

Poultry Slaughter

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

Poultry certified wholesome during May 2009 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.39 billion pounds, down 9 percent from the amount certified in May 2008. The April 2009 revised certified total at 3.53 billion pounds, was down 7 percent from April 2008. The April revision represented an increase of 2.77 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during May 2009 was 4.51 billion pounds, down 10 percent from 5.02 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.87 billion pounds, down 9 percent from May 2008. Mature chickens, at 65.1 million pounds, were down 18 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 564 million pounds, down 14 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 12.4 million pounds, down 1 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during May 2009 averaged 5.59 pounds per bird, down slightly from May 2008. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.62 pounds per bird, down 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2009 averaged 28.8 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from May 2008.

Ante-mortem condemnations during May 2009 totaled 10.8 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.24 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.30 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 35.4 million pounds, were 1.03 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 1.17 percent a year earlier.

May 2009 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays, while May 2008 had 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

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

Commodity	May 2008	Apr 2009	May 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				May 2008	Apr 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	762,935	722,083	692,939	91	96	3,764,964	3,494,603	93
Mature	13,772	12,048	11,575	84	96	64,799	56,582	87
Light	6,317	5,296	5,692	90	107	30,901	25,853	84
Heavy	7,455	6,752	5,883	79	87	33,898	30,729	91
Total	776,707	734,131	704,514	91	96	3,829,763	3,551,185	93
Turkeys								
Young	22,337	20,167	19,450	87	96	108,878	97,528	90
Old	138	130	114	83	88	768	750	98
Total	22,475	20,297	19,564	87	96	109,646	98,278	90
Ducks	1,884	1,880	1,819	97	97	10,157	9,331	92
	<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	4,272,950	4,024,578	3,872,983	91	96	20,973,104	19,442,270	93
Mature	79,640	69,865	65,063	82	93	371,101	324,584	87
Light	20,467	17,032	18,565	91	109	100,939	83,697	83
Heavy	59,173	52,833	46,498	79	88	270,162	240,887	89
Total	4,352,590	4,094,443	3,938,046	90	96	21,344,205	19,766,854	93
Turkeys								
Young	647,940	591,652	560,711	87	95	3,222,920	2,882,716	89
Old	3,798	3,608	2,917	77	81	20,567	20,246	98
Total	651,738	595,260	563,628	86	95	3,243,487	2,902,962	90
Ducks	12,564	12,811	12,433	99	97	68,596	62,789	92
Other Poultry ²	189	157	164	87	104	834	739	89
Total Poultry	5,017,081	4,702,671	4,514,271	90	96	24,657,122	22,733,344	92
	<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	5.60	5.57	5.59	100	100	5.57	5.56	100
Mature	5.78	5.80	5.62	97	97	5.73	5.74	100
Light	3.24	3.22	3.26	101	101	3.27	3.24	99
Heavy	7.94	7.82	7.90	99	101	7.97	7.84	98
Total	5.60	5.58	5.59	100	100	5.57	5.57	100
Turkeys								
Young	29.01	29.34	28.83	99	98	29.60	29.56	100
Old	27.52	27.75	25.59	93	92	26.78	26.99	101
Total	29.00	29.33	28.81	99	98	29.58	29.54	100
Ducks	6.67	6.81	6.84	103	100	6.75	6.73	100

