



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 9 Percent from Last Year

**Poultry certified wholesome** during December 2011 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.37 billion pounds, down 9 percent from the amount certified in December 2010. The November 2011 revised certified total at 3.47 billion pounds, was down 6 percent from November 2010. The November revision represented an increase of 3.67 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

**The preliminary total live weight** of all federally inspected poultry during December 2011 was 4.46 billion pounds, down 9 percent from 4.90 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.81 billion pounds, down 10 percent from December 2010. Mature chickens, at 64.6 million pounds, were down 8 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 575 million pounds, down 1 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.2 million pounds, up 1 percent from last year.

**Young chickens slaughtered** during December 2011 averaged 5.78 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from December 2010. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.59 pounds per bird, down 4 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during December 2011 averaged 30.3 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from December 2010.

**Ante-mortem condemnations** during December 2011 totaled 9.49 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.21 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.27 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 32.1 million pounds, were 0.95 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.00 percent a year earlier.

**December 2010** contained 23 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**December 2011** contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	December 2010	November 2011	December 2011	December 2011 as % of		January to date		2011 as percent of 2010
				December 2010	November 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 .....	724,478	666,201	658,722	91	99	8,649,536	8,532,958	99
Mature .....	12,050	10,958	11,560	96	105	140,943	146,090	104
Light .....	5,634	4,924	5,596	99	114	67,658	68,345	101
Heavy .....	6,416	6,034	5,964	93	99	73,285	77,745	106
Total .....	736,528	677,159	670,282	91	99	8,790,479	8,679,048	99
Turkeys								
Young .....	19,129	22,777	18,858	99	83	241,183	245,411	102
Old .....	132	98	102	77	104	1,436	1,394	97
Total .....	19,261	22,875	18,960	98	83	242,619	246,805	102
Ducks .....	2,189	2,092	2,233	102	107	23,627	24,459	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 .....	4,238,449	3,879,516	3,809,326	90	98	49,315,928	49,520,176	100
Mature .....	69,832	62,548	64,566	92	103	803,689	836,194	104
Light .....	17,958	16,038	18,038	100	112	217,694	219,617	101
Heavy .....	51,874	46,510	46,528	90	100	585,995	616,577	105
Total .....	4,308,281	3,942,064	3,873,892	90	98	50,119,617	50,356,370	100
Turkeys								
Young .....	574,448	638,160	572,204	100	90	7,024,225	7,227,355	103
Old .....	3,794	2,714	2,587	68	95	38,317	36,967	96
Total .....	578,242	640,874	574,791	99	90	7,062,542	7,264,322	103
Ducks .....	15,041	14,219	15,201	101	107	161,604	166,544	103
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	216	539	201	93	37	5,353	4,440	83
