

Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 3 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during August 2009 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.52 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the amount certified in August 2008. The July 2009 revised certified total at 3.64 billion pounds, was down 5 percent from July 2008. The July revision represented an increase of 5.63 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during August 2009 was 4.70 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 4.87 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.03 billion pounds, down 3 percent from August 2008. Mature chickens, at 70.7 million pounds, were down 7 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 579 million pounds, down 9 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 12.3 million pounds, down 2 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during August 2009 averaged 5.56 pounds per bird, down slightly from August 2008. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.78 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2009 averaged 28.2 pounds per bird, up slightly from August 2008.

Ante-mortem condemnations during August 2009 totaled 12.3 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.26 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.34 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 34.6 million pounds, were 0.97 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.07 percent a year earlier.

August 2009 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays, while August 2008 had 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, August, 2008-2009¹**

Commodity	Aug 2008	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Aug 2008	Jul 2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pct</i>
Number Slaughtered								
Chickens								
Young	743,462	747,719	725,750	98	97	6,040,566	5,705,955	94
Mature	12,822	12,762	12,244	95	96	105,216	94,340	90
Light	5,458	5,552	5,482	100	99	48,661	43,087	89
Heavy	7,364	7,210	6,762	92	94	56,555	51,253	91
Total	756,284	760,481	737,994	98	97	6,145,782	5,800,295	94
Turkeys								
Young	22,463	21,325	20,388	91	96	177,994	160,772	90
Old	205	168	132	64	79	1,381	1,203	87
Total	22,668	21,493	20,520	91	95	179,375	161,975	90
Ducks	1,922	1,890	1,829	95	97	16,005	14,962	93
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pct</i>
Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,142,274	4,141,539	4,033,049	97	97	33,617,980	31,701,131	94
Mature	75,889	75,340	70,726	93	94	608,210	543,029	89
Light	17,795	18,182	17,899	101	98	159,130	139,849	88
Heavy	58,094	57,158	52,827	91	92	449,080	403,180	90
Total	4,218,163	4,216,879	4,103,775	97	97	34,226,190	32,244,160	94
Turkeys								
Young	631,634	606,367	575,691	91	95	5,187,615	4,678,612	90
Old	5,420	4,407	3,474	64	79	36,614	32,115	88
Total	637,054	610,774	579,165	91	95	5,224,229	4,710,727	90
Ducks	12,576	12,840	12,306	98	96	107,106	100,946	94
Other Poultry ²	239	199	184	77	92	1,498	1,315	88
Total Poultry	4,868,032	4,840,692	4,695,430	96	97	39,559,023	37,057,148	94
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pct</i>
Average Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.57	5.54	5.56	100	100	5.57	5.56	100
Mature	5.92	5.90	5.78	98	98	5.78	5.76	100
Light	3.26	3.27	3.27	100	100	3.27	3.25	99
Heavy	7.89	7.93	7.81	99	98	7.94	7.87	99
Total	5.58	5.55	5.56	100	100	5.57	5.56	100
Turkeys								
Young	28.12	28.43	28.24	100	99	29.14	29.10	100
Old	26.44	26.23	26.32	100	100	26.51	26.70	101
Total	28.10	28.42	28.22	100	99	29.12	29.08	100
Ducks	6.54	6.79	6.73	103	99	6.69	6.75	101

¹ Federally inspected only.

² Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, and squab.

