

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 12 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during December (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.25 billion pounds, up 12 percent from the amount certified in 1991. Updated totals for November 1992 show that 2.06 billion pounds were certified.

Monthly summary tables include the latest available data from the Food Safety and Inspection Service plus allowances for missing reports. Revised monthly totals for 1991 will also reflect allowances for missing reports to insure comparability of current year's estimates with the previous year.

December 1992 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. December 1991 had 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during December 1992 was 3.08 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.51 billion pounds of young chickens, 66.0 million pounds of mature chickens, 496 million pounds of turkeys, and 12.5 million pounds of ducks.

Ante-mortem condemnations during December 1992 totaled 10.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.33 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.34 percent a year earlier.

Post-mortem condemnations, at 48.2 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.74 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 2.06 percent a year earlier.

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, December 1992 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Nov 1992	483,519	10,621	494,140	1,459	----
Dec 1991	493,852	14,874	508,727	1,483	----
Dec 1992	545,050	14,551	559,601	1,864	----
Jan-Dec 1991	6,140,277	173,377	6,313,654	19,991	----
Jan-Dec 1992	6,420,296	177,289	6,597,586	18,451	----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Nov 1992	2,208,949	49,663	2,258,612	9,695	754
Dec 1991	2,230,099	69,548	2,299,647	9,706	442
Dec 1992	2,506,018	66,017	2,572,035	12,472	419
Jan-Dec 1991	27,170,780	818,612	27,989,392	130,584	6,215
Jan-Dec 1992	28,978,304	835,721	29,814,025	122,431	6,504
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Nov 1992	4.57	4.68	4.57	6.64	----
Dec 1991	4.52	4.68	4.52	6.54	----
Dec 1992	4.60	4.54	4.60	6.69	----
Jan-Dec 1991	4.43	4.72	4.43	6.53	----
Jan-Dec 1992	4.51	4.71	4.52	6.64	----

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, December 1992 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Nov 1992	0	24,749	162	24,911	-----
Dec 1991	133	20,050	174	20,357	-----
Dec 1992	0	22,325	173	22,498	-----
Jan-Dec 1991	2,570	271,880	2,385	276,835	-----
Jan-Dec 1992	956	277,968	2,370	281,294	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Nov 1992	0	530,724	4,195	534,919	2,803,980
Dec 1991	1,289	437,435	4,518	443,242	2,753,038
Dec 1992	0	491,038	4,549	495,587	3,080,513
Jan-Dec 1991	25,479	5,798,849	60,594	5,884,922	34,011,113
Jan-Dec 1992	8,781	6,038,715	61,341	6,108,837	36,051,797
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Nov 1992	0.00	21.44	25.88	21.47	-----
Dec 1991	9.71	21.82	26.04	21.77	-----
Dec 1992	0.00	22.00	26.31	22.03	-----
Jan-Dec 1991	9.91	21.33	25.40	21.26	-----
Jan-Dec 1992	9.18	21.72	25.89	21.72	-----

- 1/ Federally inspected only. Totals may not add due to rounding.
2/ Of the Mature Chickens inspected, the number reported in thousands as heavy fowl (broiler breeding stock) was: December 1991: 3,954, December 1992: 3,617.
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: December 1991: 83, December 1992: 75.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, December 1992 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Nov 1992					
Chilled	1,471,961	30,265	1,502,226	2,401	35
Frozen	123,049	746	123,795	4,503	432
Total	1,595,010	31,011	1,626,020	6,905	466
Dec 1991					
Chilled	1,489,425	41,112	1,530,537	2,948	31
Frozen	126,494	1,744	128,238	4,006	224
Total	1,615,919	42,856	1,658,775	6,954	255
Dec 1992					
Chilled	1,663,976	39,062	1,703,038	3,017	77
Frozen	144,305	1,806	146,111	5,744	193
Total	1,808,280	40,868	1,849,148	8,760	270
Jan-Dec 1991					
Chilled	18,281,171	473,413	18,754,584	28,283	352
Frozen	1,446,486	32,301	1,478,787	65,315	3,221
Total	19,727,657	505,715	20,233,372	93,598	3,574
Jan-Dec 1992					
Chilled	19,504,223	490,862	19,995,086	28,504	583
Frozen	1,533,871	26,215	1,560,086	58,737	3,424
Total	21,038,094	517,077	21,555,172	87,242	4,007