Total .....	4,901,780	4,597,696	4,464,085	91	97	57,349,116	57,791,676	101
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
<b>Average live weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	5.85	5.82	5.78	99	99	5.70	5.80	102
Mature .....	5.80	5.71	5.59	96	98	5.70	5.72	100
Light .....	3.19	3.26	3.22	101	99	3.22	3.21	100
Heavy .....	8.09	7.71	7.80	96	101	8.00	7.93	99
Total .....	5.85	5.82	5.78	99	99	5.70	5.80	102
Turkeys								
Young .....	30.03	28.02	30.34	101	108	29.12	29.45	101
Old .....	28.74	27.69	25.36	88	92	26.68	26.52	99
Total .....	30.02	28.02	30.32	101	108	29.11	29.43	101
Ducks .....	6.87	6.80	6.81	99	100	6.84	6.81	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	December 2010	November 2011	December 2011	December 2011 as % of		January to date		2011 as percent of 2010
				December 2010	November 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 .....	2,891,430	2,634,112	2,598,983	90	99	33,581,450	33,866,897	101
Mature .....	44,125	39,774	41,398	94	104	502,543	520,328	104
Light .....	9,591	8,381	9,425	98	112	114,805	116,660	102
Heavy .....	34,534	31,393	31,973	93	102	387,738	403,668	104
Total .....	2,935,555	2,673,886	2,640,381	90	99	34,083,993	34,387,225	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	302,460	328,191	295,423	98	90	3,519,362	3,623,567	103
Old .....	2,771	2,039	1,940	70	95	28,375	27,199	96
Total .....	305,231	330,230	297,363	97	90	3,547,737	3,650,766	103
Ducks .....	4,195	4,216	4,227	101	100	43,091	43,885	102
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	119	127	134	113	106	1,251	1,524	122
Total .....	3,245,100	3,008,459	2,942,105	91	98	37,676,072	38,083,400	101
<b>Frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	283,435	272,972	255,558	90	94	3,329,072	3,309,532	99
Mature .....	11	-	-	(X)	(X)	1,523	1,460	96
Light .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)	225	362	161
Heavy .....	11	-	-	(X)	(X)	1,298	1,098	85
Total .....	283,446	272,972	255,558	90	94	3,330,595	3,310,992	99
Turkeys								
Young .....	156,134	181,123	161,019	103	89	2,095,506	2,138,146	102
Old .....	68	50	53	78	106	1,051	1,117	106
Total .....	156,202	181,173	161,072	103	89	2,096,557	2,139,263	102
Ducks .....	6,579	6,065	6,765	103	112	72,824	76,067	104
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	26	208	7	27	3	2,100	1,389	66
Total .....	446,253	460,418	423,402	95	92	5,502,076	5,527,711	100
<b>Chilled and frozen</b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	3,174,865	2,907,084	2,854,541	90	98	36,910,522	37,176,429	101
Mature .....	44,136	39,774	41,398	94	104	504,066	521,788	104
Light .....	9,591	8,381	9,425	98	112	115,030	117,022	102
Heavy .....	34,545	31,393	31,973	93	102	389,036	404,766	104
Total .....	3,219,001	2,946,858	2,895,939	90	98	37,414,588	37,698,217	101
Turkeys								
Young .....	458,594	509,314	456,442	100	90	5,614,868	5,761,713	103
Old .....	2,839	2,089	1,993	70	95	29,426	28,316	96
Total .....	461,433	511,403	458,435	99	90	5,644,294	5,790,029	103
Ducks .....	10,774	10,281	10,992	102	107	115,915	119,952	103
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	145	335	141	97	42	3,351	2,913	87
Total .....	3,691,353	3,468,877	3,365,507	91	97	43,178,148	43,611,111	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