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, May, 2008-2009 ¹**

Commodity	May 2008	Apr 2009	May 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				May 2008	Apr 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	2,863,814	2,716,157	2,621,741	92	97	14,049,122	13,136,897	94
Mature	48,540	43,615	40,340	83	92	225,773	200,930	89
Light	9,796	8,599	9,664	99	112	48,467	42,402	87
Heavy	38,744	35,016	30,676	79	88	177,306	158,528	89
Total	2,912,354	2,759,772	2,662,081	91	96	14,274,895	13,337,827	93
Turkeys								
Young	302,525	299,793	273,239	90	91	1,510,106	1,437,672	95
Old	1,711	2,393	2,166	127	91	11,624	12,273	106
Total	304,236	302,186	275,405	91	91	1,521,730	1,449,945	95
Ducks	3,293	3,079	2,896	88	94	21,933	15,263	70
Other Poultry ²	88	75	75	85	100	424	362	85
Total Poultry	3,219,971	3,065,112	2,940,457	91	96	15,818,982	14,803,397	94
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	301,554	281,567	268,123	89	95	1,458,187	1,324,280	91
Mature	1,457	170	268	18	158	6,772	1,385	20
Light	1,129	1				5,225	113	2
Heavy	328	169	268	82	159	1,547	1,272	82
Total	303,011	281,737	268,391	89	95	1,464,959	1,325,665	90
Turkeys								
Young	213,570	172,450	175,533	82	102	1,048,867	858,171	82
Old	1,121	353	71	6	20	3,784	3,208	85
Total	214,691	172,803	175,604	82	102	1,052,651	861,379	82
Ducks	5,789	5,990	5,919	102	99	27,308	29,469	108
Other Poultry ²	32	26	34	106	131	133	127	95
Total Poultry	523,523	460,556	449,948	86	98	2,545,051	2,216,640	87
Chilled and Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,165,368	2,997,724	2,889,864	91	96	15,507,309	14,461,177	93
Mature	49,997	43,785	40,608	81	93	232,545	202,315	87
Light	10,925	8,600	9,664	88	112	53,692	42,515	79
Heavy	39,072	35,185	30,944	79	88	178,853	159,800	89
Total	3,215,365	3,041,509	2,930,472	91	96	15,739,854	14,663,492	93
Turkeys								
Young	516,095	472,243	448,772	87	95	2,558,973	2,295,843	90
Old	2,832	2,746	2,237	79	81	15,408	15,481	100
Total	518,927	474,989	451,009	87	95	2,574,381	2,311,324	90
Ducks	9,082	9,069	8,815	97	97	49,241	44,732	91
Other Poultry ²	120	101	109	91	108	557	489	88
Total Poultry	3,743,494	3,525,668	3,390,405	91	96	18,364,033	17,020,037	93

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

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

Commodity	May 2008	Apr 2009	May 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				May 2008	Apr 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	12,445	9,778	8,634	69	88	67,407	50,523	75
Mature	1,082	816	841	78	103	6,049	4,954	82
Light	311	155	223	72	144	2,118	1,117	53
Heavy	771	661	618	80	93	3,931	3,837	98
Total	13,527	10,594	9,475	70	89	73,456	55,477	76
Turkeys								
Young	1,448	1,475	1,282	89	87	8,688	7,743	89
Old	36	36	20	56	56	225	195	87
Total	1,484	1,511	1,302	88	86	8,913	7,938	89
Ducks	30	32	39	130	122	132	179	136
Other Poultry						2		
Total Poultry	15,041	12,137	10,816	72	89	82,503	63,594	77
	<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	0.29	0.24	0.22	76	92	0.32	0.26	81
Mature	1.36	1.17	1.29	95	110	1.63	1.53	94
Light	1.52	0.91	1.20	79	132	2.10	1.33	63
Heavy	1.30	1.25	1.33	102	106	1.46	1.59	109
Total	0.31	0.26	0.24	77	92	0.34	0.28	82
Turkeys								
Young	0.22	0.25	0.23	105	92	0.27	0.27	100
Old	0.95	1.00	0.69	73	69	1.09	0.96	88
Total	0.23	0.25	0.23	100	92	0.27	0.27	100
Ducks	0.24	0.25	0.31	129	124	0.19	0.29	153
Other Poultry						0.24		
Total Poultry	0.30	0.26	0.24	80	92	0.33	0.28	85

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

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

Commodity	May 2008	Apr 2009	May 2009	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2008
				May 2008	Apr 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	32,041	26,967	25,103	78	93	176,466	139,487	79
Mature	3,497	3,276	3,151	90	96	16,683	15,418	92
Light	1,162	1,144	1,363	117	119	6,019	5,758	96
Heavy	2,335	2,132	1,788	77	84	10,664	9,660	91
Total	35,538	30,243	28,254	80	93	193,149	154,905	80
Turkeys								
Young	8,243	7,437	6,859	83	92	43,586	37,291	86
Old	250	147	111	44	76	1,155	761	66
Total	8,493	7,584	6,970	82	92	44,741	38,052	85
Ducks	226	220	203	90	92	1,340	1,373	102
Other Poultry	2	3	2	100	67	8	9	113
Total Poultry	44,259	38,050	35,429	80	93	239,238	194,339	81
	<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	1.00	0.89	0.86	86	97	1.13	0.96	85
Mature	6.54	6.96	7.20	110	103	6.69	7.08	106
Light	9.61	11.74	12.36	129	105	10.08	11.93	118
Heavy	5.64	5.71	5.46	97	96	5.63	5.70	101
Total	1.09	0.98	0.95	87	97	1.21	1.05	87
Turkeys								
Young	1.57	1.55	1.51	96	97	1.67	1.60	96
Old	8.11	5.08	4.73	58	93	6.97	4.69	67
Total	1.61	1.57	1.52	94	97	1.71	1.62	95
Ducks	2.43	2.37	2.25	93	95	2.65	2.98	112
Other Poultry	1.64	2.88	1.80	110	63	1.42	1.81	127
Total Poultry	1.17	1.07	1.03	88	96	1.29	1.13	88

