



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 8 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during May 2011 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.78 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the amount certified in May 2010. The April 2011 revised certified total at 3.48 billion pounds, was down 2 percent from April 2010. The April revision represented an increase of 3.71 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of all federally inspected poultry during May 2011 was 5.01 billion pounds, up 8 percent from 4.66 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.31 billion pounds, up 7 percent from May 2010. Mature chickens, at 70.5 million pounds, were up 10 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 620 million pounds, up 13 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.0 million pounds, up 11 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during May 2011 averaged 5.81 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from May 2010. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.60 pounds per bird, up slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2011 averaged 30.2 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from May 2010.

Ante-mortem condemnations during May 2011 totaled 10.5 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.21 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.23 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 36.7 million pounds, were 0.96 percent of quantities inspected, as compared with 0.94 percent a year earlier.

May 2010 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

May 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

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

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2010	April 2011	May 2011	May 2011 as % of		January to May		2011 as percent of 2010
				May 2010	April 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	705,876	686,642	741,199	105	108	3,493,948	3,565,229	102
Mature	11,543	11,776	12,581	109	107	57,920	59,913	103
Light	5,783	5,991	6,424	111	107	29,893	30,434	102
Heavy	5,760	5,785	6,157	107	106	28,027	29,479	105
Total	717,419	698,418	753,780	105	108	3,551,868	3,625,142	102
Turkeys								
Young	18,374	18,970	20,462	111	108	93,012	97,056	104
Old	66	91	93	141	102	529	550	104
Total	18,440	19,061	20,555	111	108	93,541	97,606	104
Ducks	1,852	1,949	2,055	111	105	9,411	10,083	107
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total live weight								
Chickens								
Young	4,032,638	3,953,065	4,307,604	107	109	19,772,142	20,634,829	104
Mature	64,358	66,345	70,477	110	106	316,012	334,701	106
Light	18,883	19,175	20,797	110	108	96,192	97,429	101
Heavy	45,475	47,170	49,680	109	105	219,820	237,272	108
Total	4,096,996	4,019,410	4,378,081	107	109	20,088,154	20,969,530	104
Turkeys								
Young	546,150	569,129	617,912	113	109	2,782,627	2,937,788	106
Old	1,737	2,354	2,393	138	102	13,973	14,598	104
Total	547,887	571,483	620,305	113	109	2,796,600	2,952,386	106
Ducks	12,667	13,385	14,044	111	105	64,424	69,117	107
Other ¹	168	173	169	101	98	737	772	105
Total	4,657,718	4,604,451	5,012,599	108	109	22,949,915	23,991,805	105
	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(percent)
Average live weight								
Chickens								
Young	5.71	5.76	5.81	102	101	5.66	5.79	102
Mature	5.58	5.63	5.60	100	99	5.46	5.59	102
Light	3.27	3.20	3.24	99	101	3.22	3.20	99
Heavy	7.89	8.15	8.07	102	99	7.84	8.05	103
Total	5.71	5.76	5.81	102	101	5.66	5.78	102
Turkeys								
Young	29.72	30.00	30.20	102	101	29.92	30.27	101
Old	26.32	25.87	25.73	98	99	26.41	26.54	100
Total	29.71	29.98	30.18	102	101	29.90	30.25	101
Ducks	6.84	6.87	6.83	100	99	6.85	6.85	100

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

Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type – United States

[Ready-to-cook weights]