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 United States, December 1992 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Nov 1992					
Chilled	0	196,879	2,080	198,959	1,703,621
Frozen	0	222,975	1,061	224,036	352,765
Total	0	419,854	3,141	422,995	2,056,386
Dec 1991					
Chilled	323	167,014	2,586	169,924	1,703,440
Frozen	690	178,425	843	179,959	312,427
Total	1,013	345,440	3,430	349,883	2,015,867
Dec 1992					
Chilled	0	171,530	1,982	173,512	1,879,643
Frozen	0	216,902	1,347	218,249	370,296
Total	0	388,431	3,329	391,761	2,249,939
Jan-Dec 1991					
Chilled	6,830	2,080,523	32,975	2,120,327	20,903,547
Frozen	13,008	2,505,106	13,475	2,531,589	4,078,912
Total	19,837	4,585,629	46,450	4,651,916	24,982,459
Jan-Dec 1992					
Chilled	1,468	2,108,353	29,609	2,139,430	22,163,604
Frozen	5,335	2,666,545	16,246	2,688,126	4,310,373
Total	6,803	4,774,898	45,855	4,827,556	26,473,977

1/ Ready-to-cook weights. Totals may not add due to rounding.

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, December 1992 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Nov 1992	6,290	531	6,821	8	3
Dec 1991	6,983	939	7,921	8	1
Dec 1992	8,077	902	8,979	11	3
Jan-Dec 1991	95,071	11,807	106,878	166	36
Jan-Dec 1992	88,269	11,741	100,010	106	28
Percent 2/					
Dec 1991	0.31	1.35	0.34	0.09	0.30
Dec 1992	0.32	1.37	0.35	0.09	0.64
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Nov 1992	29,489	2,381	31,869	151	11
Dec 1991	38,616	3,322	41,937	165	4
Dec 1992	35,922	3,165	39,087	194	5
Jan-Dec 1991	432,868	37,852	470,720	1,798	60
Jan-Dec 1992	424,050	38,819	462,869	1,793	71
Percent 3/					
Dec 1991	1.92	5.31	2.03	1.89	1.00
Dec 1992	1.59	5.33	1.69	1.73	1.23

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, December 1992 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Nov 1992	0	1,159	33	1,192	8,024
Dec 1991	8	1,398	38	1,444	9,375
Dec 1992	0	1,206	37	1,243	10,236
Jan-Dec 1991	94	19,826	536	20,456	127,535
Jan-Dec 1992	29	16,232	585	16,846	116,991
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Dec 1991	0.64	0.32	0.84	0.33	0.34
Dec 1992	---	0.25	0.82	0.25	0.33
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Nov 1992	0	8,767	237	9,004	41,035
Dec 1991	11	8,701	239	8,951	51,058
Dec 1992	0	8,642	286	8,928	48,214
Jan-Dec 1991	341	106,885	3,212	110,438	583,016
Jan-Dec 1992	104	103,503	3,645	107,252	571,984
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Dec 1991	0.99	2.21	5.88	2.24	2.06
Dec 1992	---	1.96	7.00	2.00	1.74

1/ Federally inspected only. Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Pounds condemned as percent of pounds (live weight) inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Pounds condemned as percent of pounds N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, December 1991-92

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected ^{1/}	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	----- 1,000 -----		----- 1,000 Pounds -----		----- Pounds -----	
AL	70,773	73,862	304,386	328,183	4.30	4.44
AR	79,689	89,920	351,316	413,411	4.41	4.60
CA	17,335	18,191	91,070	93,479	5.25	5.14
DE	18,454	19,876	96,633	102,622	5.24	5.16
FL	11,197	11,576	47,833	49,203	4.27	4.25
GA	67,416	72,466	303,233	330,487	4.50	4.56
LA	8,637	11,925	36,631	50,463	4.24	4.23
MD	15,388	15,827	68,318	71,070	4.44	4.49
MS	37,130	40,730	161,434	185,206	4.35	4.55
MO	16,282	17,295	68,147	74,836	4.19	4.33
NC	40,911	47,926	207,638	248,845	5.08	5.19
PA	7,991	7,112	40,081	33,829	5.02	4.76
SC	10,498	14,545	42,394	56,058	4.04	3.85
TN	10,112	11,881	45,960	53,421	4.55	4.50
TX	29,421	34,691	131,192	157,045	4.46	4.53
VA	24,531	26,986	110,553	125,959	4.51	4.67
WA	2,447	2,452	11,668	11,562	4.77	4.71
US	493,852	545,050	2,230,099	2,506,018	4.52	4.60

