



Poultry Slaughter

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

Poultry certified wholesome during October 2011 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.67 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the amount certified in October 2010. The September 2011 revised certified total at 3.71 billion pounds, was down 1 percent from September 2010. The September revision represented an increase of 0.33 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during October 2011 was 4.86 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 4.99 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.12 billion pounds, down 3 percent from October 2010. Mature chickens, at 68.6 million pounds, were up 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 659 million pounds, up slightly from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.0 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during October 2011 averaged 5.88 pounds per bird, up slightly from October 2010. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.72 pounds per bird, down 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during October 2011 averaged 28.3 pounds per bird, down slightly from October 2010.

Ante-mortem condemnations during October 2011 totaled 9.48 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.20 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.21 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 32.1 million pounds, were 0.87 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.92 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	October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	October 2011 as % of		January to October		2011 as percent of 2010
				October 2010	September 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	723,588	721,599	700,142	97	97	7,215,342	7,206,578	100
Mature	10,928	12,778	11,999	110	94	118,645	123,572	104
Light	5,009	5,681	5,558	111	98	57,956	57,825	100
Heavy	5,919	7,097	6,441	109	91	60,689	65,747	108
Total	734,516	734,377	712,141	97	97	7,333,987	7,330,150	100
Turkeys								
Young	23,008	20,314	23,118	100	114	199,102	203,776	102
Old	131	123	146	111	119	1,181	1,194	101
Total	23,139	20,437	23,264	101	114	200,283	204,970	102
Ducks	1,978	2,027	2,078	105	103	19,439	20,134	104
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,250,241	4,238,156	4,115,401	97	97	40,905,549	41,821,989	102
Mature	64,576	73,774	68,595	106	93	670,375	709,080	106
Light	16,354	18,032	18,051	110	100	186,524	185,541	99
Heavy	48,222	55,742	50,544	105	91	483,851	523,539	108
Total	4,314,817	4,311,930	4,183,996	97	97	41,575,924	42,531,069	102
Turkeys								
Young	652,640	591,130	654,836	100	111	5,802,816	6,016,991	104
Old	3,446	3,237	3,975	115	123	31,286	31,666	101
Total	656,086	594,367	658,811	100	111	5,834,102	6,048,657	104
Ducks	13,528	13,696	14,018	104	102	132,780	137,124	103
Other ¹	1,553	620	1,632	105	263	4,332	3,700	85
Total	4,985,984	4,920,613	4,858,457	97	99	47,547,138	48,720,550	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.87	5.87	5.88	100	100	5.67	5.80	102
Mature	5.91	5.77	5.72	97	99	5.65	5.74	102
Light	3.26	3.17	3.25	100	103	3.22	3.21	100
Heavy	8.15	7.85	7.85	96	100	7.97	7.96	100
Total	5.87	5.87	5.88	100	100	5.67	5.80	102
Turkeys								
Young	28.37	29.10	28.33	100	97	29.14	29.53	101
Old	26.31	26.32	27.23	103	103	26.49	26.52	100
Total	28.35	29.08	28.32	100	97	29.13	29.51	101
Ducks	6.84	6.76	6.75	99	100	6.83	6.81	100

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	October 2011 as % of		January to October		2011 as percent of 2010
				October 2010	September 2011	2010	2011	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,888,436	2,896,560	2,804,896	97	97	27,846,871	28,626,885	103
Mature	40,994	46,952	43,391	106	92	418,124	439,156	105
Light	8,688	9,624	9,275	107	96	98,333	98,854	101
Heavy	32,306	37,328	34,116	106	91	319,791	340,302	106
Total	2,929,430	2,943,512	2,848,287	97	97	28,264,995	29,066,041	103
Turkeys								
Young	334,445	284,354	330,619	99	116	2,880,592	2,999,953	104
Old	2,564	2,351	2,930	114	125	23,148	23,220	100
Total	337,009	286,705	333,549	99	116	2,903,740	3,023,173	104
Ducks	3,660	3,666	4,299	117	117	35,097	35,442	101
Other ¹	155	214	131	85	61	1,028	1,263	123
Total	3,270,254	3,234,097	3,186,266	97	99	31,204,860	32,125,919	103
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	296,093	282,373	284,292	96	101	2,764,421	2,781,002	101
Mature	25	-	9	36	(X)	1,497	1,460	98
Light	-	-	9	(X)	(X)	225	362	161
Heavy	25	-	-	(X)	(X)	1,272	1,098	86
Total	296,118	282,373	284,301	96	101	2,765,918	2,782,462	101
Turkeys								
Young	187,227	186,489	190,889	102	102	1,757,683	1,796,004	102
Old	89	47	89	100	189	928	1,014	109
Total	187,316	186,536	190,978	102	102	1,758,611	1,797,018	102
Ducks	6,011	6,150	5,772	96	94	60,156	63,237	105
Other ¹	777	194	879	113	453	1,694	1,174	69
Total	490,222	475,253	481,930	98	101	4,586,379	4,643,891	101
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,184,529	3,178,933	3,089,188	97	97	30,611,292	31,407,887	103
Mature	41,019	46,952	43,400	106	92	419,621	440,616	105
Light	8,688	9,624	9,284	107	96	98,558	99,216	101
Heavy	32,331	37,328	34,116	106	91	321,063	341,400	106
Total	3,225,548	3,225,885	3,132,588	97	97	31,030,913	31,848,503	103
Turkeys								
Young	521,672	470,843	521,508	100	111	4,638,275	4,795,957	103
Old	2,653	2,398	3,019	114	126	24,076	24,234	101
Total	524,325	473,241	524,527	100	111	4,662,351	4,820,191	103
Ducks	9,671	9,816	10,071	104	103	95,253	98,679	104
Other ¹	932	408	1,010	108	248	2,722	2,437	90
Total	3,760,476	3,709,350	3,668,196	98	99	35,791,239	36,769,810	103

