

# Poultry Slaughter



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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up Slightly

Poultry Certified Wholesome during January (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.21 billion pounds, up slightly from the amount certified in 1992. Updated totals for December 1992 show that 2.26 billion pounds were certified.

Monthly summary tables include the latest available data from the Food Safety and Inspection Service plus allowances for missing reports. Monthly totals for January 1992 were revised using the NASS Poultry Slaughter System; consequently, they differ from the FSIS January totals published last year at this time. The NASS January 1992 revisions are published to insure comparability of the current year's estimates with the previous year.

January 1993 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and five Saturdays. January 1992 had 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during January 1993 was 3.02 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.49 billion pounds of young chickens, 68.7 million pounds of mature chickens, 450 million pounds of turkeys, and 9.60 million pounds of ducks.

Ante-mortem condemnations during January 1993 totaled 10.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.34 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.38 percent a year earlier.

Post-mortem condemnations, at 47.3 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.74 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 2.13 percent a year earlier.

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight  
by Type, United States, January 1993 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature <u>2/</u>	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Dec 1992	547,866	14,561	562,427	1,864	-----
Jan 1992	540,888	17,594	558,482	1,446	-----
Jan 1993	540,579	14,796	555,375	1,429	-----
Jan-Jan 1992	540,888	17,594	558,482	1,446	-----
Jan-Jan 1993	540,579	14,796	555,375	1,429	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Dec 1992	2,517,602	66,109	2,583,711	12,472	419
Jan 1992	2,457,670	79,867	2,537,537	9,501	358
Jan 1993	2,486,056	68,740	2,554,797	9,595	343
Jan-Jan 1992	2,457,670	79,867	2,537,537	9,501	358
Jan-Jan 1993	2,486,056	68,740	2,554,797	9,595	343
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Dec 1992	4.60	4.54	4.59	6.69	-----
Jan 1992	4.54	4.54	4.54	6.57	-----
Jan 1993	4.60	4.65	4.60	6.71	-----
Jan-Jan 1992	4.54	4.54	4.54	6.57	-----
Jan-Jan 1993	4.60	4.65	4.60	6.71	-----

See footnotes at end of table.

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight  
by Type, United States, January 1993 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Dec 1992	---	22,435	173	22,608	-----
Jan 1992	108	20,438	249	20,795	-----
Jan 1993	29	19,640	125	19,794	-----
Jan-Jan 1992	108	20,438	249	20,795	-----
Jan-Jan 1993	29	19,640	125	19,794	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Dec 1992	---	492,698	4,549	497,247	3,093,849
Jan 1992	1,067	455,409	6,423	462,899	3,010,295
Jan 1993	260	446,992	3,235	450,487	3,015,221
Jan-Jan 1992	1,067	455,409	6,423	462,899	3,010,295
Jan-Jan 1993	260	446,992	3,235	450,487	3,015,221
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Dec 1992	---	21.96	26.31	21.99	-----
Jan 1992	9.88	22.28	25.80	22.26	-----
Jan 1993	9.04	22.76	25.95	22.76	-----
Jan-Jan 1992	9.88	22.28	25.80	22.26	-----
Jan-Jan 1993	9.04	22.76	25.95	22.76	-----

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: January 1992: 4,265, January 1993: 4,186.

3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: January 1992: 72, January 1993: 89.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, January 1993 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Dec 1992					
Chilled	1,672,740	39,088	1,711,829	3,017	77
Frozen	143,895	1,838	145,733	5,744	193
Total	1,816,636	40,926	1,857,562	8,760	270
Jan 1992					
Chilled	1,652,168	45,800	1,697,968	2,497	30
Frozen	125,957	2,621	128,578	4,317	176
Total	1,778,125	48,422	1,826,546	6,814	206
Jan 1993					
Chilled	1,658,782	40,539	1,699,320	2,579	26
Frozen	144,313	2,046	146,359	4,248	189
Total	1,803,095	42,585	1,845,679	6,827	215
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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, January 1993 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Dec 1992					
Chilled	---	171,530	1,982	173,512	1,888,434
Frozen	---	218,285	1,347	219,632	371,302
Total	---	389,815	3,329	393,144	2,259,736
Jan 1992					
Chilled	150	170,281	4,370	174,801	1,875,297
Frozen	687	186,900	511	188,098	321,170
Total	837	357,181	4,881	362,900	2,196,466
Jan 1993					
Chilled	---	159,232	1,814	161,046	1,862,970
Frozen	192	192,268	618	193,078	343,875
Total	192	351,500	2,432	354,124	2,206,845
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1/ Ready-to-cook weights. Totals may not add due to rounding.

