



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 2 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during April 2011 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.48 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the amount certified in April 2010. The March 2011 revised certified total at 3.87 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from March 2010. The March revision represented an increase of 2.9 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during April 2011 was 4.60 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 4.71 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.95 billion pounds, down 3 percent from April 2010. Mature chickens, at 66.3 million pounds, were up 2 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 571 million pounds, up 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.4 million pounds, down slightly from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during April 2011 averaged 5.76 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from April 2010. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.63 pounds per bird, up 5 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during April 2011 averaged 30.0 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from April 2010.

Ante-mortem condemnations during April 2011 totaled 9.94 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.22 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.5 million pounds, were 0.98 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.97 percent a year earlier.

April 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

April 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including no holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	April 2011 as % of		January to April		2011 as percent of 2010
				April 2010	March 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	714,528	764,174	685,986	96	90	2,788,072	2,823,374	101
Mature	12,221	12,961	11,776	96	91	46,377	47,332	102
Light	6,592	6,537	5,991	91	92	24,110	24,010	100
Heavy	5,629	6,424	5,785	103	90	22,267	23,322	105
Total	726,749	777,135	697,762	96	90	2,834,449	2,870,706	101
Turkeys								
Young	19,053	21,041	18,970	100	90	74,638	76,594	103
Old	100	125	91	91	73	463	457	99
Total	19,153	21,166	19,061	100	90	75,101	77,051	103
Ducks	1,974	2,142	1,949	99	91	7,559	8,028	106
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,059,900	4,396,639	3,948,806	97	90	15,739,504	16,322,966	104
Mature	65,316	72,898	66,345	102	91	251,654	264,224	105
Light	21,194	20,902	19,175	90	92	77,309	76,632	99
Heavy	44,122	51,996	47,170	107	91	174,345	187,592	108
Total	4,125,216	4,469,537	4,015,151	97	90	15,991,158	16,587,190	104
Turkeys								
Young	565,752	627,383	569,129	101	91	2,236,477	2,319,876	104
Old	2,795	3,498	2,354	84	67	12,236	12,205	100
Total	568,547	630,881	571,483	101	91	2,248,713	2,332,081	104
Ducks	13,432	14,651	13,385	100	91	51,757	55,073	106
Other ¹	166	141	173	104	123	569	603	106
Total	4,707,361	5,115,210	4,600,192	98	90	18,292,197	18,974,947	104
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.68	5.75	5.76	101	100	5.65	5.78	102
Mature	5.34	5.62	5.63	105	100	5.43	5.58	103
Light	3.22	3.20	3.20	99	100	3.21	3.19	99
Heavy	7.84	8.09	8.15	104	101	7.83	8.04	103
Total	5.68	5.75	5.75	101	100	5.64	5.78	102
Turkeys								
Young	29.69	29.82	30.00	101	101	29.96	30.29	101
Old	27.95	27.98	25.87	93	92	26.43	26.71	101
Total	29.68	29.81	29.98	101	101	29.94	30.27	101
Ducks	6.80	6.84	6.87	101	100	6.85	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	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	April 2011 as % of		January to April		2011 as percent of 2010
				April 2010	March 2011	2010	2011	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,776,750	3,015,419	2,703,262	97	90	10,708,224	11,184,798	104
Mature	40,574	43,954	40,250	99	92	155,848	161,043	103
Light	11,201	11,372	10,110	90	89	40,867	41,005	100
Heavy	29,373	32,582	30,140	103	93	114,981	120,038	104
Total	2,817,324	3,059,373	2,743,512	97	90	10,864,072	11,345,841	104
Turkeys								
Young	284,405	323,397	293,035	103	91	1,127,675	1,188,582	105
Old	2,105	2,583	1,794	85	69	9,175	9,129	99
Total	286,510	325,980	294,829	103	90	1,136,850	1,197,711	105
Ducks	3,684	3,694	3,298	90	89	13,764	14,110	103
Other ¹	87	87	97	111	111	307	341	111
Total	3,107,605	3,389,134	3,041,736	98	90	12,014,993	12,558,003	105
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	261,520	294,469	266,412	102	90	1,062,758	1,076,278	101
Mature	131	100	-	(X)	(X)	850	435	51
Light	117	19	-	(X)	(X)	210	288	137
Heavy	14	81	-	(X)	(X)	640	147	23
Total	261,651	294,569	266,412	102	90	1,063,608	1,076,713	101
Turkeys								
Young	168,542	177,017	160,771	95	91	657,516	659,322	100
Old	39	104	27	69	26	212	296	140
Total	168,581	177,121	160,798	95	91	657,728	659,618	100
Ducks	6,006	6,846	6,342	106	93	23,409	25,512	109
Other ¹	26	7	23	88	329	88	69	78
Total	436,264	478,543	433,575	99	91	1,744,833	1,761,912	101
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,038,270	3,309,888	2,969,674	98	90	11,770,982	12,261,076	104
Mature	40,705	44,054	40,250	99	91	156,698	161,478	103
Light	11,318	11,391	10,110	89	89	41,077	41,293	101
Heavy	29,387	32,663	30,140	103	92	115,621	120,185	104
Total	3,078,975	3,353,942	3,009,924	98	90	11,927,680	12,422,554	104
Turkeys								
Young	452,947	500,414	453,806	100	91	1,785,191	1,847,904	104
Old	2,144	2,687	1,821	85	68	9,387	9,425	100
Total	455,091	503,101	455,627	100	91	1,794,578	1,857,329	103
Ducks	9,690	10,540	9,640	99	91	37,173	39,622	107
Other ¹	113	94	120	106	128	395	410	104
Total	3,543,869	3,867,677	3,475,311	98	90	13,759,826	14,319,915	104