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	October 2011 as % of		January to October		2011 as percent of 2010
				October 2010	September 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	8,612	8,042	7,623	89	95	95,404	88,051	92
Mature	734	766	641	87	84	10,938	8,023	73
Light	184	339	263	143	78	2,956	2,571	87
Heavy	550	427	378	69	89	7,982	5,452	68
Total	9,346	8,808	8,264	88	94	106,342	96,074	90
Turkeys								
Young	1,273	1,294	1,159	91	90	14,006	14,799	106
Old	41	33	32	78	97	361	291	81
Total	1,314	1,327	1,191	91	90	14,367	15,090	105
Ducks	40	48	26	65	54	475	486	102
Total	10,702	10,184	9,483	89	93	121,188	111,653	92
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.20	0.19	0.19	95	100	0.23	0.21	91
Mature	1.14	1.04	0.93	82	89	1.63	1.13	69
Light	1.13	1.88	1.46	129	78	1.58	1.39	88
Heavy	1.14	0.77	0.75	66	97	1.65	1.04	63
Total	0.22	0.20	0.20	91	100	0.26	0.23	88
Turkeys								
Young	0.20	0.22	0.18	90	82	0.24	0.25	104
Old	1.19	1.02	0.81	68	79	1.15	0.92	80
Total	0.20	0.22	0.18	90	82	0.25	0.25	100
Ducks	0.30	0.35	0.19	63	54	0.36	0.35	97
Total	0.21	0.21	0.20	95	95	0.25	0.23	92

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

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	October 2011 as % of		January to October		2011 as percent of 2010
				October 2010	September 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	24,358	23,122	22,372	92	97	241,317	252,545	105
Mature	2,790	3,089	2,771	99	90	31,238	29,219	94
Light	1,041	1,081	1,081	104	100	12,669	10,321	81
Heavy	1,749	2,008	1,690	97	84	18,569	18,898	102
Total	27,148	26,211	25,143	93	96	272,555	281,764	103
Turkeys								
Young	7,216	6,985	6,628	92	95	67,320	70,309	104
Old	119	100	140	118	140	1,142	1,039	91
Total	7,335	7,085	6,768	92	96	68,462	71,348	104
Ducks	285	244	207	73	85	2,562	2,518	98
Other	6	4	7	117	175	26	20	77
Total	34,774	33,544	32,125	92	96	343,605	355,650	104
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.76	0.72	0.72	95	100	0.78	0.80	103
Mature	6.37	6.17	6.00	94	97	6.93	6.22	90
Light	10.70	10.10	10.43	97	103	11.39	9.42	83
Heavy	5.13	5.10	4.72	92	93	5.47	5.25	96
Total	0.83	0.81	0.80	96	99	0.87	0.88	101
Turkeys								
Young	1.36	1.46	1.25	92	86	1.43	1.44	101
Old	4.29	4.00	4.43	103	111	4.53	4.11	91
Total	1.38	1.48	1.27	92	86	1.45	1.46	101
Ducks	2.86	2.43	2.01	70	83	2.62	2.49	95
Other	0.64	0.97	0.69	108	71	0.95	0.81	85
Total	0.92	0.90	0.87	95	97	0.95	0.96	101

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

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States: September and October 2011