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations  
by Type, United States, January 1993 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Dec 1992	8,133	903	9,035	11	3
Jan 1992	8,611	1,243	9,854	8	1
Jan 1993	7,465	1,035	8,500	9	3
Jan-Jan 1992	8,611	1,243	9,854	8	1
Jan-Jan 1993	7,465	1,035	8,500	9	3
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Jan 1992	0.35	1.56	0.39	0.08	0.36
Jan 1993	0.30	1.51	0.33	0.09	0.75
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Dec 1992	36,147	3,173	39,320	194	5
Jan 1992	44,099	4,099	48,199	146	3
Jan 1993	34,796	3,320	38,115	172	4
Jan-Jan 1992	44,099	4,099	48,199	146	3
Jan-Jan 1993	34,796	3,320	38,115	172	4
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Jan 1992	1.99	5.70	2.11	1.71	1.06
Jan 1993	1.56	5.37	1.66	1.99	1.40

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations  
by Type, United States, January 1993 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Dec 1992	---	1,208	37	1,245	10,295
Jan 1992	7	1,412	48	1,467	11,330
Jan 1993	1	1,626	37	1,664	10,175
Jan-Jan 1992	7	1,412	48	1,467	11,330
Jan-Jan 1993	1	1,626	37	1,664	10,175
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Jan 1992	0.67	0.31	0.74	0.32	0.38
Jan 1993	0.22	0.36	1.15	0.37	0.34
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Dec 1992	---	8,657	286	8,944	48,462
Jan 1992	11	9,039	409	9,459	57,807
Jan 1993	4	8,843	210	9,057	47,348
Jan-Jan 1992	11	9,039	409	9,459	57,807
Jan-Jan 1993	4	8,843	210	9,057	47,348
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Jan 1992	1.11	2.21	7.07	2.27	2.13
Jan 1993	1.57	2.20	7.23	2.23	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, January 1992-93

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <sup>1/</sup>	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AL	75,854	73,893	330,061	330,529	4.35	4.47
AR	85,905	90,169	380,540	408,007	4.43	4.52
CA	20,886	18,472	110,302	86,459	5.28	4.68
DE	20,173	19,711	106,221	102,480	5.27	5.20
FL	11,662	10,548	51,641	46,003	4.43	4.36
GA	70,853	69,522	321,631	320,809	4.54	4.61
LA	9,596	11,344	39,799	50,375	4.15	4.44
MD	16,719	16,932	74,158	75,968	4.44	4.49
MS	40,769	39,277	180,998	180,296	4.44	4.59
MO	17,363	16,054	72,876	69,522	4.20	4.33
NC	47,603	48,736	238,979	253,683	5.02	5.21
PA	8,962	7,324	43,027	34,801	4.80	4.75
SC	11,498	13,558	46,509	52,333	4.05	3.86
TN	11,530	11,257	50,819	49,836	4.41	4.43
TX	33,309	32,719	149,755	150,812	4.50	4.61
VA	28,513	29,917	129,088	136,969	4.53	4.58
WA	2,720	2,664	13,134	12,838	4.83	4.82
US	540,888	540,579	2,457,670	2,486,056	4.54	4.60

<sup>1/</sup> Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,  
Selected States and United States, January 1992-93

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-- Percent --			
AL	239,222	241,623	5,325	4,821	1.79	1.62
AR	268,627	288,809	5,869	5,570	1.71	1.52
CA	77,685	62,935	5,400	1,355	5.44	1.74
DE	77,681	76,296	1,790	1,429	1.87	1.55
FL	37,251	33,256	1,073	451	2.31	1.09
GA	236,082	232,075	4,020	4,353	1.39	1.51
LA	29,410	37,146	1,110	753	3.10	1.66
MD	51,793	51,598	1,045	934	1.57	1.37
MS	135,467	135,336	3,879	2,519	2.38	1.55
MO	52,893	50,313	1,268	1,097	1.93	1.75
NC	174,877	185,400	3,480	3,104	1.62	1.36
PA	30,101	24,987	976	619	2.52	1.98
SC	33,398	38,103	665	578	1.59	1.23
TN	36,956	35,338	684	610	1.50	1.36
TX	111,691	112,702	3,661	2,895	2.72	2.13
VA	92,892	99,145	1,217	1,078	1.05	0.87
WA	9,472	9,352	298	287	2.52	2.49
US	1,778,125	1,803,095	44,099	34,796	1.99	1.56