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	April 2011 as % of		January to April		2011 as percent of 2010
				April 2010	March 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	8,070	8,815	7,614	94	86	37,691	35,735	95
Mature	903	917	923	102	101	4,059	3,818	94
Light	266	239	214	80	90	1,117	968	87
Heavy	637	678	709	111	105	2,942	2,850	97
Total	8,973	9,732	8,537	95	88	41,750	39,553	95
Turkeys								
Young	1,260	1,675	1,347	107	80	5,769	6,222	108
Old	24	30	23	96	77	137	115	84
Total	1,284	1,705	1,370	107	80	5,906	6,337	107
Ducks	39	46	36	92	78	155	181	117
Total	10,296	11,483	9,943	97	87	47,811	46,071	96
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.20	0.20	0.19	95	95	0.24	0.22	92
Mature	1.38	1.26	1.39	101	110	1.61	1.44	89
Light	1.26	1.14	1.12	89	98	1.44	1.26	88
Heavy	1.44	1.30	1.50	104	115	1.69	1.52	90
Total	0.22	0.22	0.21	95	95	0.26	0.24	92
Turkeys								
Young	0.22	0.27	0.24	109	89	0.26	0.27	104
Old	0.86	0.86	0.98	114	114	1.12	0.94	84
Total	0.23	0.27	0.24	104	89	0.26	0.27	104
Ducks	0.29	0.31	0.27	93	87	0.30	0.33	110
Total	0.22	0.22	0.22	100	100	0.26	0.24	92

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

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	April 2011 as % of		January to April		2011 as percent of 2010
				April 2010	March 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	24,089	28,278	24,531	102	87	99,818	107,545	108
Mature	3,565	3,062	3,061	86	100	13,308	11,601	87
Light	1,724	1,148	1,227	71	107	6,000	4,338	72
Heavy	1,841	1,914	1,834	100	96	7,308	7,263	99
Total	27,654	31,340	27,592	100	88	113,126	119,146	105
Turkeys								
Young	6,672	7,653	6,594	99	86	26,335	28,177	107
Old	118	133	78	66	59	506	409	81
Total	6,790	7,786	6,672	98	86	26,841	28,586	107
Ducks	243	284	239	98	84	993	1,074	108
Other	1	1	1	100	100	4	4	100
Total	34,688	39,411	34,504	99	88	140,964	148,810	106
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.79	0.85	0.82	104	96	0.84	0.87	104
Mature	8.05	6.50	7.07	88	109	7.83	6.70	86
Light	13.22	9.16	10.82	82	118	12.75	9.51	75
Heavy	5.90	5.54	5.74	97	104	5.94	5.70	96
Total	0.89	0.93	0.91	102	98	0.94	0.95	101
Turkeys								
Young	1.45	1.51	1.43	99	95	1.45	1.50	103
Old	5.22	4.72	4.11	79	87	5.11	4.16	81
Total	1.47	1.52	1.44	98	95	1.47	1.52	103
Ducks	2.45	2.62	2.42	99	92	2.60	2.64	102
Other	0.88	1.05	0.83	94	79	1.00	0.97	97
Total	0.97	1.01	0.98	101	97	1.01	1.03	102

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

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States: March and April 2011

