



# Poultry Slaughter

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

**Poultry certified wholesome** during August 2011 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.84 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the amount certified in August 2010. The July 2011 revised certified total at 3.52 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from July 2010. The July revision represented an increase of 0.71 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during August 2011 was 5.09 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 4.97 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.37 billion pounds, up 2 percent from August 2010. Mature chickens, at 76.4 million pounds, were up 2 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 630 million pounds, up 4 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.3 million pounds, up 3 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during August 2011 averaged 5.77 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from August 2010. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.81 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2011 averaged 28.5 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from August 2010.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during August 2011 totaled 12.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.29 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 35.0 million pounds, were 0.90 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.90 percent a year earlier.

**August 2010** contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**August 2011** contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2010	July 2011	August 2011	August 2011 as % of		January to August		2011 as percent of 2010
				August 2010	July 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 .....	768,661	696,188	757,040	98	109	5,737,226	5,773,674	101
Mature .....	12,707	12,162	13,145	103	108	95,099	98,329	103
Light .....	5,642	5,004	5,850	104	117	46,827	46,586	99
Heavy .....	7,065	7,158	7,295	103	102	48,272	51,743	107
Total .....	781,368	708,350	770,185	99	109	5,832,325	5,872,003	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	21,446	19,247	21,980	102	114	155,647	160,344	103
Old .....	141	122	111	79	91	923	925	100
Total .....	21,587	19,369	22,091	102	114	156,570	161,269	103
Ducks .....	2,037	1,758	2,117	104	120	15,386	16,015	104
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Total live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	4,280,964	4,009,553	4,368,236	102	109	32,324,429	33,394,663	103
Mature .....	75,090	72,948	76,369	102	105	533,616	563,058	106
Light .....	17,893	16,223	18,699	105	115	150,641	149,458	99
Heavy .....	57,197	56,725	57,670	101	102	382,975	413,600	108
Total .....	4,356,054	4,082,501	4,444,605	102	109	32,858,045	33,957,721	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	599,336	559,828	627,021	105	112	4,568,311	4,771,025	104
Old .....	3,691	3,198	2,828	77	88	24,516	24,454	100
Total .....	603,027	563,026	629,849	104	112	4,592,827	4,795,479	104
Ducks .....	13,962	11,871	14,323	103	121	104,946	109,318	104
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	327	180	277	85	154	1,480	1,448	98
Total .....	4,973,370	4,657,578	5,089,054	102	109	37,557,298	38,863,966	103
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	5.57	5.76	5.77	104	100	5.63	5.78	103
Mature .....	5.91	6.00	5.81	98	97	5.61	5.73	102
Light .....	3.17	3.24	3.20	101	99	3.22	3.21	100
Heavy .....	8.10	7.92	7.91	98	100	7.93	7.99	101
Total .....	5.57	5.76	5.77	104	100	5.63	5.78	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	27.95	29.09	28.53	102	98	29.35	29.75	101
Old .....	26.18	26.21	25.48	97	97	26.56	26.44	100
Total .....	27.93	29.07	28.51	102	98	29.33	29.74	101
Ducks .....	6.85	6.75	6.77	99	100	6.82	6.83	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	August 2010	July 2011	August 2011	August 2011 as % of		January to August		2011 as percent of 2010
				August 2010	July 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 .....	2,907,881	2,730,817	2,992,994	103	110	22,022,024	22,875,292	104
Mature .....	47,442	46,044	47,947	101	104	331,648	346,399	104
Light .....	9,487	8,770	9,856	104	112	79,431	79,955	101
Heavy .....	37,955	37,274	38,091	100	102	252,217	266,444	106
Total .....	2,955,323	2,776,861	3,040,941	103	110	22,353,672	23,221,691	104
Turkeys								
Young .....	292,396	275,496	306,219	105	111	2,261,952	2,384,980	105
Old .....	2,752	2,092	2,147	78	103	18,137	17,939	99
Total .....	295,148	277,588	308,366	104	111	2,280,089	2,402,919	105
Ducks .....	3,539	2,850	3,797	107	133	27,732	27,477	99
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	166	118	190	114	161	759	918	121
Total .....	3,254,176	3,057,417	3,353,294	103	110	24,662,252	25,653,005	104
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	292,150	281,785	286,742	98	102	2,166,424	2,209,530	102
Mature .....	57	185	37	65	20	1,388	1,451	105
Light .....	-	28	3	(X)	11	225	353	157
Heavy .....	57	157	34	60	22	1,163	1,098	94
Total .....	292,207	281,970	286,779	98	102	2,167,812	2,210,981	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	185,877	170,179	192,896	104	113	1,390,074	1,418,626	102
Old .....	103	326	43	42	13	721	878	122
Total .....	185,980	170,505	192,939	104	113	1,390,795	1,419,504	102
Ducks .....	6,418	5,662	6,561	102	116	47,617	51,254	108
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	68	7	10	15	143	251	101	40
Total .....	484,673	458,144	486,289	100	106	3,606,475	3,681,840	102
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,200,031	3,012,602	3,279,736	102	109	24,188,448	25,084,822	104
Mature .....	47,499	46,229	47,984	101	104	333,036	347,850	104
Light .....	9,487	8,798	9,859	104	112	79,656	80,308	101
Heavy .....	38,012	37,431	38,125	100	102	253,380	267,542	106
Total .....	3,247,530	3,058,831	3,327,720	102	109	24,521,484	25,432,672	104
Turkeys								
Young .....	478,273	445,675	499,115	104	112	3,652,026	3,803,606	104
Old .....	2,855	2,418	2,190	77	91	18,858	18,817	100
Total .....	481,128	448,093	501,305	104	112	3,670,884	3,822,423	104
Ducks .....	9,957	8,512	10,358	104	122	75,349	78,731	104
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	234	125	200	85	160	1,010	1,019	101
Total .....	3,738,849	3,515,561	3,839,583	103	109	28,268,727	29,334,845	104

