



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 6 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during November 2011 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.47 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the amount certified in November 2010. The October 2011 revised certified total at 3.68 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from October 2010. The October revision represented an increase of 6.92 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during November 2011 was 4.59 billion pounds, down 6 percent from 4.90 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.88 billion pounds, down 7 percent from November 2010. Mature chickens, at 62.5 million pounds, were down 1 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 641 million pounds, down 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.2 million pounds, up 3 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during November 2011 averaged 5.82 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from November 2010. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.71 pounds per bird, down 8 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during November 2011 averaged 28.0 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from November 2010.

Ante-mortem condemnations during November 2011 totaled 9.71 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.21 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.22 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 31.8 million pounds, were 0.91 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.96 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	November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	November 2011 as % of		January to November		2011 as percent of 2010
				November 2010	October 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	709,715	701,599	665,751	94	95	7,925,057	7,873,786	99
Mature	10,248	11,999	10,958	107	91	128,893	134,530	104
Light	4,068	5,558	4,924	121	89	62,024	62,749	101
Heavy	6,180	6,441	6,034	98	94	66,869	71,781	107
Total	719,963	713,598	676,709	94	95	8,053,950	8,008,316	99
Turkeys								
Young	22,952	23,118	22,772	99	99	222,054	226,548	102
Old	123	146	98	80	67	1,304	1,292	99
Total	23,075	23,264	22,870	99	98	223,358	227,840	102
Ducks	1,999	2,078	2,092	105	101	21,438	22,226	104
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,171,929	4,124,746	3,876,740	93	94	45,077,478	45,708,074	101
Mature	63,482	68,595	62,548	99	91	733,857	771,628	105
Light	13,212	18,051	16,038	121	89	199,736	201,579	101
Heavy	50,270	50,544	46,510	93	92	534,121	570,049	107
Total	4,235,411	4,193,341	3,939,288	93	94	45,811,335	46,479,702	101
Turkeys								
Young	646,961	654,836	637,996	99	97	6,449,777	6,654,987	103
Old	3,237	3,975	2,714	84	68	34,523	34,380	100
Total	650,198	658,811	640,710	99	97	6,484,300	6,689,367	103
Ducks	13,783	14,018	14,219	103	101	146,563	151,343	103
Other ¹	805	1,632	539	67	33	5,137	4,239	83
Total	4,900,197	4,867,802	4,594,756	94	94	52,447,335	53,324,651	102
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.88	5.88	5.82	99	99	5.69	5.81	102
Mature	6.19	5.72	5.71	92	100	5.69	5.74	101
Light	3.25	3.25	3.26	100	100	3.22	3.21	100
Heavy	8.13	7.85	7.71	95	98	7.99	7.94	99
Total	5.88	5.88	5.82	99	99	5.69	5.80	102
Turkeys								
Young	28.19	28.33	28.02	99	99	29.05	29.38	101
Old	26.32	27.23	27.69	105	102	26.47	26.61	101
Total	28.18	28.32	28.02	99	99	29.03	29.36	101
Ducks	6.89	6.75	6.80	99	101	6.84	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	November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	November 2011 as % of		January to November		2011 as percent of 2010
				November 2010	October 2011	2010	2011	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,843,148	2,811,813	2,632,109	93	94	30,690,019	31,265,911	102
Mature	40,294	43,391	39,774	99	92	458,418	478,930	104
Light	6,881	9,275	8,381	122	90	105,214	107,235	102
Heavy	33,413	34,116	31,393	94	92	353,204	371,695	105
Total	2,883,442	2,855,204	2,671,883	93	94	31,148,437	31,744,841	102
Turkeys								
Young	336,310	330,619	328,024	98	99	3,216,902	3,327,977	103
Old	2,456	2,930	2,039	83	70	25,604	25,259	99
Total	338,766	333,549	330,063	97	99	3,242,506	3,353,236	103
Ducks	3,799	4,299	4,216	111	98	38,896	39,658	102
Other ¹	104	131	127	122	97	1,132	1,390	123
Total	3,226,111	3,193,183	3,006,289	93	94	34,430,971	35,139,125	102
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	281,216	284,292	271,471	97	95	3,045,637	3,052,473	100
Mature	15	9	-	(X)	(X)	1,512	1,460	97
Light	-	9	-	(X)	(X)	225	362	161
Heavy	15	-	-	(X)	(X)	1,287	1,098	85
Total	281,231	284,301	271,471	97	95	3,047,149	3,053,933	100
Turkeys								
Young	181,689	190,889	181,123	100	95	1,939,372	1,977,127	102
Old	55	89	50	91	56	983	1,064	108
Total	181,744	190,978	181,173	100	95	1,940,355	1,978,191	102
Ducks	6,089	5,772	6,065	100	105	66,245	69,302	105
Other ¹	380	879	208	55	24	2,074	1,382	67
Total	469,444	481,930	458,917	98	95	5,055,823	5,102,808	101
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,124,364	3,096,105	2,903,580	93	94	33,735,656	34,318,384	102
Mature	40,309	43,400	39,774	99	92	459,930	480,390	104
Light	6,881	9,284	8,381	122	90	105,439	107,597	102
Heavy	33,428	34,116	31,393	94	92	354,491	372,793	105
Total	3,164,673	3,139,505	2,943,354	93	94	34,195,586	34,798,774	102
Turkeys								
Young	517,999	521,508	509,147	98	98	5,156,274	5,305,104	103
Old	2,511	3,019	2,089	83	69	26,587	26,323	99
Total	520,510	524,527	511,236	98	97	5,182,861	5,331,427	103
Ducks	9,888	10,071	10,281	104	102	105,141	108,960	104
Other ¹	484	1,010	335	69	33	3,206	2,772	86
Total	3,695,555	3,675,113	3,465,206	94	94	39,486,794	40,241,933	102