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	18,893	23,391	725,016	645,660
Mature	-	-	814	1,160	182,463	174,380
Light	-	-	671	1,012	143,965	138,119
Heavy	-	-	143	148	38,498	36,261
Total	-	-	19,707	24,551	907,479	820,040
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	50	24	48,338	35,821
Old	-	-	-	-	1,987	923
Total	-	-	50	24	50,325	36,744
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	424,911	355,165	4,548	4,124	30,723	26,199
Mature	9,193	8,867	538	339	42,629	40,287
Light	7,420	6,085	271	78	35,583	34,282
Heavy	1,773	2,782	267	261	7,046	6,005
Total	434,104	364,032	5,086	4,463	73,352	66,486
Turkeys						
Young	5,549	3,348	2,449	1,811	123	72
Old	174	154	-	-	81	83
Total	5,723	3,502	2,449	1,811	204	155
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	11,984	9,583	69,529	56,750	90,623	81,401
Mature	16,592	15,110	2,729	3,332	89,576	94,941
Light	15,737	14,433	1,673	2,693	65,990	76,578
Heavy	855	677	1,056	639	23,586	18,363
Total	28,576	24,693	72,258	60,082	180,199	176,342
Turkeys						
Young	217	153	1,555	1,456	1,772	1,214
Old	2	1	19	9	60	19
Total	219	154	1,574	1,465	1,832	1,233
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	9,757	17,753	933,110	760,840	2,319,094	1,980,866
Mature	245	479	158,875	171,364	503,654	510,259
Light	123	234	57,749	70,012	329,182	343,526
Heavy	122	245	101,126	101,352	174,472	166,733
Total	10,002	18,232	1,091,985	932,204	2,822,748	2,491,125
Turkeys						
Young	638	348	16,358	11,919	77,049	56,166
Old	3	4	109	208	2,435	1,401
Total	641	352	16,467	12,127	79,484	57,567

- 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: March and April 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	96,034	81,053	538,803	450,536	5.61	5.56
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	86,231	77,098	484,102	433,952	5.61	5.63
California	22,782	21,372	131,253	121,636	5.76	5.69
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	26,097	23,784	182,561	169,134	7.00	7.11
Florida	5,467	5,031	35,008	31,529	6.40	6.27
Georgia	108,532	100,423	585,048	541,327	5.39	5.39
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	5,224	4,588	22,982	20,321	4.40	4.43
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,887	25,830	141,386	137,194	5.46	5.31
Louisiana	16,053	14,648	101,104	90,927	6.30	6.21
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	12,292	10,625	61,706	56,282	5.02	5.30
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,890	3,657	22,606	21,442	5.81	5.86
Mississippi	66,038	59,303	390,255	346,759	5.91	5.85
Missouri	37,269	34,647	175,763	165,276	4.72	4.77
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	133	155	649	791	4.87	5.11
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,818	1,525	9,321	7,870	5.13	5.16
North Carolina	62,913	57,983	444,992	415,471	7.07	7.17
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	4,682	4,353	29,117	26,665	6.22	6.13
Oklahoma	9,304	8,593	71,516	63,778	7.69	7.42
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	12,526	10,737	68,669	60,557	5.48	5.64
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	26,133	22,840	181,006	158,344	6.93	6.93
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	27,623	24,049	141,849	125,374	5.14	5.21
Texas	60,860	51,330	347,041	292,363	5.70	5.70
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	26,992	23,940	138,497	126,062	5.13	5.27
Washington	4,693	4,059	28,769	24,162	6.13	5.95
West Virginia	8,292	8,791	32,714	34,866	3.95	3.97
Wisconsin	4,445	3,960	18,763	16,805	4.22	4.24
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	764,174	685,986	4,396,639	3,948,806	5.75	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: March and April 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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	403,838	338,281	3,027	2,606	0.74	0.76
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	359,225	321,335	3,453	2,979	0.95	0.92
California	97,535	90,465	699	682	0.71	0.75
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	131,687	121,696	1,651	1,479	1.24	1.20
Florida	24,364	21,953	140	121	0.57	0.55
Georgia	444,774	411,853	3,735	3,079	0.83	0.74
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	16,838	14,927	101	72	0.60	0.48
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	104,199	101,525	605	475	0.58	0.47
Louisiana	74,830	67,158	356	318	0.47	0.47
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	44,580	40,559	701	603	1.55	1.46
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	18,153	17,389	224	198	1.22	1.12
Mississippi	309,025	272,508	1,994	1,848	0.64	0.67
Missouri	129,575	122,015	920	737	0.70	0.60
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	482	546	7	11	1.36	1.98
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,636	4,780	260	181	4.41	3.65
North Carolina	348,746	326,834	3,976	3,615	1.13	1.09
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	21,814	19,979	280	278	1.27	1.37
Oklahoma	53,546	47,392	797	568	1.47	1.19
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	47,894	42,070	652	630	1.34	1.48
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	135,914	118,935	973	880	0.71	0.73
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	103,087	90,978	803	718	0.77	0.78
Texas	271,011	226,196	1,639	1,301	0.60	0.57
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	96,774	88,291	718	681	0.74	0.76
Washington	21,526	18,034	115	88	0.53	0.49
West Virginia	23,462	24,973	85	87	0.36	0.35
Wisconsin	13,566	12,247	103	99	0.75	0.80
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,309,888	2,969,674	28,278	24,531	0.85	0.82