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, January 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	5,648	203,928	143,270	3,319	46,411
AR	---	10,754	386,652	244,091	12,269	21,760
CA	---	---	77,825	9,437	1,322	18,000
DE	---	---	80,404	49,019	130	---
FL	---	639	21,966	15,565	1,295	5,793
GA	---	---	160,997	112,522	2,029	40,906
LA	---	1,437	31,693	26,620	---	3,306
MD	---	5,544	70,467	27,530	---	7,465
MS	---	2,482	109,140	94,533	1,249	13,427
MO	---	---	68,118	39,127	2,559	5,371
NC	---	6,841	107,672	74,385	---	34,862
PA	---	---	35,848	16,989	---	6,151
SC	---	804	24,871	27,554	149	9,633
TN	---	---	48,096	6,505	---	3,236
TX	---	2,456	157,247	171,059	734	8,263
VA	---	5,835	70,395	36,255	52	9,566
WA	---	---	20,487	1,205	---	---
US	---	105,563	1,836,969	1,137,257	35,843	266,310
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	14,557	23,013	43,541	4,576	137,112	625,375
AR	16,580	32,044	52,178	2,900	90,660	869,888
CA	864	5,331	2,462	955	---	116,196
DE	5,350	6,907	10,851	1,535	10,485	164,681
FL	1,537	2,846	6,201	---	25,924	81,766
GA	13,274	26,006	23,875	6,302	90,632	476,543
LA	2,171	---	---	---	---	65,227
MD	2,719	6,865	15,718	---	9,300	145,608
MS	7,165	12,835	26,294	1,611	71,043	339,779
MO	2,868	3,082	10,335	---	30,324	161,784
NC	3,916	17,958	16,793	4,298	63,086	329,811
PA	1,382	2,147	---	254	---	62,771
SC	2,016	6,676	---	---	15,415	87,118
TN	---	8,941	---	---	14,723	81,501
TX	1,938	8,365	8,792	---	19,167	378,021
VA	2,723	6,997	18,370	1,089	14,532	165,814
WA	233	635	---	366	12,424	35,350
US	91,088	192,094	313,503	35,008	716,861	4,730,496

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,  
Selected States and United States, January 1992-93

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <u>1/</u>	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
US	17,594	14,796	79,867	68,740	4.54	4.65

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,  
Selected States and United States, January 1992-93

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1992	1993	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
US	48,422	42,585	4,099	3,320	5.70	5.37

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,  
Selected States and United States, January 1993

State	Tuberculosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsacculitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	3,498	272,360	10,192	1,199	120,665
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contamination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	22,695	36,378	142,627	4,984	39,701	654,299

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, January 1992-93

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <u>1/</u>	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	1,822	1,664	40,206	37,043	22.07	22.26
CA	1,834	1,354	43,983	29,181	23.99	21.56
IA	963	1,118	28,204	33,973	29.29	30.39
MN	2,679	2,376	47,579	45,444	17.76	19.13
MO	1,594	1,675	33,603	34,435	21.08	20.55
NC	4,194	4,140	87,708	93,906	20.91	22.68
VA	2,798	2,830	53,466	53,794	19.11	19.01
US	20,438	19,640	455,409	446,992	22.28	22.76

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, January 1992-93

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1992	1993	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	32,596	29,905	1,018	854	2.81	2.56
CA	34,231	23,580	942	393	2.38	1.50
IA	21,798	26,424	720	1,021	2.84	3.34
MN	37,576	35,982	1,173	1,225	2.74	3.00
MO	26,551	26,826	775	797	2.56	2.57
NC	68,115	73,668	1,419	1,426	1.80	1.69
VA	41,822	41,273	920	697	1.91	1.44
US	357,181	351,500	9,039	8,843	2.21	2.20

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 Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,  
Selected States and United States, January 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AR	---	---	9,405	---	321	---
CA	---	---	5,241	78	---	---
IA	---	---	---	5,970	---	---
MN	---	---	14,668	8,138	1,122	---
MO	---	---	15,122	2,501	---	---
NC	---	59	10,896	---	---	14
VA	---	---	6,413	214	---	6
US	---	132	97,534	31,633	7,123	155
	Number					
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AR	---	633	1,592	---	---	11,951
CA	18	---	214	---	---	5,551
IA	---	---	---	---	164	6,134
MN	---	1,744	---	---	---	25,672
MO	230	---	---	---	---	17,853
NC	416	1,509	2,139	---	942	15,975
VA	---	1,706	460	---	563	9,362
US	1,832	7,646	11,471	2,323	11,966	171,815

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,  
United States, January 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	---	2,637	870	---	33
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	28	53	167	---	193	3,981

## 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 form collects 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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