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	November 2011 as % of		January to November		2011 as percent of 2010
				November 2010	October 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	8,710	7,633	7,702	88	101	104,114	95,763	92
Mature	844	641	773	92	121	11,782	8,796	75
Light	165	263	249	151	95	3,121	2,820	90
Heavy	679	378	524	77	139	8,661	5,976	69
Total	9,554	8,274	8,475	89	102	115,896	104,559	90
Turkeys								
Young	1,262	1,159	1,176	93	101	15,268	15,975	105
Old	20	32	24	120	75	381	315	83
Total	1,282	1,191	1,200	94	101	15,649	16,290	104
Ducks	40	26	32	80	123	515	518	101
Total	10,878	9,493	9,708	89	102	132,066	121,371	92
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of live weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.21	0.19	0.20	95	105	0.23	0.21	91
Mature	1.33	0.93	1.24	93	133	1.61	1.14	71
Light	1.25	1.46	1.55	124	106	1.56	1.40	90
Heavy	1.35	0.75	1.13	84	151	1.62	1.05	65
Total	0.23	0.20	0.22	96	110	0.25	0.22	88
Turkeys								
Young	0.20	0.18	0.18	90	100	0.24	0.24	100
Old	0.62	0.81	0.88	142	109	1.10	0.92	84
Total	0.20	0.18	0.19	95	106	0.24	0.24	100
Ducks	0.29	0.19	0.23	79	121	0.35	0.34	97
Total	0.22	0.20	0.21	95	105	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	November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	November 2011 as % of		January to November		2011 as percent of 2010
				November 2010	October 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	25,620	22,392	22,691	89	101	266,937	275,256	103
Mature	2,666	2,771	2,348	88	85	33,904	31,567	93
Light	900	1,081	1,073	119	99	13,569	11,394	84
Heavy	1,766	1,690	1,275	72	75	20,335	20,173	99
Total	28,286	25,163	25,039	89	100	300,841	306,823	102
Turkeys								
Young	7,188	6,628	6,412	89	97	74,508	76,721	103
Old	107	140	95	89	68	1,249	1,134	91
Total	7,295	6,768	6,507	89	96	75,757	77,855	103
Ducks	317	207	274	86	132	2,879	2,792	97
Other	3	7	3	100	43	29	23	79
Total	35,901	32,145	31,823	89	99	379,506	387,493	102
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.81	0.72	0.78	96	108	0.79	0.80	101
Mature	6.20	6.00	5.57	90	93	6.87	6.17	90
Light	11.57	10.43	11.35	98	109	11.40	9.58	84
Heavy	5.02	4.72	3.90	78	83	5.43	5.13	94
Total	0.89	0.80	0.84	94	105	0.87	0.87	100
Turkeys								
Young	1.37	1.25	1.24	91	99	1.42	1.43	101
Old	4.09	4.43	4.35	106	98	4.49	4.13	92
Total	1.38	1.27	1.26	91	99	1.44	1.44	100
Ducks	3.11	2.01	2.60	84	129	2.67	2.50	94
Other	0.62	0.69	0.89	144	129	0.90	0.82	91
Total	0.96	0.87	0.91	95	105	0.95	0.95	100