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	4,135	3,436	636,916	636,659
Mature	-	-	674	1,138	172,550	138,392
Light	-	-	481	920	128,963	95,912
Heavy	-	-	193	218	43,587	42,480
Total	-	-	4,809	4,574	809,466	775,051
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	24	17	35,224	34,711
Old	-	-	-	-	716	1,357
Total	-	-	24	17	35,940	36,068
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	202,235	233,633	3,810	3,167	29,480	29,322
Mature	13,047	12,991	335	439	41,349	34,400
Light	5,562	6,284	108	130	35,156	26,127
Heavy	7,485	6,707	227	309	6,193	8,273
Total	215,282	246,624	4,145	3,606	70,829	63,722
Turkeys						
Young	5,818	6,402	1,135	870	146	130
Old	113	126	-	-	42	237
Total	5,931	6,528	1,135	870	188	367
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	10,054	9,105	66,640	65,427	82,690	86,715
Mature	12,399	20,606	2,890	3,442	70,967	99,140
Light	11,711	20,032	2,068	2,423	54,165	81,311
Heavy	688	574	822	1,019	16,802	17,829
Total	22,453	29,711	69,530	68,869	153,657	185,855
Turkeys						
Young	155	230	1,224	1,610	2,340	2,059
Old	1	-	11	20	32	10
Total	156	230	1,235	1,630	2,372	2,069
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	12,197	20,622	704,337	695,555	1,752,494	1,783,641
Mature	201	338	117,065	135,967	421,613	446,853
Light	91	206	40,000	66,833	278,305	300,178
Heavy	110	132	77,065	69,134	143,308	146,675
Total	12,398	20,960	821,402	831,522	2,174,107	2,230,494
Turkeys						
Young	402	530	16,329	19,112	62,797	65,671
Old	-	13	1,328	1,190	2,181	2,953
Total	402	543	17,657	20,302	64,978	68,624

- 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: September and October 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	84,251	82,974	489,113	482,806	5.81	5.82
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	74,195	74,490	434,884	440,120	5.86	5.91
California	21,279	21,437	118,982	116,779	5.59	5.45
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	24,486	25,626	174,384	175,497	7.12	6.85
Florida	4,978	4,929	31,626	31,869	6.35	6.47
Georgia	103,642	100,588	578,746	556,765	5.58	5.54
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,786	4,558	20,995	20,443	4.39	4.49
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,568	25,927	140,155	142,175	5.48	5.48
Louisiana	15,416	15,634	97,739	101,621	6.34	6.50
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	10,005	9,328	55,708	51,048	5.57	5.47
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,827	3,943	22,475	23,023	5.87	5.84
Mississippi	68,999	66,967	400,971	397,987	5.81	5.94
Missouri	36,116	34,763	175,855	170,777	4.87	4.91
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	142	149	675	719	4.74	4.82
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,708	1,551	8,748	7,878	5.12	5.08
North Carolina	64,066	59,109	458,068	418,949	7.15	7.09
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	4,259	4,291	27,530	28,348	6.46	6.61
Oklahoma	8,508	8,072	62,599	57,708	7.36	7.15
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	11,634	10,993	66,346	61,629	5.70	5.61
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	24,837	24,496	172,922	171,070	6.96	6.98
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	25,302	24,371	134,211	127,689	5.30	5.24
Texas	58,493	51,422	335,563	301,474	5.74	5.86
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	25,566	25,467	139,491	140,084	5.46	5.50
Washington	4,089	3,998	23,334	23,638	5.71	5.91
West Virginia	9,495	9,026	38,601	36,157	4.07	4.01
Wisconsin	3,998	4,269	16,967	18,300	4.24	4.29
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	721,599	700,142	4,238,156	4,115,401	5.87	5.88

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: September and October 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	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	366,238	362,417	2,919	2,794	0.79	0.77
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	324,063	329,774	2,525	2,560	0.77	0.77
California	87,780	86,822	643	697	0.73	0.80
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	125,921	125,627	1,357	1,252	1.07	0.99
Florida	21,822	21,990	125	129	0.57	0.58
Georgia	439,834	423,581	2,882	2,790	0.65	0.65
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	15,399	15,062	47	67	0.30	0.44
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	100,752	104,923	480	536	0.47	0.51
Louisiana	72,182	75,122	355	350	0.49	0.46
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	40,159	36,982	447	416	1.10	1.11
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	18,404	18,855	220	212	1.18	1.11
Mississippi	315,354	308,553	1,908	1,948	0.60	0.63
Missouri	129,504	126,123	857	864	0.66	0.68
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	482	521	7	53	1.50	9.21
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	5,318	4,766	154	130	2.81	2.65
North Carolina	357,119	326,785	3,299	2,707	0.92	0.82
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	20,585	21,155	218	246	1.05	1.15
Oklahoma	46,968	43,265	326	297	0.69	0.68
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	46,143	43,598	726	613	1.55	1.39
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	130,029	127,787	689	651	0.53	0.51
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	97,685	92,714	599	683	0.61	0.73
Texas	252,398	228,372	1,347	1,419	0.53	0.62
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	99,104	99,366	485	451	0.49	0.45
Washington	17,433	17,625	94	107	0.53	0.60
West Virginia	27,797	26,321	92	90	0.33	0.34
Wisconsin	12,412	13,385	119	115	0.95	0.85
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,178,933	3,089,188	23,122	22,372	0.72	0.72