- 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: March and April 2011

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	286	234	65,213	56,782
Arkansas	-	-	262	330	101,011	88,984
Delaware	-	-	311	501	37,277	36,171
Georgia	-	-	99	52	60,325	47,766
Mississippi	-	-	108	81	25,100	24,067
Missouri	-	-	95	53	56,098	45,867
North Carolina	-	-	14,651	19,721	77,558	64,634
Texas	-	-	48	73	52,418	42,685
Virginia	-	-	60	26	19,694	18,131
United States	-	-	18,893	23,391	725,016	645,660

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	43,629	37,045	276	388	2,010	1,547
Arkansas	50,467	42,976	2,096	1,693	1,517	1,174
Delaware	32,963	32,841	78	83	3,214	3,078
Georgia	54,311	38,126	166	108	3,485	2,463
Mississippi	10,504	10,646	197	230	561	280
Missouri	13,454	9,558	162	136	1,526	1,303
North Carolina	47,289	41,070	346	295	6,835	6,243
Texas	18,663	13,623	66	81	1,043	718
Virginia	38,192	29,336	22	7	2,048	1,636
United States	424,911	355,165	4,548	4,124	30,723	26,199

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,521	1,003	6,912	5,632	11,896	11,022
Arkansas	958	1,015	5,890	4,929	6,804	5,318
Delaware	1,127	1,178	2,144	2,405	3,911	3,230
Georgia	674	571	13,805	11,265	7,107	6,399
Mississippi	830	738	2,123	2,060	4,763	3,470
Missouri	249	233	3,008	2,611	5,454	5,244
North Carolina	1,133	883	13,017	8,697	6,786	6,203
Texas	543	401	3,694	2,989	3,561	3,307
Virginia	560	447	597	564	2,403	2,043
United States	11,984	9,583	69,529	56,750	90,623	81,401

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,440	2,158	157,817	115,601	291,000	231,412
Arkansas	420	641	124,957	94,785	294,382	241,845
Delaware	703	1,592	40,044	34,534	121,772	115,613
Georgia	1,117	1,981	145,956	116,234	287,045	224,965
Mississippi	165	257	44,333	44,631	88,684	86,460
Missouri	399	171	44,861	32,435	125,306	97,611
North Carolina	1,909	4,137	68,399	70,531	237,923	222,414
Texas	388	640	28,183	21,957	108,607	86,474
Virginia	249	680	42,862	54,187	106,687	107,057
United States	9,757	17,753	933,110	760,840	2,319,094	1,980,866

- 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: March and April 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	3,063	2,702	61,384	53,206	20.04	19.69
California	1,088	1,106	31,946	32,218	29.35	29.12
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Indiana	1,481	1,373	52,915	50,070	35.74	36.46
Iowa	1,356	1,155	54,565	46,045	40.23	39.86
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,768	3,290	98,071	84,654	26.03	25.73
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	2,376	2,173	74,462	72,584	31.34	33.41
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	470	430	20,536	18,509	43.72	43.02
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	447	412	10,841	10,785	24.26	26.20
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	589	550	8,723	8,587	14.81	15.61
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Virginia	2,458	2,122	65,024	55,544	26.45	26.17
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	21,041	18,970	627,383	569,129	29.82	30.00

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: March and April 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	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	51,094	44,125	402	358	0.78	0.81
California	25,735	25,837	281	227	1.08	0.87
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)	-	(D)	(X)
Indiana	42,741	39,698	707	747	1.63	1.85
Iowa	42,962	36,397	913	724	2.08	1.95
Kansas	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
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	78,252	67,582	1,563	1,244	1.96	1.81
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
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	58,625	57,240	540	530	0.91	0.92
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	16,304	14,697	348	307	2.09	2.05
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	8,392	8,490	223	175	2.59	2.02
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	7,094	6,969	44	39	0.62	0.55
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Virginia	50,903	43,710	488	407	0.95	0.92
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	500,414	453,806	7,653	6,594	1.51	1.43

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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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