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, August, 2008-2009¹**

Commodity	Aug 2008	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Aug 2008	Jul 2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pct</i>
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,787,055	2,808,361	2,735,090	98	97	22,533,113	21,447,574	95
Mature	47,568	47,426	44,621	94	94	372,306	337,753	91
Light	9,145	9,796	9,571	105	98	77,959	72,374	93
Heavy	38,423	37,630	35,050	91	93	294,347	265,379	90
Total	2,834,623	2,855,787	2,779,711	98	97	22,905,419	21,785,327	95
Turkeys								
Young	295,586	293,634	279,994	95	95	2,412,932	2,307,433	96
Old	3,305	3,301	2,607	79	79	21,250	21,116	99
Total	298,891	296,935	282,601	95	95	2,434,182	2,328,549	96
Ducks	3,305	3,114	3,229	98	104	32,027	24,781	77
Other Poultry ²	103	81	87	84	107	718	612	85
Total Poultry	3,136,922	3,155,917	3,065,628	98	97	25,372,346	24,139,269	95
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	293,459	287,138	272,052	93	95	2,358,672	2,165,539	92
Mature	317	316	216	68	68	9,007	2,255	25
Light						6,199	113	2
Heavy	317	316	216	68	68	2,808	2,142	76
Total	293,776	287,454	272,268	93	95	2,367,679	2,167,794	92
Turkeys								
Young	207,232	188,644	180,204	87	96	1,708,923	1,421,558	83
Old	823	69	68	8	99	6,249	3,431	55
Total	208,055	188,713	180,272	87	96	1,715,172	1,424,989	83
Ducks	5,755	6,051	5,557	97	92	45,014	47,187	105
Other Poultry ²	26	42	31	119	74	225	237	105
Total Poultry	507,612	482,260	458,128	90	95	4,128,090	3,640,207	88
Chilled and Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,080,514	3,095,499	3,007,142	98	97	24,891,785	23,613,113	95
Mature	47,885	47,742	44,837	94	94	381,313	340,008	89
Light	9,145	9,796	9,571	105	98	84,158	72,487	86
Heavy	38,740	37,946	35,266	91	93	297,155	267,521	90
Total	3,128,399	3,143,241	3,051,979	98	97	25,273,098	23,953,121	95
Turkeys								
Young	502,818	482,278	460,198	92	95	4,121,855	3,728,991	90
Old	4,128	3,370	2,675	65	79	27,499	24,547	89
Total	506,946	485,648	462,873	91	95	4,149,354	3,753,538	90
Ducks	9,060	9,165	8,786	97	96	77,041	71,968	93
Other Poultry ²	129	123	118	91	96	943	849	90
Total Poultry	3,644,534	3,638,177	3,523,756	97	97	29,500,436	27,779,476	94

¹Ready-to-cook weights.

²Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, August, 2008-2009 ¹**

Commodity	Aug 2008	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Aug 2008	Jul 2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	13,475	10,026	9,564	71	95	110,444	80,830	73
Mature	1,320	1,377	1,270	96	92	10,834	9,263	85
Light	304	244	288	95	118	3,356	2,044	61
Heavy	1,016	1,133	982	97	87	7,478	7,219	97
Total	14,795	11,403	10,834	73	95	121,278	90,093	74
Turkeys								
Young	1,665	1,307	1,361	82	104	13,961	11,976	86
Old	62	48	32	52	67	435	334	77
Total	1,727	1,355	1,393	81	103	14,396	12,310	86
Ducks	48	52	54	113	104	274	335	122
Other Poultry						2		
Total Poultry	16,570	12,810	12,281	74	96	135,950	102,738	76
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Percent of Live Weight Condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.33	0.24	0.24	73	100	0.33	0.25	76
Mature	1.74	1.83	1.80	103	98	1.78	1.71	96
Light	1.71	1.34	1.61	94	120	2.11	1.46	69
Heavy	1.75	1.98	1.86	106	94	1.67	1.79	107
Total	0.35	0.27	0.26	74	96	0.35	0.28	80
Turkeys								
Young	0.26	0.22	0.24	92	109	0.27	0.26	96
Old	1.14	1.09	0.92	81	84	1.19	1.04	87
Total	0.27	0.22	0.24	89	109	0.28	0.26	93
Ducks	0.38	0.40	0.44	116	110	0.26	0.33	127
Other Poultry						0.13		
Total Poultry	0.34	0.26	0.26	76	100	0.34	0.28	82

