



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 1 Percent from Last Year

**Poultry certified wholesome** during September 2011 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.71 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the amount certified in September 2010. The August 2011 revised certified total at 3.90 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from August 2010. The August revision represented an increase of 57.4 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during September 2011 was 4.92 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 5.00 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.24 billion pounds, down 2 percent from September 2010. Mature chickens, at 73.8 million pounds, were up 2 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 594 million pounds, up 2 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 13.1 million pounds, down 9 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during September 2011 averaged 5.86 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from September 2010. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.78 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during September 2011 averaged 29.1 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from September 2010.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during September 2011 totaled 10.1 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.21 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.1 million pounds, were 0.91 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.90 percent a year earlier.

**September 2010** contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2010	August 2011	September 2011	September 2011 as % of		January to September		2011 as percent of 2010
				September 2010	August 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 .....	754,528	768,203	723,097	96	94	6,491,754	6,507,934	100
Mature .....	12,618	13,611	12,770	101	94	107,717	111,565	104
Light .....	6,120	5,850	5,673	93	97	52,947	52,259	99
Heavy .....	6,498	7,761	7,097	109	91	54,770	59,306	108
Total .....	767,146	781,814	735,867	96	94	6,599,471	6,619,499	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	20,447	21,980	20,314	99	92	176,094	180,658	103
Old .....	127	111	123	97	111	1,050	1,048	100
Total .....	20,574	22,091	20,437	99	93	177,144	181,706	103
Ducks .....	2,075	2,131	1,924	93	90	17,461	17,953	103
	(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 .....	4,330,879	4,442,005	4,237,990	98	95	36,655,308	37,706,422	103
Mature .....	72,183	80,022	73,760	102	92	605,799	640,471	106
Light .....	19,529	18,699	18,018	92	96	170,170	167,476	98
Heavy .....	52,654	61,323	55,742	106	91	435,629	472,995	109
Total .....	4,403,062	4,522,027	4,311,750	98	95	37,261,107	38,346,893	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	581,865	627,021	591,130	102	94	5,150,176	5,362,155	104
Old .....	3,324	2,828	3,237	97	114	27,840	27,691	99
Total .....	585,189	629,849	594,367	102	94	5,178,016	5,389,846	104
Ducks .....	14,306	14,415	13,055	91	91	119,252	122,465	103
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	1,299	277	612	47	221	2,779	2,060	74
Total .....	5,003,856	5,166,568	4,919,784	98	95	42,561,154	43,861,264	103
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	5.74	5.78	5.86	102	101	5.65	5.79	102
Mature .....	5.72	5.88	5.78	101	98	5.62	5.74	102
Light .....	3.19	3.20	3.18	100	99	3.21	3.20	100
Heavy .....	8.10	7.90	7.85	97	99	7.95	7.98	100
Total .....	5.74	5.78	5.86	102	101	5.65	5.79	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	28.46	28.53	29.10	102	102	29.25	29.68	101
Old .....	26.17	25.48	26.32	101	103	26.51	26.42	100
Total .....	28.44	28.51	29.08	102	102	29.23	29.66	101
Ducks .....	6.89	6.76	6.79	99	100	6.83	6.82	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	September 2010	August 2011	September 2011	September 2011 as % of		January to September		2011 as percent of 2010
				September 2010	August 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 .....	2,936,411	3,043,131	2,896,453	99	95	24,958,435	25,821,882	103
Mature .....	45,482	50,361	47,236	104	94	377,130	396,049	105
Light .....	10,214	9,856	9,614	94	98	89,645	89,569	100
Heavy .....	35,268	40,505	37,622	107	93	287,485	306,480	107
Total .....	2,981,893	3,093,492	2,943,689	99	95	25,335,565	26,217,931	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	284,195	306,219	284,354	100	93	2,546,147	2,669,334	105
Old .....	2,447	2,147	2,353	96	110	20,584	20,292	99
Total .....	286,642	308,366	286,707	100	93	2,566,731	2,689,626	105
Ducks .....	3,705	3,797	3,130	84	82	31,437	30,607	97
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	114	190	204	179	107	873	1,122	129
Total .....	3,272,354	3,405,845	3,233,730	99	95	27,934,606	28,939,286	104
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	301,904	291,549	282,414	94	97	2,468,328	2,496,751	101
Mature .....	84	37	-	(X)	(X)	1,472	1,451	99
Light .....	-	3	-	(X)	(X)	225	353	157
Heavy .....	84	34	-	(X)	(X)	1,247	1,098	88
Total .....	301,988	291,586	282,414	94	97	2,469,800	2,498,202	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	180,382	192,896	186,488	103	97	1,570,456	1,605,114	102
Old .....	118	43	47	40	109	839	925	110
Total .....	180,500	192,939	186,535	103	97	1,571,295	1,606,039	102
Ducks .....	6,528	6,622	6,150	94	93	54,145	57,465	106
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	666	10	194	29	1,940	917	295	32
Total .....	489,682	491,157	475,293	97	97	4,096,157	4,162,001	102
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,238,315	3,334,680	3,178,867	98	95	27,426,763	28,318,633	103
Mature .....	45,566	50,398	47,236	104	94	378,602	397,500	105
Light .....	10,214	9,859	9,614	94	98	89,870	89,922	100
Heavy .....	35,352	40,539	37,622	106	93	288,732	307,578	107
Total .....	3,283,881	3,385,078	3,226,103	98	95	27,805,365	28,716,133	103
Turkeys								
Young .....	464,577	499,115	470,842	101	94	4,116,603	4,274,448	104
Old .....	2,565	2,190	2,400	94	110	21,423	21,217	99
Total .....	467,142	501,305	473,242	101	94	4,138,026	4,295,665	104
Ducks .....	10,233	10,419	9,280	91	89	85,582	88,072	103
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	780	200	398	51	199	1,790	1,417	79
Total .....	3,762,036	3,897,002	3,709,023	99	95	32,030,763	33,101,287	103