- 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: September and October 2011

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	228	190	65,609	64,871
Arkansas	-	-	352	298	67,786	69,922
Delaware	-	-	177	202	33,636	32,983
Georgia	-	-	400	209	47,667	45,290
Mississippi	-	-	161	268	28,051	30,150
Missouri	-	-	100	114	47,384	49,978
North Carolina	-	-	1,041	563	81,678	68,575
Texas	-	-	65	76	41,373	34,928
Virginia	-	-	35	117	12,934	14,585
United States	-	-	4,135	3,436	636,916	636,659
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	22,833	26,760	340	348	1,698	1,891
Arkansas	17,530	22,766	1,445	1,117	1,419	1,463
Delaware	16,065	18,568	24	33	2,973	3,077
Georgia	20,314	24,878	105	62	3,315	3,529
Mississippi	7,028	8,199	133	239	564	579
Missouri	13,429	11,616	86	64	1,327	1,279
North Carolina	27,565	28,354	292	168	6,940	6,242
Texas	9,737	10,804	114	221	1,029	964
Virginia	5,881	8,789	29	15	1,009	1,466
United States	202,235	233,633	3,810	3,167	29,480	29,322
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	949	1,163	6,149	6,263	11,811	11,774
Arkansas	1,249	947	7,387	7,511	6,108	5,505
Delaware	1,012	1,037	3,188	2,354	4,128	5,279
Georgia	572	475	11,900	12,394	7,744	9,353
Mississippi	659	600	2,160	2,165	4,939	4,329
Missouri	205	197	2,441	2,743	5,583	5,116
North Carolina	1,214	1,103	12,779	11,704	6,262	6,343
Texas	468	304	2,928	2,492	4,127	2,953
Virginia	357	436	687	999	1,881	1,486
United States	10,054	9,105	66,640	65,427	82,690	86,715
State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,793	2,750	104,022	118,983	215,432	234,993
Arkansas	642	926	62,988	76,867	166,906	187,322
Delaware	1,439	3,211	34,907	25,149	97,549	91,893
Georgia	881	1,586	99,112	88,968	192,010	186,744
Mississippi	583	973	53,497	57,117	97,775	104,619
Missouri	151	214	35,946	43,843	106,652	115,164
North Carolina	2,485	4,666	71,111	44,103	211,367	171,821
Texas	394	540	35,017	40,840	95,252	94,122
Virginia	319	633	18,187	14,872	41,319	43,398
United States	12,197	20,622	704,337	695,555	1,752,494	1,783,641

- 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: September and October 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,796	2,864	57,960	56,583	20.73	19.76
California	1,022	2,277	29,933	56,255	29.30	24.71
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,456	1,461	50,135	52,007	34.43	35.59
Iowa	1,266	1,299	48,226	48,893	38.10	37.65
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,946	4,082	96,305	100,976	24.41	24.74
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	2,449	2,669	79,099	84,389	32.30	31.61
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	454	453	18,714	18,575	41.18	41.04
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	493	850	12,083	17,963	24.51	21.14
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	514	636	6,914	10,008	13.45	15.75
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,306	2,570	61,443	65,898	26.65	25.64
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	20,314	23,118	591,130	654,836	29.10	28.33

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: September and October 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	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	48,327	46,164	427	349	0.88	0.75
California	23,934	45,366	288	408	1.19	0.89
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	40,464	42,178	712	684	1.73	1.60
Iowa	37,762	38,427	652	674	1.70	1.72
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(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	76,829	80,497	1,367	1,280	1.75	1.56
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)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	61,416	66,162	573	432	0.92	0.65
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	14,852	14,605	273	236	1.81	1.59
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,533	13,895	202	247	2.07	1.74
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	5,639	8,129	56	74	0.98	0.91
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	48,304	51,547	505	506	1.03	0.97
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	470,843	521,508	6,985	6,628	1.46	1.25

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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, 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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