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

## Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	December 2010	November 2011	December 2011	December 2011 as % of		January to date		2011 as percent of 2010
				December 2010	November 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 .....	10,444	7,709	7,557	72	98	114,558	103,327	90
Mature .....	1,308	773	632	48	82	13,090	9,428	72
Light .....	313	249	289	92	116	3,434	3,109	91
Heavy .....	995	524	343	34	65	9,656	6,319	65
Total .....	11,752	8,482	8,189	70	97	127,648	112,755	88
Turkeys .....								
Young .....	1,400	1,176	1,249	89	106	16,668	17,224	103
Old .....	40	24	21	53	88	421	336	80
Total .....	1,440	1,200	1,270	88	106	17,089	17,560	103
Ducks .....	54	32	31	57	97	569	549	96
Total .....	13,246	9,715	9,490	72	98	145,312	130,868	90
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of live weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young .....	0.25	0.20	0.20	80	100	0.23	0.21	91
Mature .....	1.87	1.24	0.98	52	79	1.63	1.13	69
Light .....	1.74	1.55	1.60	92	103	1.58	1.42	90
Heavy .....	1.92	1.13	0.74	39	65	1.65	1.02	62
Total .....	0.27	0.22	0.21	78	95	0.25	0.22	88
Turkeys								
Young .....	0.24	0.18	0.22	92	122	0.24	0.24	100
Old .....	1.05	0.88	0.81	77	92	1.10	0.91	83
Total .....	0.25	0.19	0.22	88	116	0.24	0.24	100
Ducks .....	0.36	0.23	0.20	56	87	0.35	0.33	94
Total .....	0.27	0.21	0.21	78	100	0.25	0.23	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	December 2010	November 2011	December 2011	December 2011 as % of		January to date		2011 as percent of 2010
				December 2010	November 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 .....	27,501	22,708	23,407	85	103	294,437	298,680	101
Mature .....	2,825	2,348	2,218	79	94	36,729	33,785	92
Light .....	1,106	1,073	1,076	97	100	14,675	12,470	85
Heavy .....	1,719	1,275	1,142	66	90	22,054	21,315	97
Total .....	30,326	25,056	25,625	84	102	331,166	332,465	100
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	6,589	6,400	6,112	93	96	81,097	82,821	102
Old .....	114	95	83	73	87	1,363	1,217	89
Total .....	6,703	6,495	6,195	92	95	82,460	84,038	102
Ducks .....	332	274	323	97	118	3,211	3,115	97
Other .....	1	3	1	100	33	30	24	80
Total .....	37,362	31,828	32,144	86	101	416,867	419,642	101
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Percent of weight condemned <sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>Chickens</b>								
Young .....	0.86	0.78	0.81	94	104	0.79	0.80	101
Mature .....	6.02	5.57	5.09	85	91	6.79	6.08	90
Light .....	10.34	11.35	10.25	99	90	11.31	9.63	85
Heavy .....	4.74	3.90	3.45	73	88	5.36	5.00	93
Total .....	0.93	0.84	0.88	95	105	0.88	0.87	99
<b>Turkeys</b>								
Young .....	1.42	1.24	1.32	93	106	1.42	1.42	100
Old .....	3.86	4.35	4.00	104	92	4.43	4.12	93
Total .....	1.43	1.25	1.33	93	106	1.44	1.43	99
Ducks .....	2.99	2.60	2.85	95	110	2.70	2.53	94
Other .....	0.68	0.89	0.70	103	79	0.89	0.82	92
Total .....	1.00	0.91	0.95	95	104	0.96	0.95	99

<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: November and December 2011

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	-	-	3,779	3,815	637,501	659,000
Mature .....	-	-	1,739	1,068	167,734	136,199
Light .....	-	-	1,451	847	128,845	103,663
Heavy .....	-	-	288	221	38,889	32,536
Total .....	-	-	5,518	4,883	805,235	795,199
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	-	-	58	52	35,972	33,637
Old .....	-	-	-	-	1,022	936
Total .....	-	-	58	52	36,994	34,573
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	309,628	416,678	3,038	2,731	29,264	29,772
Mature .....	10,755	8,240	495	422	39,405	41,073
Light .....	4,993	3,980	207	184	32,609	35,157
Heavy .....	5,762	4,260	288	238	6,796	5,916
Total .....	320,383	424,918	3,533	3,153	68,669	70,845
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	5,392	3,525	1,104	1,298	180	169
Old .....	77	103	-	1	42	51
Total .....	5,469	3,628	1,104	1,299	222	220
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	9,158	9,266	62,749	62,158	84,428	100,493
Mature .....	21,123	17,334	3,443	4,104	38,447	38,137
Light .....	20,700	16,872	2,291	3,054	25,307	28,605
Heavy .....	423	462	1,152	1,050	13,140	9,532
Total .....	30,281	26,600	66,192	66,262	122,875	138,630
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	201	188	1,719	1,305	2,049	1,308
Old .....	1	2	20	3	23	10
Total .....	202	190	1,739	1,308	2,072	1,318
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
<b>Chickens</b>						
Young .....	14,467	17,814	707,793	668,576	1,861,805	1,970,303
Mature .....	439	598	86,903	109,631	370,483	356,806
Light .....	121	164	35,401	67,482	251,925	260,008
Heavy .....	318	434	51,502	42,149	118,558	96,798
Total .....	14,906	18,412	794,696	778,207	2,232,288	2,327,109
<b>Turkeys</b>						
Young .....	264	445	14,588	14,845	61,527	56,772
Old .....	3	15	931	27	2,119	1,148
Total .....	267	460	15,519	14,872	63,646	57,920