Commodity	May 2010	April 2011	May 2011	May 2011 as % of		January to May		2011 as percent of 2010
				May 2010	April 2011	2010	2011	
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Chilled								
Chickens								
Young	2,755,578	2,704,477	2,968,775	108	110	13,463,802	14,154,788	105
Mature	39,752	40,250	42,853	108	106	195,600	203,896	104
Light	9,957	10,110	11,128	112	110	50,824	52,133	103
Heavy	29,795	30,140	31,725	106	105	144,776	151,763	105
Total	2,795,330	2,744,727	3,011,628	108	110	13,659,402	14,358,684	105
Turkeys								
Young	267,471	293,035	300,770	112	103	1,395,146	1,489,352	107
Old	1,110	1,794	1,777	160	99	10,285	10,906	106
Total	268,581	294,829	302,547	113	103	1,405,431	1,500,258	107
Ducks	3,463	3,298	3,442	99	104	17,227	17,552	102
Other ¹	85	97	113	133	116	392	454	116
Total	3,067,459	3,042,951	3,317,730	108	109	15,082,452	15,876,948	105
Frozen								
Chickens								
Young	264,432	268,907	265,697	100	99	1,327,190	1,344,470	101
Mature	431	-	17	4	(X)	1,281	452	35
Light	-	-	17	(X)	(X)	210	305	145
Heavy	431	-	-	(X)	(X)	1,071	147	14
Total	264,863	268,907	265,714	100	99	1,328,471	1,344,922	101
Turkeys								
Young	170,009	160,771	193,801	114	121	827,525	853,123	103
Old	222	27	59	27	219	434	355	82
Total	170,231	160,798	193,860	114	121	827,959	853,478	103
Ducks	5,651	6,342	6,699	119	106	29,060	32,211	111
Other ¹	30	24	10	33	42	118	80	68
Total	440,775	436,071	466,283	106	107	2,185,608	2,230,691	102
Chilled and frozen								
Chickens								
Young	3,020,010	2,973,384	3,234,472	107	109	14,790,992	15,499,258	105
Mature	40,183	40,250	42,870	107	107	196,881	204,348	104
Light	9,957	10,110	11,145	112	110	51,034	52,438	103
Heavy	30,226	30,140	31,725	105	105	145,847	151,910	104
Total	3,060,193	3,013,634	3,277,342	107	109	14,987,873	15,703,606	105
Turkeys								
Young	437,480	453,806	494,571	113	109	2,222,671	2,342,475	105
Old	1,332	1,821	1,836	138	101	10,719	11,261	105
Total	438,812	455,627	496,407	113	109	2,233,390	2,353,736	105
Ducks	9,114	9,640	10,141	111	105	46,287	49,763	108
Other ¹	115	121	123	107	102	510	534	105
Total	3,508,234	3,479,022	3,784,013	108	109	17,268,060	18,107,639	105

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes geese, guineas, and squab.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2010	April 2011	May 2011	May 2011 as % of		January to May		2011 as percent of 2010
				May 2010	April 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	8,332	7,618	8,413	101	110	46,023	44,152	96
Mature	907	923	655	72	71	4,966	4,473	90
Light	277	214	235	85	110	1,394	1,203	86
Heavy	630	709	420	67	59	3,572	3,270	92
Total	9,239	8,541	9,068	98	106	50,989	48,625	95
Turkeys								
Young	1,211	1,347	1,330	110	99	6,980	7,552	108
Old	16	23	17	106	74	153	132	86
Total	1,227	1,370	1,347	110	98	7,133	7,684	108
Ducks	42	36	49	117	136	197	230	117
Total	10,508	9,947	10,464	100	105	58,319	56,539	97
	(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	1.41	1.39	0.93	66	67	1.57	1.34	85
Light	1.47	1.12	1.13	77	101	1.45	1.23	85
Heavy	1.39	1.50	0.85	61	57	1.62	1.38	85
Total	0.23	0.21	0.21	91	100	0.25	0.23	92
Turkeys								
Young	0.22	0.24	0.22	100	92	0.25	0.26	104
Old	0.92	0.98	0.71	77	72	1.09	0.90	83
Total	0.22	0.24	0.22	100	92	0.26	0.26	100
Ducks	0.33	0.27	0.35	106	130	0.31	0.33	106
Total	0.23	0.22	0.21	91	95	0.25	0.24	96

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

Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type – United States

[Federally inspected only]