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, April 2009-May 2009**

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Chickens						
Young			15,473	20,504	790,986	759,937
Mature			1,894	1,489	138,828	184,194
Light			1,747	1,393	102,698	156,675
Heavy			147	96	36,130	27,519
Total			17,367	21,993	929,814	944,131
Turkeys						
Young			37	35	43,946	37,424
Old					1,727	1,898
Total			37	35	45,673	39,322
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Chickens						
Young	435,719	330,299	4,217	4,783	45,233	47,752
Mature	6,970	9,741	247	288	43,532	43,943
Light	3,851	6,987	53	166	37,100	38,170
Heavy	3,119	2,754	194	122	6,432	5,773
Total	442,689	340,040	4,464	5,071	88,765	91,695
Turkeys						
Young	7,080	4,657	3,160	2,301	74	79
Old	300	130	4	2	45	51
Total	7,380	4,787	3,164	2,303	119	130
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Chickens						
Young	13,458	11,748	66,956	60,978	109,501	103,653
Mature	12,921	12,849	2,745	3,131	107,340	107,688
Light	12,333	12,400	1,281	1,690	91,477	96,068
Heavy	588	449	1,464	1,441	15,863	11,620
Total	26,379	24,597	69,701	64,109	216,841	211,341
Turkeys						
Young	457	402	1,740	1,714	5,643	1,786
Old	32	12	74	22	105	61
Total	489	414	1,814	1,736	5,748	1,847
Commodity	Overscald		Other		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Chickens						
Young	25,227	27,146	787,882	775,825	2,294,652	2,142,625
Mature	1,381	1,184	171,660	172,946	487,518	537,453
Light	333	685	62,121	81,261	312,994	395,495
Heavy	1,048	499	109,539	91,685	174,524	141,958
Total	26,608	28,330	959,542	948,771	2,782,170	2,680,078
Turkeys						
Young	504	942	11,303	13,832	73,944	63,172
Old	38	10	312	233	2,637	2,419
Total	542	952	11,615	14,065	76,581	65,591

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<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	89,156	85,299	486,246	465,844	5.45	5.46
AK						
AZ						
AR	86,970	78,335	475,186	427,398	5.46	5.46
CA	22,572	22,981	128,160	128,619	5.68	5.60
CO						
CT						
DE	24,612	24,797	169,736	170,798	6.90	6.89
FL	2,933	2,942	17,293	17,135	5.90	5.82
GA	108,451	101,450	566,499	527,666	5.22	5.20
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	4,621	4,437	20,988	19,885	4.54	4.48
IA						
KS						
KY	24,464	23,846	132,679	130,118	5.42	5.46
LA	14,353	11,498	82,214	68,814	5.73	5.98
ME						
MD	11,218	11,760	54,573	56,322	4.86	4.79
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	60,393	61,036	347,427	359,746	5.75	5.89
MO	33,968	32,199	160,946	153,076	4.74	4.75
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	492	493	2,444	2,202	4.97	4.47
NM						
NY	1,648	1,876	8,591	9,746	5.21	5.19
NC	57,687	57,884	406,459	404,853	7.05	6.99
ND						
OH	4,604	4,514	27,051	27,092	5.88	6.00
OK						
OR						
PA	9,749	9,410	54,364	52,986	5.58	5.63
RI						
SC	24,796	23,445	160,504	151,437	6.47	6.46
SD						
TN	22,345	20,494	117,453	104,883	5.26	5.12
TX	57,479	55,424	309,334	302,048	5.38	5.45
UT						
VT						
VA	25,816	26,287	129,419	131,787	5.01	5.01
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	722,083	692,939	4,024,578	3,872,983	5.57	5.59

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, April 2009-May 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<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	363,159	348,753	2,796	2,518	0.76	0.72
AK						
AZ						
AR	343,453	310,435	3,168	2,900	0.91	0.93
CA	94,899	94,984	892	966	0.93	1.01
CO						
CT						
DE	122,138	122,734	1,428	1,374	1.16	1.11
FL	12,130	12,058	70	84	0.58	0.69
GA	424,844	396,998	3,262	2,526	0.76	0.63
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	15,325	14,544	174	167	1.12	1.14
IA						
KS						
KY	96,778	94,577	807	716	0.83	0.75
LA	60,458	52,251	311	248	0.51	0.47
ME						
MD	39,721	40,859	427	408	1.06	0.99
MA						
MI						
MN						
MS	267,657	275,542	2,036	2,065	0.75	0.74
MO	118,017	112,537	1,276	1,309	1.07	1.15
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ	1,514	1,343	63	65	4.01	4.62
NM						
NY	5,218	6,007	154	188	2.86	3.04
NC	313,794	311,692	3,603	3,481	1.14	1.10
ND						
OH	19,881	19,933	326	358	1.62	1.76
OK						
OR						
PA	37,914	37,201	657	613	1.70	1.62
RI						
SC	120,728	113,838	992	933	0.82	0.81
SD						
TN	85,312	75,940	652	602	0.76	0.79
TX	241,123	237,238	1,884	1,684	0.78	0.71
UT						
VT						
VA	90,321	91,561	763	712	0.84	0.77
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	2,997,724	2,889,864	26,967	25,103	0.89	0.86