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2010	July 2011	August 2011	August 2011 as % of		January to August		2011 as percent of 2010
				August 2010	July 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 .....	11,045	8,946	9,793	89	109	77,496	72,109	93
Mature .....	1,443	664	736	51	111	9,339	6,556	70
Light .....	424	222	290	68	131	2,507	1,969	79
Heavy .....	1,019	442	446	44	101	6,832	4,587	67
Total .....	12,488	9,610	10,529	84	110	86,835	78,665	91
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,616	1,597	1,617	100	101	11,543	12,346	107
Old .....	39	49	22	56	45	284	226	80
Total .....	1,655	1,646	1,639	99	100	11,827	12,572	106
Ducks .....	75	70	58	77	83	387	412	106
Total .....	14,218	11,326	12,226	86	108	99,049	91,649	93
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.26	0.22	0.22	85	100	0.24	0.22	92
Mature .....	1.92	0.91	0.96	50	105	1.75	1.16	66
Light .....	2.37	1.37	1.55	65	113	1.66	1.32	80
Heavy .....	1.78	0.78	0.77	43	99	1.78	1.11	62
Total .....	0.29	0.24	0.24	83	100	0.26	0.23	88
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.27	0.29	0.26	96	90	0.25	0.26	104
Old .....	1.06	1.53	0.78	74	51	1.16	0.92	79
Total .....	0.27	0.29	0.26	96	90	0.26	0.26	100
Ducks .....	0.54	0.59	0.40	74	68	0.37	0.38	103
Total .....	0.29	0.24	0.24	83	100	0.26	0.24	92

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

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	August 2010	July 2011	August 2011	August 2011 as % of		January to August		2011 as percent of 2010
				August 2010	July 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>								
Chickens								
Young .....	23,610	23,228	24,233	103	104	192,926	206,732	107
Mature .....	2,919	2,767	2,974	102	107	25,339	23,296	92
Light .....	935	863	960	103	111	10,475	8,159	78
Heavy .....	1,984	1,904	2,014	102	106	14,864	15,137	102
Total .....	26,529	25,995	27,207	103	105	218,265	230,028	105
Turkeys								
Young .....	7,188	6,538	7,423	103	114	53,407	56,696	106
Old .....	114	106	85	75	80	908	799	88
Total .....	7,302	6,644	7,508	103	113	54,315	57,495	106
Ducks .....	245	191	256	104	134	1,996	2,066	104
Other .....	5	1	2	40	200	13	9	69
Total .....	34,081	32,831	34,973	103	107	274,589	289,598	105
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.73	0.77	0.73	100	95	0.79	0.82	104
Mature .....	5.79	5.65	5.84	101	103	7.07	6.28	89
Light .....	8.97	8.93	8.87	99	99	11.62	9.22	79
Heavy .....	4.96	4.84	5.02	101	104	5.54	5.35	97
Total .....	0.81	0.84	0.81	100	96	0.88	0.90	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	1.48	1.45	1.47	99	101	1.44	1.47	102
Old .....	3.84	4.20	3.74	97	89	4.59	4.07	89
Total .....	1.49	1.46	1.48	99	101	1.46	1.48	101
Ducks .....	2.40	2.19	2.41	100	110	2.58	2.56	99
Other .....	2.09	0.79	0.99	47	125	1.27	0.88	69
Total .....	0.90	0.93	0.90	100	97	0.96	0.98	102