Commodity	May 2010	April 2011	May 2011	May 2011 as % of		January to May		2011 as percent of 2010
				May 2010	April 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	23,489	24,544	26,268	112	107	123,307	133,826	109
Mature	3,033	3,061	2,894	95	95	16,341	14,495	89
Light	1,311	1,227	1,134	86	92	7,311	5,472	75
Heavy	1,722	1,834	1,760	102	96	9,030	9,023	100
Total	26,522	27,605	29,162	110	106	139,648	148,321	106
Turkeys								
Young	6,362	6,594	7,162	113	109	32,697	35,339	108
Old	71	78	93	131	119	577	502	87
Total	6,433	6,672	7,255	113	109	33,274	35,841	108
Ducks	255	239	263	103	110	1,248	1,337	107
Other	1	1	1	100	100	5	5	100
Total	33,211	34,517	36,681	110	106	174,175	185,504	107
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Percent of weight condemned ¹								
Chickens								
Young	0.77	0.82	0.81	105	99	0.83	0.86	104
Mature	7.02	7.07	6.32	90	89	7.66	6.62	86
Light	11.63	10.82	9.24	79	85	12.53	9.45	75
Heavy	5.39	5.74	5.26	98	92	5.83	5.61	96
Total	0.86	0.91	0.88	102	97	0.92	0.94	102
Turkeys								
Young	1.43	1.43	1.43	100	100	1.45	1.49	103
Old	5.06	4.11	4.82	95	117	5.11	4.27	84
Total	1.44	1.44	1.44	100	100	1.47	1.50	102
Ducks	2.72	2.42	2.53	93	105	2.63	2.62	100
Other	0.86	0.82	0.81	94	99	0.97	0.93	96
Total	0.94	0.98	0.96	102	98	1.00	1.01	101

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

Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type – United States: April and May 2011

Commodity	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	-	-	23,429	10,057	645,663	692,337
Mature	-	-	1,160	1,769	174,380	153,031
Light	-	-	1,012	1,658	138,119	112,487
Heavy	-	-	148	111	36,261	40,544
Total	-	-	24,589	11,826	820,043	845,368
Turkeys						
Young	-	-	24	138	35,821	34,090
Old	-	-	-	-	923	1,000
Total	-	-	24	138	36,744	35,090
Commodity	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	355,165	358,370	4,128	4,305	26,199	29,074
Mature	8,867	7,264	339	387	40,287	34,542
Light	6,085	4,899	78	154	34,282	28,966
Heavy	2,782	2,365	261	233	6,005	5,576
Total	364,032	365,634	4,467	4,692	66,486	63,616
Turkeys						
Young	3,348	3,224	1,811	1,690	72	65
Old	154	101	-	1	83	112
Total	3,502	3,325	1,811	1,691	155	177
Commodity	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	9,585	11,206	56,751	62,821	81,402	90,970
Mature	15,110	13,105	3,332	3,610	94,941	77,661
Light	14,433	12,542	2,693	3,029	76,578	63,291
Heavy	677	563	639	581	18,363	14,370
Total	24,695	24,311	60,083	66,431	176,343	168,631
Turkeys						
Young	153	195	1,456	1,584	1,214	1,442
Old	1	-	9	32	19	26
Total	154	195	1,465	1,616	1,233	1,468
Commodity	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Chickens						
Young	17,753	16,648	760,868	826,734	1,980,943	2,102,522
Mature	479	818	171,364	163,480	510,259	455,667
Light	234	370	70,012	70,394	343,526	297,790
Heavy	245	448	101,352	93,086	166,733	157,877
Total	18,232	17,466	932,232	990,214	2,491,202	2,558,189
Turkeys						
Young	348	406	11,919	17,841	56,166	60,675
Old	4	-	208	169	1,401	1,441
Total	352	406	12,127	18,010	57,567	62,116