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, April 2009-May 2009**

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
AL			107	124	50,814	48,590
AR			336	368	101,427	91,310
DE			1,550	1,368	47,991	42,381
GA			120	213	62,761	54,537
MS			105	143	26,625	28,667
MO			183	317	78,480	74,793
NC			10,930	14,129	70,350	70,877
TX			79	83	40,277	40,076
VA			116	72	24,891	22,318
US ¹			15,473	20,504	790,986	759,937
State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
AL	63,109	38,894	274	167	3,678	3,458
AR	27,012	29,912	1,618	1,862	2,101	1,867
DE	28,431	24,224	85	82	5,584	6,787
GA	87,449	56,456	286	161	8,213	9,154
MS	16,127	12,043	145	186	397	458
MO	13,368	12,993	165	122	1,322	1,468
NC	47,292	28,505	326	396	9,477	10,480
TX	16,324	12,843	61	59	531	548
VA	17,378	12,098	30	27	2,914	3,199
US ¹	435,719	330,299	4,217	4,783	45,233	47,752
State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
AL	1,387	1,178	5,789	5,337	7,917	6,959
AR	1,457	1,303	7,195	5,782	10,693	9,691
DE	751	757	3,652	3,597	4,684	3,889
GA	1,145	987	14,451	10,298	8,108	6,902
MS	1,055	640	1,616	1,929	4,572	2,761
MO	488	501	1,385	1,699	8,299	8,067
NC	935	988	8,432	9,409	5,152	6,662
TX	324	335	3,965	4,110	6,627	6,514
VA	548	514	1,931	2,083	3,245	3,591
US ¹	13,458	11,748	66,956	60,978	109,501	103,653
State	Overscald		Other		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
AL	5,688	3,979	104,599	90,350	243,362	199,036
AR	1,768	3,090	78,807	137,969	232,414	283,154
DE	808	1,053	17,901	17,526	111,437	101,664
GA	2,197	2,011	96,576	56,681	281,306	197,400
MS	542	379	47,692	47,495	98,876	94,701
MO	79	242	74,558	71,109	178,327	171,311
NC	5,749	8,318	92,516	73,193	251,159	222,957
TX	952	850	42,804	34,701	111,944	100,119
VA	1,168	1,192	38,494	36,122	90,715	81,216
US ¹	25,227	27,146	787,882	775,825	2,294,652	2,142,625

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, April 2009-May 2009**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<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	2,719	2,561	53,673	49,488	19.74	19.32
CA	1,198	962	32,581	27,858	27.19	28.97
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	1,442	1,362	53,627	50,211	37.20	36.87
IA	985	837	38,992	33,555	39.60	40.08
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	3,291	3,675	88,685	92,872	26.95	25.27
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	2,801	2,619	82,675	79,235	29.52	30.26
ND						
OH	398	377	17,423	16,189	43.78	42.97
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	419	371	17,682	15,547	42.19	41.90
TN						
TX						
UT	309	348	6,539	7,863	21.16	22.59
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ¹	20,167	19,450	591,652	560,711	29.34	28.83

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, April 2009-May 2009**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<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	44,634	41,785	788	599	1.74	1.41
CA	26,499	22,887	277	261	1.03	1.13
CO						
CT						
DE						
FL						
GA						
HI						
ID						
IL						
IN	42,994	40,289	762	742	1.74	1.81
IA	30,832	26,558	675	544	2.14	2.01
KS						
KY						
LA						
ME						
MD						
MA						
MI						
MN	70,781	74,364	1,280	1,275	1.78	1.69
MS						
MO						
MT						
NE						
NV						
NH						
NJ						
NM						
NY						
NC	65,656	63,024	592	526	0.89	0.83
ND						
OH	13,824	12,853	373	361	2.63	2.73
OK						
OR						
PA						
RI						
SC						
SD	14,300	12,583	160	137	1.11	1.08
TN						
TX						
UT	5,357	6,396	79	115	1.45	1.76
VT						
VA						
WA						
WV						
WI						
WY						
US ³	472,243	448,772	7,437	6,859	1.55	1.51

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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