<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: July and August 2011

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	4,610	4,018	680,438	706,878
Mature .....	-	-	725	765	124,777	145,302
Light .....	-	-	534	623	85,543	103,942
Heavy .....	-	-	191	142	39,234	41,360
Total .....	-	-	5,335	4,783	805,215	852,180
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	38	30	30,196	35,283
Old .....	-	-	-	-	1,036	1,024
Total .....	-	-	38	30	31,232	36,307
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	210,142	205,967	4,154	4,227	25,152	29,162
Mature .....	6,763	8,576	233	303	34,485	40,473
Light .....	3,387	5,398	66	121	27,479	33,924
Heavy .....	3,376	3,178	167	182	7,006	6,549
Total .....	216,905	214,543	4,387	4,530	59,637	69,635
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	3,275	5,571	1,183	1,182	117	91
Old .....	61	117	-	2	101	145
Total .....	3,336	5,688	1,183	1,184	218	236
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	11,010	11,089	65,631	70,003	92,505	99,863
Mature .....	10,499	15,947	2,643	2,499	58,597	36,908
Light .....	9,966	15,318	1,661	1,765	45,192	22,892
Heavy .....	533	629	982	734	13,405	14,016
Total .....	21,509	27,036	68,274	72,502	151,102	136,771
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	254	277	1,573	1,529	1,385	2,349
Old .....	-	1	12	13	21	11
Total .....	254	278	1,585	1,542	1,406	2,360
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	16,323	20,696	731,945	720,807	1,841,910	1,872,710
Mature .....	599	320	150,734	128,258	390,055	379,351
Light .....	42	91	42,928	40,108	216,798	224,182
Heavy .....	557	229	107,806	88,150	173,257	155,169
Total .....	16,922	21,016	882,679	849,065	2,231,965	2,252,061
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	689	1,010	13,089	17,830	51,799	65,152
Old .....	-	6	241	302	1,472	1,621
Total .....	689	1,016	13,330	18,132	53,271	66,773

- 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: July and August 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	83,439	92,339	469,857	525,402	5.63	5.69
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	78,227	82,126	438,467	463,843	5.61	5.65
California .....	21,723	23,345	124,283	133,451	5.72	5.72
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware .....	23,977	25,227	167,146	178,332	6.97	7.07
Florida .....	4,847	5,711	29,607	33,703	6.11	5.90
Georgia .....	100,944	110,349	546,145	604,762	5.41	5.48
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	4,574	5,170	19,976	22,810	4.37	4.41
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	24,579	27,850	132,549	148,531	5.39	5.33
Louisiana .....	14,922	15,674	90,950	95,145	6.09	6.07
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	9,909	10,546	53,470	57,209	5.40	5.42
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,549	4,264	20,038	24,838	5.65	5.82
Mississippi .....	61,873	66,479	377,992	404,725	6.11	6.09
Missouri .....	35,705	38,597	173,989	185,235	4.87	4.80
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	131	163	622	789	4.73	4.83
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	1,587	1,621	8,169	8,360	5.15	5.16
North Carolina .....	60,805	63,792	431,702	448,819	7.10	7.04
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	4,360	4,900	26,621	30,161	6.11	6.15
Oklahoma .....	8,764	9,420	62,995	64,613	7.19	6.86
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	10,819	12,711	60,043	72,823	5.55	5.73
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	18,881	21,194	120,710	137,383	6.39	6.48
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	24,374	27,508	125,751	144,035	5.16	5.24
Texas .....	52,943	58,135	302,419	331,997	5.71	5.71
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	25,772	28,537	137,197	153,347	5.32	5.37
Washington .....	4,354	4,387	25,005	25,526	5.74	5.82
West Virginia .....	9,385	10,253	37,429	41,402	3.99	4.04
Wisconsin .....	3,990	4,678	16,680	19,855	4.18	4.24
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	696,188	757,040	4,009,553	4,368,236	5.76	5.77

- Represents zero.

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

# Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: July and August 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>	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	355,821	393,782	2,845	3,012	0.79	0.76
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	329,367	345,941	2,622	2,887	0.79	0.83
California .....	92,284	98,981	693	743	0.75	0.75
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware .....	120,496	128,179	1,197	1,269	0.98	0.98
Florida .....	22,118	22,938	141	133	0.63	0.57
Georgia .....	414,882	462,240	2,679	2,803	0.64	0.60
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	14,698	16,804	49	54	0.33	0.32
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	96,801	108,732	471	489	0.48	0.45
Louisiana .....	67,601	70,648	336	375	0.49	0.53
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	38,523	41,126	476	413	1.22	0.99
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	16,396	20,194	204	234	1.23	1.15
Mississippi .....	295,379	316,469	1,819	2,076	0.61	0.65
Missouri .....	128,016	136,541	1,252	1,057	0.97	0.77
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	453	566	8	9	1.67	1.53
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	4,969	5,076	138	131	2.71	2.51
North Carolina .....	334,481	350,740	3,440	3,419	1.02	0.97
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	19,790	22,547	241	240	1.20	1.05
Oklahoma .....	46,769	48,060	395	357	0.84	0.74
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	41,232	50,957	655	785	1.56	1.52
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	91,708	104,126	596	613	0.65	0.59
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	91,254	104,752	651	705	0.71	0.67
Texas .....	228,452	251,112	1,240	1,297	0.54	0.51
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	96,362	108,340	565	544	0.58	0.50
Washington .....	18,682	18,919	98	115	0.52	0.61
West Virginia .....	26,937	29,551	77	95	0.28	0.32
Wisconsin .....	12,182	14,524	112	136	0.91	0.93
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,012,602	3,279,736	23,228	24,233	0.77	0.73