- 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: April and May 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	81,709	90,041	454,795	506,674	5.57	5.63
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	77,098	77,986	433,952	444,430	5.63	5.70
California	21,372	23,708	121,636	138,393	5.69	5.84
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	23,784	26,659	169,134	187,937	7.11	7.05
Florida	5,031	5,036	31,529	31,942	6.27	6.34
Georgia	100,423	106,967	541,327	583,910	5.39	5.46
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	4,588	5,110	20,321	22,701	4.43	4.44
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	25,830	23,407	137,194	135,245	5.31	5.78
Louisiana	14,648	15,622	90,927	99,145	6.21	6.35
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	10,625	11,341	56,282	60,661	5.30	5.35
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,657	4,128	21,442	24,438	5.86	5.92
Mississippi	59,303	70,390	346,759	404,258	5.85	5.74
Missouri	34,647	36,560	165,276	175,444	4.77	4.80
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	155	112	791	525	5.11	4.69
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	1,525	1,626	7,870	8,331	5.16	5.13
North Carolina	57,983	62,772	415,471	451,141	7.17	7.19
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	4,353	4,563	26,665	27,861	6.13	6.11
Oklahoma	8,593	8,042	63,778	61,499	7.42	7.65
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	10,737	11,956	60,557	66,253	5.64	5.54
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	22,840	23,597	158,344	162,913	6.93	6.90
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	24,049	25,504	125,374	132,804	5.21	5.21
Texas	51,330	58,277	292,363	339,945	5.70	5.83
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	23,940	26,601	126,062	142,922	5.27	5.37
Washington	4,059	4,405	24,162	26,852	5.95	6.10
West Virginia	8,791	10,513	34,866	41,964	3.97	3.99
Wisconsin	3,960	4,360	16,805	18,463	4.24	4.23
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	686,642	741,199	3,953,065	4,307,604	5.76	5.81

- Represents zero.

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

Young Chickens, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: April and May 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	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	341,122	380,634	2,619	3,099	0.76	0.81
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	321,335	327,593	2,979	2,882	0.92	0.87
California	90,465	102,926	682	774	0.75	0.75
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Delaware	121,696	135,200	1,479	1,714	1.20	1.25
Florida	21,953	22,734	121	123	0.55	0.54
Georgia	412,722	444,525	3,079	3,118	0.74	0.70
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Indiana	14,927	16,681	72	78	0.48	0.46
Iowa	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	101,525	96,411	475	539	0.47	0.56
Louisiana	67,158	73,342	318	348	0.47	0.47
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	40,559	43,831	603	600	1.46	1.35
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	17,389	19,989	198	263	1.12	1.30
Mississippi	272,508	317,939	1,848	1,998	0.67	0.62
Missouri	122,015	129,436	737	798	0.60	0.61
Montana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Nebraska	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Jersey	546	385	11	5	1.98	1.29
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	4,780	5,065	181	171	3.65	3.27
North Carolina	326,834	353,678	3,615	3,744	1.09	1.05
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	19,979	20,783	278	312	1.37	1.48
Oklahoma	47,392	45,921	568	451	1.19	0.97
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	42,070	45,936	630	750	1.48	1.61
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	118,935	122,754	880	785	0.73	0.64
South Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Tennessee	90,978	96,554	718	710	0.78	0.73
Texas	226,196	260,102	1,301	1,559	0.57	0.60
Utah	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Vermont	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	88,291	100,742	681	870	0.76	0.86
Washington	18,034	20,045	88	100	0.49	0.50
West Virginia	24,973	30,036	87	103	0.35	0.34
Wisconsin	12,247	13,537	99	110	0.80	0.81
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	2,973,384	3,234,472	24,544	26,268	0.82	0.81

- 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: April and May 2011

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

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicaemia	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	-	-	272	175	56,785	64,966
Arkansas	-	-	330	284	88,984	85,476
Delaware	-	-	501	454	36,171	41,300
Georgia	-	-	52	81	47,766	48,767
Mississippi	-	-	81	67	24,067	26,040
Missouri	-	-	53	94	45,867	46,541
North Carolina	-	-	19,721	4,080	64,634	75,384
Texas	-	-	73	92	42,685	50,677
Virginia	-	-	26	508	18,131	19,583
United States	-	-	23,429	10,057	645,663	692,337