^{1/} Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, December 1991-92

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				- Percent -	
AL	221,146	235,066	4,492	5,456	1.64	1.85
AR	248,906	290,695	4,952	5,682	1.57	1.53
CA	63,946	67,511	5,949	1,418	7.26	1.69
DE	70,909	74,691	1,303	1,308	1.50	1.42
FL	34,580	35,015	1,174	654	2.73	1.48
GA	224,333	241,562	3,426	4,143	1.26	1.39
LA	26,617	37,192	767	741	2.33	1.63
MD	48,307	49,946	714	852	1.16	1.33
MS	121,326	138,911	3,336	2,655	2.30	1.59
MO	49,350	53,859	1,061	1,348	1.73	2.00
NC	150,025	178,860	2,871	3,051	1.54	1.36
PA	27,909	24,048	914	563	2.53	1.85
SC	30,353	40,254	505	702	1.32	1.39
TN	33,569	38,589	587	687	1.42	1.43
TX	97,132	117,758	3,148	2,989	2.67	2.11
VA	80,230	91,575	1,071	1,058	1.08	0.93
WA	8,737	8,599	259	258	2.47	2.48
US	1,615,919	1,808,280	38,616	35,922	1.92	1.59

1/ Ready-to-cook weights.

2/ Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
Selected States and United States, December 1992

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AL	---	3,594	211,335	171,693	3,761	47,095
AR	---	12,564	372,813	249,884	12,000	20,824
CA	---	5,693	79,482	10,635	---	17,158
DE	---	---	77,495	53,895	---	---
FL	---	995	24,652	28,556	1,258	5,681
GA	---	3,390	165,184	114,762	1,705	43,621
LA	---	799	31,806	30,873	900	4,078
MD	---	9,690	65,195	24,119	---	6,473
MS	---	4,733	111,878	80,783	1,509	14,853
MO	---	---	72,295	54,869	3,152	6,017
NC	---	7,258	113,695	82,389	61	40,963
PA	---	4,394	32,045	11,578	277	5,169
SC	---	852	29,025	45,953	177	10,580
TN	---	---	60,000	12,178	370	3,564
TX	---	6,928	151,059	162,106	696	8,231
VA	---	4,829	70,267	33,427	63	8,488
WA	---	---	18,879	---	---	---
US	---	101,211	1,832,568	1,221,297	34,275	270,744
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
AL	15,279	26,700	47,379	9,451	146,561	682,848
AR	16,659	27,559	51,232	3,505	95,950	862,990
CA	742	---	2,497	360	---	116,567
DE	4,800	5,253	9,466	2,403	11,244	164,556
FL	1,598	---	8,137	---	22,020	92,897
GA	10,779	22,030	21,600	---	88,539	471,610
LA	2,099	3,873	2,914	---	---	77,342
MD	2,412	5,835	13,531	---	8,866	136,121
MS	6,640	12,216	25,912	3,550	77,426	339,500
MO	3,631	4,029	11,631	---	45,356	200,980
NC	4,348	21,386	19,046	5,118	70,543	364,807
PA	1,060	2,048	---	---	---	56,571
SC	2,128	10,379	---	---	16,689	115,783
TN	2,288	16,658	---	---	13,946	109,004
TX	2,296	7,514	8,476	---	---	347,306
VA	2,735	8,811	21,666	1,279	14,006	165,571
WA	210	528	226	---	12,381	32,224
US	88,721	201,202	309,742	45,575	757,760	4,863,095

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
United States, December 1991-92

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <u>1/</u>	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	----- 1,000 -----		--- 1,000 Pounds ---		--- Pounds ---	
US	14,874	14,551	69,548	66,017	4.68	4.54

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
United States, December 1991-92

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		- Percent --			
US	42,856	40,868	3,322	3,165	5.31	5.33

1/ Ready-to-cook weights.