¹ Federally inspected only.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

**Poultry Slaughter: Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, August, 2008-2009 ¹**

Commodity	Aug 2008	Jul 2009	Aug 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				Aug 2008	Jul 2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Carcass and Parts								
Chickens								
Young	27,944	26,031	24,268	87	93	265,071	216,294	82
Mature	3,317	3,471	3,160	95	91	27,375	25,286	92
Light	1,178	1,189	1,201	102	101	9,702	9,556	98
Heavy	2,139	2,282	1,959	92	86	17,673	15,730	89
Total	31,261	29,502	27,428	88	93	292,446	241,580	83
Turkeys								
Young	7,855	6,992	6,750	86	97	68,075	58,153	85
Old	234	161	108	46	67	1,975	1,202	61
Total	8,089	7,153	6,858	85	96	70,050	59,355	85
Ducks	233	247	276	118	112	2,058	2,106	102
Other Poultry	1	2	1	100	50	12	14	117
Total Poultry	39,584	36,904	34,563	87	94	364,566	303,055	83
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Percent of Weight Condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.90	0.83	0.80	89	96	1.05	0.91	87
Mature	6.48	6.78	6.58	102	97	6.70	6.92	103
Light	11.41	10.82	11.15	98	103	10.34	11.65	113
Heavy	5.23	5.67	5.26	101	93	5.61	5.55	99
Total	0.99	0.93	0.89	90	96	1.14	1.00	88
Turkeys								
Young	1.54	1.43	1.45	94	101	1.62	1.54	95
Old	5.36	4.56	3.88	72	85	6.70	4.67	70
Total	1.57	1.45	1.46	93	101	1.66	1.56	94
Ducks	2.51	2.62	3.05	122	116	2.60	2.84	109
Other Poultry	0.77	1.60	0.84	109	53	1.26	1.62	129
Total Poultry	1.07	1.00	0.97	91	97	1.22	1.08	89

¹ Federally inspected only.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

**Poultry Slaughter: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
United States, July 2009-August 2009**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young			9,073	4,551	820,294	752,925
Mature			1,240	1,099	166,972	163,257
Light			1,099	975	134,129	136,502
Heavy			141	124	32,843	26,755
Total			10,313	5,650	987,266	916,182
Turkeys						
Young			22	48	31,033	31,595
Old					2,117	1,428
Total			22	48	33,150	33,023
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	247,540	219,994	6,117	8,321	48,854	45,375
Mature	14,150	12,613	407	301	51,629	52,167
Light	10,156	10,022	231	185	45,740	46,119
Heavy	3,994	2,591	176	116	5,889	6,048
Total	261,690	232,607	6,524	8,622	100,483	97,542
Turkeys						
Young	3,948	4,102	2,383	1,712	109	60
Old	234	178	8	6	114	82
Total	4,182	4,280	2,391	1,718	223	142
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	12,548	12,160	67,725	63,381	103,376	96,238
Mature	11,500	10,954	3,385	3,753	107,614	101,969
Light	10,869	10,500	1,693	2,442	98,128	93,217
Heavy	631	454	1,692	1,311	9,486	8,752
Total	24,048	23,114	71,110	67,134	210,990	198,207
Turkeys						
Young	410	398	1,432	1,564	1,817	2,162
Old	4	2	24	26	54	52
Total	414	400	1,456	1,590	1,871	2,214
Commodity	Overscald		Other		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Chickens						
Young	30,199	41,766	773,071	655,573	2,118,797	1,900,284
Mature	3,615	2,950	173,933	170,102	534,445	519,165
Light	1,279	234	53,429	69,267	356,753	369,463
Heavy	2,336	2,716	120,504	100,835	177,692	149,702
Total	33,814	44,716	947,004	825,675	2,653,242	2,419,449
Turkeys						
Young	943	458	12,475	11,120	54,572	53,219
Old	13	46	370	175	2,938	1,995
Total	956	504	12,845	11,295	57,510	55,214