- 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: July and August 2011

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	210	258	64,700	70,340
Arkansas .....	-	-	371	567	82,187	87,541
Delaware .....	-	-	409	184	30,721	33,222
Georgia .....	-	-	42	207	50,983	54,016
Mississippi .....	-	-	154	197	29,415	31,666
Missouri .....	-	-	94	84	57,260	59,258
North Carolina .....	-	-	1,109	837	85,997	86,273
Texas .....	-	-	72	81	42,192	41,204
Virginia .....	-	-	36	30	18,203	19,411
United States .....	-	-	4,610	4,018	680,438	706,878
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	24,270	24,625	363	365	1,607	2,003
Arkansas .....	18,352	21,556	1,689	1,586	1,492	1,467
Delaware .....	15,726	15,930	41	52	2,209	2,424
Georgia .....	21,716	21,454	113	89	3,120	3,729
Mississippi .....	7,525	7,194	135	133	395	474
Missouri .....	15,086	14,031	172	401	1,018	1,174
North Carolina .....	28,177	26,637	217	181	5,609	6,041
Texas .....	9,127	8,068	309	104	800	831
Virginia .....	12,930	8,944	10	12	1,214	1,374
United States .....	210,142	205,967	4,154	4,227	25,152	29,162
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,119	1,209	4,816	6,164	12,583	15,032
Arkansas .....	1,081	1,374	7,130	8,350	6,956	8,148
Delaware .....	1,485	1,000	2,538	2,842	3,450	4,000
Georgia .....	600	700	11,156	12,527	6,895	8,315
Mississippi .....	723	893	2,861	2,647	3,679	5,065
Missouri .....	442	304	2,783	2,782	7,043	6,136
North Carolina .....	1,173	1,091	13,012	12,570	8,063	7,307
Texas .....	700	605	4,587	4,303	4,936	4,825
Virginia .....	527	508	874	774	2,090	2,153
United States .....	11,010	11,089	65,631	70,003	92,505	99,863
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	2,624	3,098	95,959	100,279	208,251	223,373
Arkansas .....	801	949	93,769	72,543	213,828	204,081
Delaware .....	1,419	2,201	26,383	20,945	84,381	82,800
Georgia .....	809	1,243	98,585	88,921	194,019	191,201
Mississippi .....	437	634	46,073	48,976	91,397	97,879
Missouri .....	498	354	59,402	49,136	143,798	133,660
North Carolina .....	3,353	4,473	61,380	70,673	208,090	216,083
Texas .....	772	885	21,814	29,556	85,309	90,462
Virginia .....	292	265	33,223	27,542	69,399	61,013
United States .....	16,323	20,696	731,945	720,807	1,841,910	1,872,710

- 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: July and August 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	2,372	2,979	45,945	58,514	19.37	19.64
California .....	1,112	1,178	31,864	33,675	28.65	28.58
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	1,380	1,596	49,432	54,825	35.83	34.35
Iowa .....	1,098	1,250	44,097	48,073	40.15	38.44
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,008	4,234	95,883	101,499	23.92	23.97
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	2,232	2,668	71,870	82,706	32.20	31.00
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	415	527	17,207	20,772	41.44	39.38
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania .....	371	454	9,388	11,000	25.27	24.24
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	480	579	6,606	8,073	13.76	13.94
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Virginia .....	2,126	2,437	55,423	63,899	26.07	26.22
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	19,247	21,980	559,828	627,021	29.09	28.53

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# Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: July and August 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>	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	37,900	48,395	331	469	0.87	0.96
California .....	25,776	27,080	230	258	0.89	0.94
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)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	39,703	44,336	766	800	1.89	1.77
Iowa .....	34,573	37,687	647	731	1.84	1.90
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	76,667	80,911	1,320	1,409	1.69	1.71
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(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 .....	56,148	64,510	505	628	0.89	0.96
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	13,654	16,396	251	309	1.81	1.85
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania .....	7,388	8,662	139	189	1.85	2.14
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	5,358	6,582	54	55	1.00	0.83
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Virginia .....	43,555	50,272	515	547	1.17	1.08
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	445,675	499,115	6,538	7,423	1.45	1.47

- 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 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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