	61,706	4.97	5.02
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,354	3,890	19,250	22,606	5.74	5.81
Mississippi	57,626	65,960	341,331	390,076	5.92	5.91
Missouri	32,884	37,269	159,528	175,763	4.85	4.72
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	116	133	571	649	4.92	4.87
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,620	1,818	8,383	9,321	5.17	5.13
North Carolina	56,282	62,667	396,875	443,491	7.05	7.08
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	3,967	4,682	24,577	29,117	6.20	6.22
Oklahoma	8,037	9,304	63,085	71,516	7.85	7.69
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,653	12,526	58,589	68,669	5.50	5.48
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	23,163	26,133	161,314	181,006	6.96	6.93
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	21,489	27,623	108,357	141,849	5.04	5.14
Texas	52,675	60,860	302,355	347,041	5.74	5.70
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	22,702	26,992	115,717	138,497	5.10	5.13
Washington	3,835	4,693	22,623	28,769	5.90	6.13
West Virginia	8,275	8,292	33,040	32,714	3.99	3.95
Wisconsin	3,778	4,445	16,012	18,763	4.24	4.22
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	659,576	763,533	3,801,465	4,393,165	5.76	5.75

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: February and March 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	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	347,530	402,595	2,818	3,016	0.80	0.74
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	299,374	359,225	3,020	3,453	1.00	0.95
California	84,832	97,535	637	699	0.75	0.71
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Delaware	116,609	131,687	1,646	1,651	1.39	1.24
Florida	21,024	24,364	152	140	0.72	0.57
Georgia	381,075	444,169	3,270	3,735	0.85	0.83
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	14,367	16,838	92	101	0.64	0.60
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	88,080	104,199	642	605	0.72	0.58
Louisiana	63,895	74,830	311	356	0.48	0.47
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	39,799	44,580	705	701	1.74	1.55
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	15,500	18,153	191	224	1.22	1.22
Mississippi	268,268	308,914	1,784	1,985	0.66	0.64
Missouri	117,476	129,589	845	919	0.71	0.70
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	429	482	6	7	1.30	1.36
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,057	5,636	336	260	6.24	4.41
North Carolina	310,641	347,634	3,728	3,946	1.19	1.12
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	18,292	21,814	306	280	1.65	1.27
Oklahoma	46,854	53,546	760	797	1.60	1.47
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	40,855	47,894	581	652	1.40	1.34
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	121,105	135,914	916	973	0.75	0.71
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	78,533	103,087	704	803	0.89	0.77
Texas	235,296	271,011	1,638	1,639	0.69	0.60
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	80,667	96,774	628	718	0.77	0.74
Washington	16,877	21,526	91	115	0.54	0.53
West Virginia	23,719	23,462	97	85	0.41	0.36
Wisconsin	11,735	13,566	79	103	0.67	0.75
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	2,854,027	3,306,831	26,180	28,227	0.91	0.85

- 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: February and March 2011

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	315	283	62,137	64,673
Arkansas	-	-	233	262	97,423	101,011
Delaware	-	-	203	311	35,298	37,277
Georgia	-	-	55	99	55,066	60,325
Mississippi	-	-	195	108	24,623	25,005
Missouri	-	-	73	95	55,426	56,098
North Carolina	-	-	14,030	14,651	70,950	77,298
Texas	-	-	50	48	52,469	52,418
Virginia	-	-	124	60	20,192	19,694
United States	-	-	18,320	18,890	685,046	724,121

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	59,070	43,326	256	271	2,287	2,008
Arkansas	46,811	50,467	1,383	2,096	1,627	1,517
Delaware	35,873	32,963	69	78	3,577	3,214
Georgia	67,236	54,311	167	166	3,763	3,485
Mississippi	12,073	10,407	138	197	492	553
Missouri	13,443	13,454	163	162	1,583	1,526
North Carolina	59,187	47,005	204	346	7,320	6,795
Texas	24,953	18,663	77	66	1,097	1,043
Virginia	42,271	38,192	13	22	1,812	2,048
United States	501,353	424,227	3,518	4,543	31,968	30,673

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,584	1,501	6,994	6,815	10,557	11,649
Arkansas	712	958	6,743	5,890	5,733	6,804
Delaware	990	1,127	2,608	2,144	3,312	3,911
Georgia	604	674	13,746	13,805	6,621	7,107
Mississippi	718	825	2,598	2,105	3,674	4,739
Missouri	259	249	4,113	3,008	3,861	5,454
North Carolina	975	1,118	12,020	13,001	5,535	6,743
Texas	446	543	7,451	3,694	3,456	3,561
Virginia	654	560	665	597	2,786	2,403
United States	10,806	11,944	76,908	69,398	83,613	90,309

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	2,007	1,345	138,271	157,478	283,478	289,349
Arkansas	245	420	121,658	124,957	282,568	294,382
Delaware	3,487	703	42,613	40,044	128,030	121,772
Georgia	1,315	1,117	127,687	145,956	276,260	287,045
Mississippi	263	159	39,211	44,151	83,985	88,249
Missouri	415	399	43,681	44,861	123,017	125,306
North Carolina	3,085	1,908	61,616	67,444	234,922	236,309
Texas	1,049	388	28,797	28,183	119,845	108,607
Virginia	944	249	49,359	42,862	118,820	106,687
United States	17,976	9,655	876,939	931,634	2,306,447	2,315,394

- 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: February and March 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,554	3,063	52,152	61,384	20.42	20.04
California	852	1,088	24,663	31,946	28.94	29.35
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Indiana	1,380	1,481	50,076	52,915	36.28	35.74
Iowa	1,185	1,356	49,590	54,565	41.83	40.23
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,014	3,768	81,328	98,071	26.98	26.03
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	2,080	2,376	68,041	74,462	32.71	31.34
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	395	469	17,159	20,506	43.41	43.75
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	376	447	8,860	10,841	23.57	24.26
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	503	589	7,478	8,723	14.86	14.81
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	-	-
Virginia	2,167	2,458	58,182	65,024	26.85	26.45
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	17,833	21,040	544,803	627,353	30.55	29.82

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: February and March 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	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	43,168	51,094	391	402	0.90	0.78
California	19,880	25,735	180	281	0.90	1.08
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Indiana	40,300	42,741	812	707	1.97	1.63
Iowa	38,589	42,962	807	913	2.05	2.08
Kansas	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Kentucky	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	64,890	78,252	1,313	1,563	1.98	1.96
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	52,749	58,625	532	540	1.00	0.91
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	13,609	16,282	309	342	2.22	2.06
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	6,918	8,392	177	223	2.50	2.59
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	6,078	7,094	36	44	0.58	0.62
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Virginia	45,522	50,903	418	488	0.91	0.95
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	432,774	500,392	7,033	7,647	1.60	1.51

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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 United States 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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Procedures and Reliability: Plant inspectors submit data electronically for each shift a plant operates. An edit provides checks for the detection of errors such as invalid plant information, duplication, and erroneous data. Data are accumulated to monthly totals for this release.

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