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
by State and United States, July 2009-August 2009**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AL	94,219	91,010	514,764	501,992	5.46	5.52
AK						
AZ						
AR	83,762	82,117	450,120	448,107	5.37	5.46
CA	24,570	23,799	137,141	134,831	5.58	5.67
CO						
CT						
DE	26,517	25,162	183,918	172,783	6.94	6.87
FL	3,161	3,168	18,867	18,784	5.97	5.93
GA	105,292	101,576	549,611	532,867	5.22	5.25
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	4,900	4,678	21,548	20,793	4.40	4.44
IA						
KS						
KY	27,406	26,401	147,519	141,330	5.38	5.35
LA	12,025	14,351	72,106	85,334	6.00	5.95
ME						
MD	12,224	11,203	59,337	53,462	4.85	4.77
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	64,041	62,713	368,549	362,718	5.75	5.78
MO	35,900	34,454	167,532	160,262	4.67	4.65
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	317	461	1,393	2,026	4.40	4.39
NM						
NY	1,824	1,900	9,431	9,641	5.17	5.07
NC	62,575	59,219	436,859	411,378	6.98	6.95
ND						
OH	4,886	4,530	29,229	27,469	5.98	6.06
OK						
OR						
PA	9,778	9,409	54,886	52,755	5.61	5.61
RI						
SC	25,637	24,774	159,916	154,315	6.24	6.23
SD						
TN	24,602	23,916	120,527	117,748	4.90	4.92
TX	59,635	59,709	318,710	319,301	5.34	5.35
UT						
VT						
VA	29,061	26,849	145,121	134,349	4.99	5.00
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	747,719	725,750	4,141,539	4,033,049	5.54	5.56

¹ States with no data printed are included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations or no active slaughter facility exists in the State.

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by State and United States, July 2009-August 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	385,165	375,809	2,684	2,522	0.69	0.67
AK						
AZ						
AR	328,927	325,745	2,795	2,840	0.84	0.86
CA	101,190	99,428	1,141	1,071	1.11	1.07
CO						
CT						
DE	132,006	124,440	1,609	1,501	1.20	1.19
FL	13,257	13,216	101	119	0.76	0.89
GA	413,295	400,990	2,578	2,421	0.62	0.60
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	15,756	15,158	160	124	1.01	0.81
IA						
KS						
KY	107,451	101,434	522	583	0.48	0.57
LA	54,408	63,805	262	316	0.48	0.49
ME						
MD	43,038	39,192	410	332	0.94	0.84
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	285,427	276,905	2,113	2,036	0.73	0.73
MO	123,454	118,210	1,257	1,040	1.01	0.87
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	876	1,291	36	37	3.90	2.82
NM						
NY	5,759	5,862	248	390	4.13	6.24
NC	337,048	317,209	3,738	3,268	1.10	1.02
ND						
OH	21,701	20,258	352	294	1.59	1.43
OK						
OR						
PA	38,606	36,686	742	567	1.89	1.52
RI						
SC	120,312	115,546	883	858	0.73	0.74
SD						
TN	87,154	85,402	613	586	0.70	0.68
TX	249,232	248,737	1,835	1,689	0.73	0.67
UT						
VT						
VA	101,931	94,355	760	561	0.74	0.59
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	3,095,499	3,007,142	26,031	24,268	0.83	0.80