- 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: November and December 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	79,445	76,531	449,944	428,128	5.66	5.59
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas .....	70,603	68,558	410,208	393,500	5.81	5.74
California .....	20,419	20,977	115,025	120,325	5.63	5.74
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware .....	24,405	25,540	171,359	178,500	7.02	6.99
Florida .....	4,837	4,766	30,356	29,450	6.28	6.18
Georgia .....	97,130	99,332	531,419	544,120	5.47	5.48
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	4,441	4,626	19,458	20,671	4.38	4.47
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	23,940	23,427	131,925	127,001	5.51	5.42
Louisiana .....	15,066	13,550	94,576	84,213	6.28	6.22
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	9,381	9,754	50,294	51,242	5.36	5.25
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	3,552	3,526	20,467	19,395	5.76	5.50
Mississippi .....	60,192	56,123	360,224	334,691	5.98	5.96
Missouri .....	33,504	33,758	159,806	162,650	4.77	4.82
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey .....	141	143	687	693	4.86	4.83
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York .....	1,666	1,575	8,491	8,013	5.10	5.09
North Carolina .....	55,708	55,892	395,518	390,065	7.10	6.98
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	3,902	4,303	25,928	28,153	6.65	6.54
Oklahoma .....	8,110	9,104	59,271	67,467	7.31	7.41
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	10,660	10,037	58,773	55,477	5.51	5.53
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	23,725	22,792	165,136	155,989	6.96	6.84
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee .....	22,103	21,969	112,111	112,672	5.07	5.13
Texas .....	49,194	49,097	282,887	278,239	5.75	5.67
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	25,099	24,590	136,279	130,929	5.43	5.32
Washington .....	3,946	4,297	23,866	25,352	6.05	5.90
West Virginia .....	9,207	8,676	37,064	34,775	4.03	4.01
Wisconsin .....	3,908	3,900	16,942	16,730	4.34	4.29
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	666,201	658,722	3,879,516	3,809,326	5.82	5.78

- Represents zero.

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

# Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: November and December 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>	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	341,090	323,466	2,650	2,755	0.77	0.84
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas .....	308,366	295,913	2,399	2,394	0.77	0.80
California .....	85,150	89,340	682	775	0.79	0.86
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware .....	122,355	128,434	1,300	1,346	1.05	1.04
Florida .....	22,782	21,840	119	97	0.52	0.44
Georgia .....	398,552	408,861	2,979	3,071	0.74	0.75
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	14,310	15,033	72	69	0.50	0.45
Iowa .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	96,676	92,848	632	589	0.65	0.63
Louisiana .....	69,780	62,300	363	358	0.52	0.57
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	36,277	36,694	442	596	1.20	1.60
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	16,857	16,064	178	164	1.05	1.01
Mississippi .....	278,826	262,034	1,828	1,684	0.65	0.64
Missouri .....	117,812	120,466	977	1,197	0.82	0.98
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey .....	490	496	10	11	2.01	2.19
New Mexico .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York .....	5,151	4,866	161	164	3.04	3.27
North Carolina .....	308,127	303,094	2,937	2,993	0.94	0.98
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	19,350	20,948	240	297	1.23	1.40
Oklahoma .....	44,328	50,540	335	310	0.75	0.61
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	41,180	38,228	587	610	1.41	1.57
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	123,096	117,363	650	530	0.53	0.45
South Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee .....	81,530	81,769	672	761	0.82	0.92
Texas .....	212,250	206,130	1,467	1,559	0.69	0.75
Utah .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	98,105	94,057	485	521	0.49	0.55
Washington .....	17,666	18,902	121	110	0.68	0.58
West Virginia .....	26,497	24,985	93	81	0.35	0.32
Wisconsin .....	12,395	12,241	100	97	0.80	0.79
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	2,907,084	2,854,541	22,708	23,407	0.78	0.81

- 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: November and December 2011

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	-	-	209	135	65,880	66,459
Arkansas .....	-	-	209	274	60,751	65,996
Delaware .....	-	-	210	549	31,677	34,154
Georgia .....	-	-	544	361	48,187	50,216
Mississippi .....	-	-	451	218	30,876	27,565
Missouri .....	-	-	57	116	58,752	65,150
North Carolina .....	-	-	523	680	66,671	65,779
Texas .....	-	-	63	98	45,573	47,635
Virginia .....	-	-	42	36	14,893	15,529
United States .....	-	-	3,779	3,815	637,501	659,000