2/ Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
United States, December 1992

State	Tuberculosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsacculitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	3,708	264,086	12,612	1,314	114,587
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contamination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	27,813	37,384	134,701	5,032	38,909	640,146

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, December 1991-92

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <u>1/</u>	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ---		---- Pounds ---	
AR	1,272	2,035	28,846	43,379	22.68	21.32
CA	2,264	2,310	51,444	45,481	22.72	19.69
IA	1,040	1,131	28,416	31,648	27.33	27.99
MN	2,869	2,898	52,775	52,585	18.39	18.15
MO	1,499	1,564	32,321	33,085	21.56	21.15
NC	3,444	4,179	67,402	89,148	19.57	21.33
PA	729	795	14,423	16,093	19.80	20.23
VA	2,563	2,813	46,837	52,593	18.27	18.70
US	20,050	22,325	437,435	491,038	21.82	22.00

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, December 1991-92

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-- Percent --			
AR	23,125	35,239	824	945	3.17	2.42
CA	41,024	36,763	805	582	1.74	1.42
IA	21,979	24,641	683	670	2.67	2.35
MN	41,527	41,669	1,849	1,328	3.89	2.81
MO	25,720	25,721	751	683	2.58	2.29
NC	53,382	70,006	1,046	1,291	1.72	1.61
PA	11,684	12,400	212	245	1.64	1.69
VA	36,685	41,666	713	777	1.69	1.64
US	345,440	388,431	8,701	8,642	2.21	1.96

1/ Ready-to-cook weights.

2/ Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number Condemed Post-Mortem by Cause,
Selected States and United States, December 1992

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AR	---	---	14,001	---	---	---
CA	---	---	8,165	163	---	9
IA	---	---	---	2,677	---	---
MN	---	---	16,906	9,520	1,519	---
MO	---	---	14,798	2,611	---	---
NC	---	145	12,008	---	---	15
PA	---	---	---	864	---	---
VA	---	7	7,688	255	---	---
US	---	194	106,932	27,063	7,200	159
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
AR	---	683	---	---	---	14,684
CA	24	236	385	35	---	9,017
IA	---	---	573	---	167	3,417
MN	---	2,114	---	---	---	30,059
MO	167	---	1,702	---	---	19,278
NC	353	1,449	---	---	887	14,857
PA	---	---	---	---	122	986
VA	29	2,102	---	---	834	10,915
US	1,897	8,221	12,161	2,846	11,450	178,123

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
United States, December 1992

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	---	3,065	1,091	12	122
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	81	70	158	---	921	5,523

Poultry Slaughter Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for commercial poultry slaughter estimates are obtained from the Poultry Inspection Form (FSIS 6000-21) completed by inspectors of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA. This form provides actual counts of birds slaughtered in Federally Inspected (FI) plants. Over 99 percent of the total U.S. slaughter for any species is under FI. The FSIS 6000-21 forms collect number of head slaughtered daily under FI by species and class as well as condemnations and total live and dressed weights. Approximately 350 plants in the U.S. are operated under Federal Inspection. Annual totals of poultry slaughtered under State-administered Non-Federal Inspection (NFI) are published in the May release.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late reports received by FSIS from plants and are usually less than one-half of 1 percent of the preliminary totals. Revisions for the previous month and year-to-date totals are published in each monthly release. Final data are published in the annual summary released in May and reflect any late reports or corrections which occurred after the monthly revision were published.

Procedures and Reliability: Plant inspectors submit forms (FSIS 6000-21) weekly summarizing the plant's activity. When inconsistencies in the data are detected, the reports are returned to the inspectors for correction. Inspectors correct or validate the report and resubmit it. The reports cover weekly activities through Saturday night and reported data are allocated to the appropriate month as it enters the database.

A NASS computer program provides a review of current data with historical data for each plant. An edit provides checks for the detection of errors such as invalid plant information, duplication, and erroneous data. The program also generates a missing reports listing for a telephone follow-up. Data are summarized weekly and accumulated to a monthly total for this release.

Major slaughter plants with missing reports are adjusted prior to publication to assure that all plants slaughtering a significant portion of a specific class are accounted for each week. Estimates for missing weeks are made only after verifying that the plant was in operation. Adjustments are based on either the previous week's information or a week determined to be similar to the one missing. Late reports replace imputed data as they become available. While there will continue to be a varying degree of incompleteness from month to month, it is expected to have only a minimal impact on the final totals.

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.

Generally, no State data are published if less than three plants operate for a species in a State, or if one plant has 60 percent or more of the total head for that species. These data are included in the U.S. totals.

Definitions Used To Report Federally Inspected Slaughter:

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.

Fryer-Roaster Turkeys - Young immature birds, usually under 16 weeks of age.

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

New York Dressed Weight - Carcass weight after only feathers and blood are removed. This weight is approximately 90% of live weight.

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

Other Poultry - Includes all other ready-to-cook products which bear the U.S.D.A. Inspected for Wholesomeness legend.

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 (Mature) - Young birds grown to a matured market age, about 5 months.

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