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

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**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
by State and United States, July 2009-August 2009**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL			118	109	57,871	55,303
AR			458	541	100,531	93,253
DE			1,272	630	43,825	44,716
GA			80	81	51,713	52,363
MS			164	182	27,667	27,780
MO			245	252	80,236	64,364
NC			2,689	683	91,068	82,111
TX			59	75	44,549	43,086
VA			95	125	23,319	18,887
US ¹			9,073	4,551	820,294	752,925
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	35,870	35,497	317	446	3,500	3,593
AR	22,073	13,455	3,094	5,009	1,641	1,670
DE	16,899	11,982	22	39	5,992	5,991
GA	43,307	43,464	230	233	10,096	9,690
MS	8,329	7,463	191	182	451	409
MO	11,984	10,796	168	188	1,611	1,506
NC	26,618	18,413	405	388	10,553	8,926
TX	8,877	8,264	73	104	624	699
VA	9,656	7,769	53	37	2,975	2,553
US ¹	247,540	219,994	6,117	8,321	48,854	45,375
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	1,292	1,257	5,149	4,703	7,269	6,997
AR	1,337	1,362	6,482	5,838	10,346	10,240
DE	1,003	1,149	2,999	2,599	5,438	4,651
GA	993	1,053	11,825	10,898	6,614	5,914
MS	690	836	1,965	1,789	2,936	3,005
MO	579	380	2,143	1,763	8,404	6,417
NC	1,323	1,137	10,075	7,760	7,634	7,693
TX	378	475	4,727	4,869	5,671	5,020
VA	592	538	1,968	1,538	4,367	2,902
US ¹	12,548	12,160	67,725	63,381	103,376	96,238
State	Overscald		Other		Total	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
AL	4,348	6,622	94,693	87,673	210,427	202,200
AR	1,058	1,641	102,156	119,848	249,176	252,857
DE	498	915	49,545	34,322	127,493	106,994
GA	2,674	2,607	54,680	37,406	182,212	163,709
MS	183	273	48,097	42,912	90,673	84,831
MO	328	285	50,406	39,128	156,104	125,079
NC	10,173	9,921	72,337	51,369	232,875	188,401
TX	956	1,389	29,947	33,469	95,861	97,450
VA	1,989	3,793	52,223	20,490	97,237	58,632
US ¹	30,199	41,766	773,071	655,573	2,118,797	1,900,284

¹ Published States do not add to US total to avoid disclosure.

**Young Turkeys Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average
Live Weight, by State and United States, July 2009-August 2009**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AL						
AK						
AZ						
AR	2,393	2,524	45,396	49,265	18.97	19.52
CA	1,238	1,160	32,181	31,007	26.00	26.73
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	1,555	1,464	56,663	51,587	36.45	35.23
IA	932	906	36,493	34,185	39.14	37.73
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	4,074	3,841	100,697	93,141	24.71	24.25
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	2,936	2,697	86,248	81,045	29.38	30.05
ND						
OH	397	391	16,624	16,704	41.84	42.77
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	400	380	16,674	15,794	41.68	41.56
TN						
TX						
UT	387	300	8,101	6,695	20.96	22.30
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	21,325	20,388	606,367	575,691	28.43	28.24

¹ States with no data printed are included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations or no active slaughter facility exists in the State.

**Young Turkeys Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem
Condemnations, by State and United States, July 2009-August 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL						
AK						
AZ						
AR	37,886	41,721	582	490	1.51	1.16
CA	26,182	25,297	305	273	1.15	1.07
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	45,328	41,535	806	699	1.75	1.65
IA	28,491	26,807	552	514	1.90	1.88
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	80,770	74,575	1,342	1,244	1.63	1.64
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	67,609	64,261	492	561	0.72	0.86
ND						
OH	13,207	13,253	349	312	2.58	2.30
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	13,519	12,808	127	119	0.93	0.92
TN						
TX						
UT	6,662	5,503	64	68	0.96	1.23
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	482,278	460,198	6,992	6,750	1.43	1.45

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

³ States with no data printed are included in the US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations or no active slaughter facility exists in the State.

Terms and Definitions Used for Poultry Slaughter Estimates:

Ante-Mortem Condemnations - Birds condemned prior to their entry into the slaughter plant.

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.

Ducks - Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

Mature Chickens - Fowl from breeder and market egg flocks and stags and cocks.

Old Turkeys - Fully matured birds held for egg production, usually over 15 months of age.

Post-Mortem Condemnations - Carcasses or parts condemned by the inspector because of disease or mishandling and removed from the slaughter line and destroyed.

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.

Reliability of Poultry Slaughter Estimates

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 U.S. 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 320 plants slaughtered poultry in the U.S. under Federal Inspection in 2008. Young chickens were slaughtered in 34 States, young turkeys in 26 States.

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Poultry slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants and, therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors are minimized through strict quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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