State	Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	37,045	35,001	392	344	1,547	1,661
Arkansas	42,976	36,244	1,693	1,829	1,174	1,183
Delaware	32,841	31,814	83	54	3,078	3,150
Georgia	38,126	42,756	108	166	2,463	2,940
Mississippi	10,646	10,533	230	121	280	428
Missouri	9,558	8,848	136	156	1,303	1,384
North Carolina	41,070	41,259	295	293	6,243	7,074
Texas	13,623	18,189	81	79	718	860
Virginia	29,336	27,546	7	14	1,636	1,584
United States	355,165	358,370	4,128	4,305	26,199	29,074

State	Bruises		Cadaver		Contamination	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	1,005	1,521	5,633	6,042	11,023	11,445
Arkansas	1,015	1,129	4,929	5,375	5,318	6,189
Delaware	1,178	1,368	2,405	2,701	3,230	3,896
Georgia	571	679	11,265	12,079	6,399	7,824
Mississippi	738	569	2,060	2,570	3,470	2,981
Missouri	233	260	2,611	2,391	5,244	6,141
North Carolina	883	1,012	8,697	10,429	6,203	7,981
Texas	401	519	2,989	3,585	3,307	4,579
Virginia	447	481	564	866	2,043	2,977
United States	9,585	11,206	56,751	62,821	81,402	90,970

State	Overscald		Miscellaneous ¹		Total	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)	(number head)
Alabama	2,158	2,695	115,629	129,729	231,489	253,579
Arkansas	641	481	94,785	88,200	241,845	226,390
Delaware	1,592	2,195	34,534	48,634	115,613	135,566
Georgia	1,981	1,263	116,234	117,082	224,965	233,637
Mississippi	257	127	44,631	47,910	86,460	91,346
Missouri	171	115	32,435	39,518	97,611	105,448
North Carolina	4,137	3,739	70,531	82,244	222,414	233,495
Texas	640	639	21,957	14,901	86,474	94,120
Virginia	680	309	54,187	58,828	107,057	112,696
United States	17,753	16,648	760,868	826,734	1,980,943	2,102,522

- 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: April and May 2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding]

State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	2,702	2,853	53,206	56,746	19.69	19.89
California	1,106	1,047	32,218	34,158	29.12	32.64
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illinois	-	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Indiana	1,373	1,492	50,070	55,746	36.46	37.35
Iowa	1,155	1,175	46,045	46,621	39.86	39.68
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	-	-	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	3,290	4,007	84,654	101,324	25.73	25.29
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	2,173	2,458	72,584	80,633	33.41	32.81
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ohio	430	450	18,509	19,541	43.02	43.47
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pennsylvania	412	525	10,785	12,993	26.20	24.74
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	550	565	8,587	8,452	15.61	14.97
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	-
Virginia	2,122	2,205	55,544	60,093	26.17	27.25
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	18,970	20,462	569,129	617,912	30.00	30.20

- Represents zero.

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Young Turkeys, Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations – States and United States: April and May 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	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Alabama	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Alaska	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arizona	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Arkansas	44,125	47,889	358	369	0.81	0.77
California	25,837	27,649	227	270	0.87	0.97
Colorado	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Delaware	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Florida	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Georgia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Hawaii	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Idaho	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Illinois	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)	(D)
Indiana	39,698	44,916	747	856	1.85	1.87
Iowa	36,397	36,707	724	668	1.95	1.79
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Kentucky	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maine	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Maryland	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Massachusetts	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Michigan	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Minnesota	67,582	80,920	1,244	1,462	1.81	1.77
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	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
New York	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	57,240	63,883	530	538	0.92	0.83
North Dakota	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Ohio	14,697	15,512	307	304	2.05	1.92
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Oregon	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pennsylvania	8,490	10,232	175	163	2.02	1.57
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
South Dakota	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Texas	6,969	6,869	39	43	0.55	0.62
Utah	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vermont	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(X)
Virginia	43,710	47,308	407	491	0.92	1.03
Washington	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Wisconsin	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wyoming	-	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
United States	453,806	494,571	6,594	7,162	1.43	1.43

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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, about 5 months 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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