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2010	August 2011	September 2011	September 2011 as % of		January to September		2011 as percent of 2010
				September 2010	August 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 .....	9,296	10,070	7,960	86	79	86,792	80,346	93
Mature .....	865	796	761	88	96	10,204	7,377	72
Light .....	265	290	339	128	117	2,772	2,308	83
Heavy .....	600	506	422	70	83	7,432	5,069	68
Total .....	10,161	10,866	8,721	86	80	96,996	87,723	90
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,190	1,617	1,294	109	80	12,733	13,640	107
Old .....	36	22	33	92	150	320	259	81
Total .....	1,226	1,639	1,327	108	81	13,053	13,899	106
Ducks .....	48	58	43	90	74	435	455	105
Total .....	11,437	12,563	10,092	88	80	110,486	102,078	92
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.21	0.23	0.19	90	83	0.24	0.21	88
Mature .....	1.20	0.99	1.03	86	104	1.68	1.15	68
Light .....	1.36	1.55	1.88	138	121	1.63	1.38	85
Heavy .....	1.14	0.83	0.76	67	92	1.71	1.07	63
Total .....	0.23	0.24	0.20	87	83	0.26	0.23	88
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.20	0.26	0.22	110	85	0.25	0.25	100
Old .....	1.08	0.78	1.02	94	131	1.15	0.94	82
Total .....	0.21	0.26	0.22	105	85	0.25	0.26	104
Ducks .....	0.34	0.40	0.33	97	83	0.36	0.37	103
Total .....	0.23	0.24	0.21	91	88	0.26	0.23	88

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

## Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	September 2010	August 2011	September 2011	September 2011 as % of		January to September		2011 as percent of 2010
				September 2010	August 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 .....	24,033	24,552	23,705	99	97	216,959	230,756	106
Mature .....	3,109	3,037	3,089	99	102	28,448	26,448	93
Light .....	1,153	960	1,081	94	113	11,628	9,240	79
Heavy .....	1,956	2,077	2,008	103	97	16,820	17,208	102
Total .....	27,142	27,589	26,794	99	97	245,407	257,204	105
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	6,697	7,423	6,985	104	94	60,104	63,681	106
Old .....	115	85	101	88	119	1,023	900	88
Total .....	6,812	7,508	7,086	104	94	61,127	64,581	106
Ducks .....	281	257	241	86	94	2,277	2,308	101
Other .....	7	2	4	57	200	20	13	65
Total .....	34,242	35,356	34,125	100	97	308,831	324,106	105
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.74	0.73	0.74	100	101	0.78	0.81	104
Mature .....	6.39	5.68	6.14	96	108	6.99	6.24	89
Light .....	10.14	8.87	10.11	100	114	11.46	9.32	81
Heavy .....	5.24	4.87	5.07	97	104	5.50	5.30	96
Total .....	0.82	0.81	0.82	100	101	0.87	0.89	102
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.42	1.47	1.46	103	99	1.44	1.47	102
Old .....	4.29	3.74	4.04	94	108	4.56	4.07	89
Total .....	1.44	1.48	1.48	103	100	1.46	1.48	101
Ducks .....	2.67	2.41	2.53	95	105	2.59	2.55	98
Other .....	0.89	0.99	1.00	112	101	1.10	0.91	83
Total .....	0.90	0.90	0.91	101	101	0.95	0.97	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: August and September 2011