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

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

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	3,447	3,769	637,636	636,994
Mature	-	-	1,138	1,739	138,392	167,734
Light	-	-	920	1,451	95,912	128,845
Heavy	-	-	218	288	42,480	38,889
Total	-	-	4,585	5,508	776,028	804,728
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	17	57	34,711	35,985
Old	-	-	-	-	1,357	1,022
Total	-	-	17	57	36,068	37,007
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	233,826	309,392	3,169	3,038	29,486	29,111
Mature	12,991	10,755	439	495	34,400	39,405
Light	6,284	4,993	130	207	26,127	32,609
Heavy	6,707	5,762	309	288	8,273	6,796
Total	246,817	320,147	3,608	3,533	63,886	68,516
Turkeys						
Young	6,402	5,392	870	1,103	130	180
Old	126	77	-	-	237	42
Total	6,528	5,469	870	1,103	367	222
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	9,176	9,157	65,523	62,715	86,857	84,400
Mature	20,606	21,123	3,442	3,443	99,140	38,447
Light	20,032	20,700	2,423	2,291	81,311	25,307
Heavy	574	423	1,019	1,152	17,829	13,140
Total	29,782	30,280	68,965	66,158	185,997	122,847
Turkeys						
Young	230	201	1,610	1,719	2,059	2,049
Old	-	1	20	20	10	23
Total	230	202	1,630	1,739	2,069	2,072
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	20,622	14,328	695,616	707,030	1,785,358	1,859,934
Mature	338	439	135,967	86,903	446,853	370,483
Light	206	121	66,833	35,401	300,178	251,925
Heavy	132	318	69,134	51,502	146,675	118,558
Total	20,960	14,767	831,583	793,933	2,232,211	2,230,417
Turkeys						
Young	530	264	19,112	14,588	65,671	61,538
Old	13	3	1,190	931	2,953	2,119
Total	543	267	20,302	15,519	68,624	63,657

- 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: October and November 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	82,974	79,445	482,806	449,944	5.82	5.66
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	74,490	70,603	440,120	410,208	5.91	5.81
California	21,437	20,408	116,779	114,959	5.45	5.63
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	25,626	24,405	175,497	171,359	6.85	7.02
Florida	4,929	4,837	31,869	30,356	6.47	6.28
Georgia	100,761	97,130	557,695	531,419	5.53	5.47
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,558	4,441	20,443	19,458	4.49	4.38
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,927	23,940	142,175	131,925	5.48	5.51
Louisiana	15,634	15,015	101,621	94,164	6.50	6.27
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	9,328	9,381	51,048	50,294	5.47	5.36
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,943	3,552	23,023	20,467	5.84	5.76
Mississippi	66,967	60,192	397,987	360,224	5.94	5.98
Missouri	34,763	33,281	170,777	158,888	4.91	4.77
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	149	141	719	687	4.82	4.86
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,551	1,666	7,878	8,491	5.08	5.10
North Carolina	60,393	55,543	427,364	394,138	7.08	7.10
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	4,291	3,902	28,348	25,928	6.61	6.65
Oklahoma	8,072	8,110	57,708	59,271	7.15	7.31
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,993	10,660	61,629	58,773	5.61	5.51
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	24,496	23,725	171,070	165,136	6.98	6.96
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	24,371	22,103	127,689	112,111	5.24	5.07
Texas	51,422	49,194	301,474	282,887	5.86	5.75
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	25,467	25,099	140,084	136,279	5.50	5.43
Washington	3,998	3,946	23,638	23,866	5.91	6.05
West Virginia	9,026	9,207	36,157	37,064	4.01	4.03
Wisconsin	4,269	3,908	18,300	16,942	4.29	4.34
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	701,599	665,751	4,124,746	3,876,740	5.88	5.82

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: October and November 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	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	362,417	341,090	2,794	2,650	0.77	0.77
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	329,774	308,366	2,560	2,399	0.77	0.77
California	86,822	85,127	697	682	0.80	0.79
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	125,627	122,355	1,252	1,300	0.99	1.05
Florida	21,990	22,782	129	119	0.58	0.52
Georgia	424,275	397,440	2,794	2,979	0.65	0.74
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	15,062	14,310	67	72	0.44	0.50
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	104,923	96,676	536	632	0.51	0.65
Louisiana	75,122	69,444	350	362	0.46	0.52
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	36,982	36,277	416	442	1.11	1.20
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	18,855	16,857	212	178	1.11	1.05
Mississippi	308,553	278,826	1,948	1,828	0.63	0.65
Missouri	126,123	117,114	864	974	0.68	0.82
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	521	490	8	10	1.59	2.01
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	4,766	5,151	130	161	2.65	3.04
North Carolina	333,008	307,092	2,768	2,924	0.82	0.94
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	21,155	19,350	246	240	1.15	1.23
Oklahoma	43,265	44,328	297	335	0.68	0.75
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	43,598	41,180	613	587	1.39	1.41
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	127,787	123,096	651	650	0.51	0.53
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	92,714	81,230	683	672	0.73	0.82
Texas	228,372	212,250	1,419	1,467	0.62	0.69
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	99,366	98,105	451	485	0.45	0.49
Washington	17,625	17,666	107	121	0.60	0.68
West Virginia	26,321	26,497	90	93	0.34	0.35
Wisconsin	13,385	12,395	115	100	0.85	0.80
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	3,096,105	2,903,580	22,392	22,691	0.72	0.78