  

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	34,644	51,459	445	292	1,763	1,452
Arkansas .....	24,919	28,622	769	822	1,269	1,529
Delaware .....	24,772	33,664	22	39	2,399	3,179
Georgia .....	36,222	46,418	152	115	3,410	3,216
Mississippi .....	10,291	10,807	157	78	658	655
Missouri .....	18,944	20,351	236	83	1,183	1,624
North Carolina .....	34,891	46,971	204	161	7,145	6,428
Texas .....	17,258	24,490	103	212	1,178	1,121
Virginia .....	13,596	18,580	19	21	1,333	1,387
United States .....	309,628	416,678	3,038	2,731	29,264	29,772

  

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,040	979	6,788	5,528	10,066	10,321
Arkansas .....	852	743	5,754	5,971	5,252	5,414
Delaware .....	797	838	2,661	2,508	3,455	3,594
Georgia .....	495	696	11,201	12,713	8,970	8,415
Mississippi .....	701	691	2,096	1,895	3,427	2,526
Missouri .....	244	295	2,833	2,759	5,601	6,620
North Carolina .....	1,193	1,005	11,753	11,003	12,338	15,563
Texas .....	403	387	2,645	2,099	4,133	3,719
Virginia .....	412	411	713	948	1,354	1,438
United States .....	9,158	9,266	62,749	62,158	84,428	100,493

  

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>		Total	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama .....	1,607	1,440	95,707	89,823	218,149	227,888
Arkansas .....	715	783	62,699	77,223	163,189	187,377
Delaware .....	1,804	3,353	38,023	30,293	105,820	112,171
Georgia .....	1,585	1,415	94,895	79,597	205,661	203,162
Mississippi .....	498	748	46,606	32,398	95,761	77,581
Missouri .....	40	271	41,730	24,019	129,620	121,288
North Carolina .....	3,563	2,789	53,641	68,292	191,922	218,671
Texas .....	554	502	50,339	36,282	122,249	116,545
Virginia .....	50	743	18,216	18,121	50,628	57,214
United States .....	14,467	17,814	707,793	668,576	1,861,805	1,970,303

- 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: November and December 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Arkansas .....	2,935	2,705	58,166	53,223	19.82	19.67
California .....	2,158	1,149	51,672	31,976	23.94	27.82
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	1,414	1,406	51,135	53,004	36.15	37.69
Iowa .....	1,100	1,040	43,280	42,084	39.34	40.47
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	4,231	2,983	102,218	82,521	24.16	27.67
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska .....	(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 .....	2,527	2,235	78,198	78,391	30.94	35.08
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio .....	505	448	19,735	19,510	39.11	43.55
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	915	523	19,650	11,517	21.48	22.02
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas .....	614	641	9,751	10,029	15.88	15.66
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	2,421	2,130	61,392	55,811	25.35	26.21
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States .....	22,777	18,858	638,160	572,204	28.02	30.34

- Represents zero.

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## Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: November and December 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>	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Arkansas .....	47,215	43,961	329	369	0.69	0.83
California .....	41,281	25,699	365	350	0.88	1.34
Colorado .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Hawaii .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana .....	41,213	42,819	700	682	1.67	1.57
Iowa .....	34,186	33,127	589	606	1.70	1.80
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Massachusetts .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota .....	81,988	65,879	1,291	1,112	1.55	1.66
Mississippi .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Missouri .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska .....	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
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 .....	61,784	61,657	404	420	0.65	0.68
North Dakota .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio .....	15,662	15,489	249	302	1.57	1.91
Oklahoma .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania .....	15,702	9,173	276	197	1.73	2.10
Rhode Island .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas .....	7,921	8,114	65	53	0.81	0.65
Utah .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	48,350	43,375	522	482	1.07	1.10
Washington .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming .....	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States .....	509,314	456,442	6,400	6,112	1.24	1.32

- 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.

## **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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