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	4,027	3,828	713,590	637,716
Mature .....	-	-	777	674	148,705	172,550
Light .....	-	-	623	481	103,942	128,963
Heavy .....	-	-	154	193	44,763	43,587
Total .....	-	-	4,804	4,502	862,295	810,266
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	30	24	35,283	35,224
Old .....	-	-	-	-	1,024	716
Total .....	-	-	30	24	36,307	35,940
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	206,082	202,464	4,545	3,741	29,333	29,517
Mature .....	10,032	13,047	323	335	40,563	41,349
Light .....	5,398	5,562	121	108	33,924	35,156
Heavy .....	4,634	7,485	202	227	6,639	6,193
Total .....	216,114	215,511	4,868	4,076	69,896	70,866
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	5,571	5,818	1,182	1,135	91	146
Old .....	117	108	2	-	145	38
Total .....	5,688	5,926	1,184	1,135	236	184
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	11,814	10,039	70,349	66,646	100,700	82,748
Mature .....	16,527	12,399	2,526	2,889	36,972	70,967
Light .....	15,318	11,711	1,765	2,067	22,892	54,165
Heavy .....	1,209	688	761	822	14,080	16,802
Total .....	28,341	22,438	72,875	69,535	137,672	153,715
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	277	155	1,529	1,224	2,349	2,340
Old .....	1	1	13	11	11	32
Total .....	278	156	1,542	1,235	2,360	2,372
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	23,166	12,158	767,918	737,408	1,931,524	1,786,265
Mature .....	320	201	130,099	115,900	386,844	430,311
Light .....	91	91	40,108	39,999	224,182	278,303
Heavy .....	229	110	89,991	75,901	162,662	152,008
Total .....	23,486	12,359	898,017	853,308	2,318,368	2,216,576
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	1,010	402	17,830	16,329	65,152	62,797
Old .....	6	-	302	1,355	1,621	2,261
Total .....	1,016	402	18,132	17,684	66,773	65,058

- 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: August and September 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	92,339	84,194	525,402	488,654	5.69	5.80
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	82,126	74,195	463,843	434,884	5.65	5.86
California .....	23,345	21,332	133,451	119,292	5.72	5.59
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware .....	25,227	24,397	178,332	173,652	7.07	7.12
Florida .....	5,711	4,978	33,703	31,626	5.90	6.35
Georgia .....	113,837	103,580	621,161	577,897	5.46	5.58
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	5,170	4,786	22,810	20,995	4.41	4.39
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	27,850	25,237	148,531	137,347	5.33	5.44
Louisiana .....	15,674	15,416	95,145	97,739	6.07	6.34
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	10,546	10,005	57,209	55,362	5.42	5.53
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,264	3,826	24,838	22,469	5.82	5.87
Mississippi .....	66,479	68,999	404,725	400,971	6.09	5.81
Missouri .....	38,597	36,116	185,235	175,855	4.80	4.87
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	163	142	789	675	4.83	4.74
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	1,621	1,708	8,360	8,748	5.16	5.12
North Carolina .....	67,041	64,576	471,844	458,068	7.04	7.09
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	4,900	4,252	30,161	27,494	6.15	6.47
Oklahoma .....	9,420	8,508	64,613	62,599	6.86	7.36
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	12,711	11,634	72,823	66,346	5.73	5.70
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	25,610	24,837	171,673	172,921	6.70	6.96
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	27,508	26,603	144,035	139,434	5.24	5.24
Texas .....	58,144	58,496	332,047	335,580	5.71	5.74
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	28,537	25,745	153,347	139,010	5.37	5.40
Washington .....	4,387	4,089	25,526	23,334	5.82	5.71
West Virginia .....	10,253	9,495	41,402	38,601	4.04	4.07
Wisconsin .....	4,678	3,998	19,855	16,967	4.24	4.24
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	768,203	723,097	4,442,005	4,237,990	5.78	5.86

- Represents zero.

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

## Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 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>	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	393,782	365,818	3,012	2,916	0.76	0.79
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	345,941	324,063	2,887	2,525	0.83	0.77
California .....	98,981	88,005	743	630	0.75	0.71
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware .....	128,179	125,356	1,269	1,878	0.98	1.48
Florida .....	22,938	21,822	133	125	0.57	0.57
Georgia .....	474,930	438,951	2,857	2,903	0.60	0.66
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	16,804	15,399	54	47	0.32	0.30
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	108,732	98,741	489	481	0.45	0.49
Louisiana .....	70,648	72,182	375	355	0.53	0.49
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	41,126	39,902	413	444	0.99	1.10
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	20,194	18,400	234	220	1.15	1.18
Mississippi .....	316,469	315,354	2,076	1,908	0.65	0.60
Missouri .....	136,541	129,504	1,057	857	0.77	0.66
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	566	482	9	5	1.53	1.04
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	5,076	5,318	131	154	2.51	2.81
North Carolina .....	368,209	356,920	3,559	3,300	0.96	0.92
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	22,547	20,560	240	218	1.05	1.05
Oklahoma .....	48,060	46,968	357	326	0.74	0.69
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	50,957	46,143	785	726	1.52	1.55
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	128,870	130,029	734	672	0.57	0.51
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	104,752	101,744	705	619	0.67	0.60
Texas .....	251,149	252,410	1,300	1,347	0.51	0.53
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	108,340	99,104	544	542	0.50	0.54
Washington .....	18,919	17,433	115	94	0.61	0.53
West Virginia .....	29,551	27,797	95	92	0.32	0.33
Wisconsin .....	14,524	12,412	136	119	0.93	0.95
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	3,334,680	3,178,867	24,552	23,705	0.73	0.74