- 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: October and November 2011

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	190	209	64,871	65,880
Arkansas	-	-	298	209	69,922	60,751
Delaware	-	-	202	210	32,983	31,677
Georgia	-	-	209	544	45,336	48,187
Mississippi	-	-	268	451	30,150	30,876
Missouri	-	-	114	57	49,978	58,752
North Carolina	-	-	574	519	69,506	66,204
Texas	-	-	76	63	34,928	45,573
Virginia	-	-	117	42	14,585	14,893
United States	-	-	3,447	3,769	637,636	636,994

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	26,760	34,644	348	445	1,891	1,763
Arkansas	22,766	24,919	1,117	769	1,463	1,269
Delaware	18,568	24,772	33	22	3,077	2,399
Georgia	24,888	36,222	62	152	3,534	3,410
Mississippi	8,199	10,291	239	157	579	658
Missouri	11,616	18,944	64	236	1,279	1,183
North Carolina	28,537	34,655	170	204	6,401	6,999
Texas	10,804	17,258	221	103	964	1,178
Virginia	8,789	13,596	15	19	1,466	1,333
United States	233,826	309,392	3,169	3,038	29,486	29,111

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,163	1,040	6,263	6,788	11,774	10,066
Arkansas	947	852	7,511	5,754	5,505	5,252
Delaware	1,037	797	2,354	2,661	5,279	3,455
Georgia	475	495	12,411	11,201	9,353	8,970
Mississippi	600	701	2,165	2,096	4,329	3,427
Missouri	197	244	2,743	2,833	5,116	5,601
North Carolina	1,174	1,193	11,783	11,721	6,485	12,310
Texas	304	403	2,492	2,645	2,953	4,133
Virginia	436	412	999	713	1,486	1,354
United States	9,176	9,157	65,523	62,715	86,857	84,400

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	2,750	1,607	118,983	95,707	234,993	218,149
Arkansas	926	715	76,867	62,699	187,322	163,189
Delaware	3,211	1,804	25,149	38,023	91,893	105,820
Georgia	1,586	1,585	88,986	94,895	186,840	205,661
Mississippi	973	498	57,117	46,606	104,619	95,761
Missouri	214	40	43,843	41,197	115,164	129,087
North Carolina	4,666	3,424	44,146	53,411	173,442	190,640
Texas	540	554	40,840	50,339	94,122	122,249
Virginia	633	50	14,872	18,216	43,398	50,628
United States	20,622	14,328	695,616	707,030	1,785,358	1,859,934

- 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: October and November 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Arkansas	2,864	2,935	56,583	58,166	19.76	19.82
California	2,277	2,158	56,255	51,672	24.71	23.94
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	1,461	1,414	52,007	51,135	35.59	36.15
Iowa	1,299	1,100	48,893	43,280	37.65	39.34
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	4,082	4,226	100,976	102,054	24.74	24.15
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	2,669	2,527	84,389	78,198	31.61	30.94
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	453	505	18,575	19,735	41.04	39.11
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	850	915	17,963	19,650	21.14	21.48
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	636	614	10,008	9,751	15.75	15.88
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	2,570	2,421	65,898	61,392	25.64	25.35
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	23,118	22,772	654,836	637,996	28.33	28.02

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: October and November 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	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Arkansas	46,164	47,215	349	329	0.75	0.69
California	45,366	41,281	408	365	0.89	0.88
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	42,178	41,213	684	700	1.60	1.67
Iowa	38,427	34,186	674	589	1.72	1.70
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	80,497	81,821	1,280	1,303	1.56	1.57
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	66,162	61,784	432	404	0.65	0.65
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	14,605	15,662	236	249	1.59	1.57
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	13,895	15,702	247	276	1.74	1.73
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	8,129	7,921	74	65	0.91	0.81
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	51,547	48,350	506	522	0.97	1.07
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	521,508	509,147	6,628	6,412	1.25	1.24

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

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