- 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: August and September 2011

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	258	228	70,340	65,569
Arkansas .....	-	-	567	352	87,541	67,786
Delaware .....	-	-	184	176	33,222	33,261
Georgia .....	-	-	207	104	54,721	47,709
Mississippi .....	-	-	197	161	31,666	28,051
Missouri .....	-	-	84	100	59,258	47,384
North Carolina .....	-	-	844	1,041	90,570	81,770
Texas .....	-	-	81	65	41,204	41,383
Virginia .....	-	-	30	35	19,411	12,978
United States .....	-	-	4,027	3,828	713,590	637,716

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	24,625	22,783	365	340	2,003	1,698
Arkansas .....	21,556	17,530	1,586	1,445	1,467	1,419
Delaware .....	15,930	15,977	52	24	2,424	2,957
Georgia .....	21,465	20,496	139	76	3,741	3,343
Mississippi .....	7,194	7,028	133	133	474	564
Missouri .....	14,031	13,429	401	86	1,174	1,327
North Carolina .....	26,739	27,566	410	200	6,172	6,941
Texas .....	8,068	9,738	104	114	831	1,028
Virginia .....	8,944	5,925	12	27	1,374	1,012
United States .....	206,082	202,464	4,545	3,741	29,333	29,517

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,209	949	6,164	6,149	15,032	11,811
Arkansas .....	1,374	1,249	8,350	7,387	8,148	6,108
Delaware .....	1,000	1,003	2,842	3,162	4,000	4,099
Georgia .....	830	512	12,611	11,946	8,328	7,754
Mississippi .....	893	659	2,647	2,160	5,065	4,939
Missouri .....	304	205	2,782	2,441	6,136	5,583
North Carolina .....	1,315	1,213	12,815	12,788	8,110	6,263
Texas .....	605	469	4,304	2,928	4,827	4,130
Virginia .....	508	359	774	688	2,153	1,886
United States .....	11,814	10,039	70,349	66,646	100,700	82,748

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	3,098	1,793	100,279	103,739	223,373	215,059
Arkansas .....	949	642	72,543	62,988	204,081	166,906
Delaware .....	2,201	1,439	20,945	34,862	82,800	96,960
Georgia .....	3,650	830	115,732	99,164	221,424	191,934
Mississippi .....	634	583	48,976	53,497	97,879	97,775
Missouri .....	354	151	49,136	35,946	133,660	106,652
North Carolina .....	4,510	2,485	73,486	69,931	224,971	210,198
Texas .....	885	394	29,597	35,063	90,506	95,312
Virginia .....	265	319	27,542	18,229	61,013	41,458
United States .....	23,166	12,158	767,918	737,408	1,931,524	1,786,265

- 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: August and September 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	2,979	2,796	58,514	57,960	19.64	20.73
California .....	1,178	1,022	33,675	29,933	28.58	29.30
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	1,596	1,456	54,825	50,135	34.35	34.43
Iowa .....	1,250	1,266	48,073	48,226	38.44	38.10
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,234	3,946	101,499	96,305	23.97	24.41
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	2,668	2,449	82,706	79,099	31.00	32.30
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	527	454	20,772	18,714	39.38	41.18
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	454	493	11,000	12,083	24.24	24.51
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	579	514	8,073	6,914	13.94	13.45
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	2,437	2,306	63,899	61,443	26.22	26.65
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	21,980	20,314	627,021	591,130	28.53	29.10

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## Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: August and September 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>	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	48,395	48,327	469	427	0.96	0.88
California .....	27,080	23,934	258	288	0.94	1.19
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 .....	44,336	40,464	800	712	1.77	1.73
Iowa .....	37,687	37,762	731	652	1.90	1.70
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	80,911	76,828	1,409	1,367	1.71	1.75
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 .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	64,510	61,416	628	573	0.96	0.92
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	16,396	14,852	309	273	1.85	1.81
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	8,662	9,533	189	202	2.14	2.07
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	6,582	5,639	55	56	0.83	0.98
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	50,272	48,304	547	505	1.08	1.03
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	499,115	470,842	7,423	6,985	1.47	1.46

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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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