

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 3 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during February (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.02 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the amount certified in 1992. Updated totals for January 1993 show that 2.21 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during February 1993 was 2.75 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.27 billion pounds of young chickens, 63.4 million pounds of mature chickens, 404 million pounds of turkeys, and 10.6 million pounds of ducks.

Ante-mortem condemnations during February 1993 totaled 9.87 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.36 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.33 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 44.2 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.79 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 2.00 percent a year earlier.

February 1993 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. February 1992 had 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

1992 Poultry Slaughter Up 6 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during 1992 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 26.5 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the total amount certified during 1991. Young chickens, at 21.1 billion pounds, accounted for 80 percent of the total pounds certified ready-to-cook and were up 7 percent from 1991. Total turkeys, at 4.83 billion pounds, represented 18 percent of the overall total and were up 4 percent from the previous year. The remaining 2 percent were mature chickens, ducks, and other poultry.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature <u>2/</u>	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jan 1993	540,505	14,796	555,301	1,429	-----
Feb 1992	485,153	14,550	499,703	1,279	-----
Feb 1993	497,751	13,271	511,022	1,570	-----
Jan-Feb 1992	1,027,588	32,145	1,059,733	2,725	-----
Jan-Feb 1993	1,038,257	28,067	1,066,323	2,999	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Jan 1993	2,485,779	68,740	2,554,520	9,595	356
Feb 1992	2,185,077	67,851	2,252,928	8,439	357
Feb 1993	2,269,768	63,364	2,333,133	10,610	328
Jan-Feb 1992	4,649,018	147,719	4,796,737	17,940	715
Jan-Feb 1993	4,755,548	132,105	4,887,652	20,205	684
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Jan 1993	4.60	4.65	4.60	6.71	-----
Feb 1992	4.50	4.66	4.51	6.60	-----
Feb 1993	4.56	4.77	4.57	6.76	-----
Jan-Feb 1992	4.52	4.60	4.53	6.58	-----
Jan-Feb 1993	4.58	4.71	4.58	6.74	-----

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jan 1993	29	19,641	125	19,794	-----
Feb 1992	119	19,205	139	19,463	-----
Feb 1993	10	17,999	135	18,143	-----
Jan-Feb 1992	227	39,643	388	40,258	-----
Jan-Feb 1993	39	37,639	259	37,937	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Jan 1993	260	447,002	3,235	450,497	3,014,967
Feb 1992	1,184	414,842	3,609	419,635	2,681,358
Feb 1993	93	400,992	3,297	404,381	2,748,453
Jan-Feb 1992	2,251	870,251	10,031	882,533	5,697,925
Jan-Feb 1993	353	847,994	6,532	854,878	5,763,420
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Jan 1993	9.04	22.76	25.95	22.76	-----
Feb 1992	9.96	21.60	25.96	21.56	-----
Feb 1993	9.37	22.28	24.51	22.29	-----
Jan-Feb 1992	9.92	21.95	25.86	21.92	-----
Jan-Feb 1993	9.13	22.53	25.20	22.53	-----

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: February 1992: 4,096, February 1993: 4,093.

3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: February 1992: 100, February 1993: 72.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Jan 1993					
Chilled	1,658,847	40,539	1,699,386	2,579	32
Frozen	143,921	2,046	145,967	4,248	189
Total	1,802,768	42,585	1,845,353	6,827	221
Feb 1992					
Chilled	1,467,760	39,882	1,507,642	2,157	54
Frozen	112,903	2,033	114,936	3,907	172
Total	1,580,662	41,915	1,622,578	6,064	226
Feb 1993					
Chilled	1,527,136	37,427	1,564,562	2,418	39
Frozen	128,193	1,992	130,184	5,219	171
Total	1,655,328	39,418	1,694,747	7,637	210
Jan-Feb 1992					
Chilled	3,124,538	85,682	3,210,220	4,654	84
Frozen	239,037	4,655	243,692	8,224	348
Total	3,363,575	90,337	3,453,912	12,878	432
Jan-Feb 1993					
Chilled	3,185,983	77,965	3,263,948	4,997	70
Frozen	272,113	4,038	276,151	9,467	360
Total	3,458,096	82,003	3,540,099	14,464	431

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type.
 United States, February 1993 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer-Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Jan 1993					
Chilled	---	159,236	1,814	161,050	1,863,046
Frozen	192	192,268	618	193,078	343,483
Total	192	351,504	2,432	354,129	2,206,529
Feb 1992					
Chilled	210	165,726	1,784	167,720	1,677,573
Frozen	679	162,401	901	163,982	282,996
Total	889	328,127	2,686	331,701	1,960,569
Feb 1993					
Chilled	---	151,221	1,792	153,012	1,720,032
Frozen	69	164,935	766	165,769	301,344
Total	69	316,155	2,558	318,782	2,021,376
Jan-Feb 1992					
Chilled	360	336,007	6,154	342,521	3,557,480
Frozen	1,367	349,301	1,413	352,080	604,344
Total	1,726	685,308	7,567	694,601	4,161,823
Jan-Feb 1993					
Chilled	---	310,457	3,606	314,063	3,583,078
Frozen	261	357,203	1,384	358,848	644,826
Total	261	667,659	4,990	672,910	4,227,905

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

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan 1993	7,462	1,035	8,498	9	3
Feb 1992	6,893	857	7,749	7	1
Feb 1993	7,721	913	8,634	12	1
Jan-Feb 1992	15,511	2,100	17,611	15	3
Jan-Feb 1993	15,183	1,949	17,132	20	4
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Feb 1992	0.32	1.26	0.34	0.08	0.39
Feb 1993	0.34	1.44	0.37	0.11	0.38
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan 1993	34,779	3,320	38,098	172	4
Feb 1992	36,861	3,446	40,307	154	3
Feb 1993	32,837	3,140	35,978	196	3
Jan-Feb 1992	81,010	7,546	88,556	300	7
Jan-Feb 1993	67,616	6,460	74,076	368	7
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Feb 1992	1.87	5.64	1.99	2.03	0.98
Feb 1993	1.61	5.51	1.71	2.06	1.06

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan 1993	1	1,626	37	1,664	10,173
Feb 1992	4	1,128	39	1,171	8,928
Feb 1993	---	1,200	20	1,221	9,867
Jan-Feb 1992	11	2,540	87	2,638	20,266
Jan-Feb 1993	1	2,826	57	2,884	20,040
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Feb 1992	0.31	0.27	1.08	0.28	0.33
Feb 1993	0.13	0.30	0.61	0.30	0.36
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan 1993	4	8,843	210	9,057	47,331
Feb 1992	8	7,534	244	7,785	48,250
Feb 1993	1	7,884	165	8,051	44,228
Jan-Feb 1992	18	16,573	653	17,244	106,107
Jan-Feb 1993	4	16,728	376	17,108	91,559
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Feb 1992	0.72	2.02	7.51	2.06	2.00
Feb 1993	0.87	2.18	5.57	2.21	1.79

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, February 1992-93

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected ^{1/}	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	-----	1,000	-----	1,000 Pounds	---	Pounds
AL	65,952	66,413	284,300	292,291	4.31	4.40
AR	80,547	81,134	351,140	359,891	4.36	4.44
CA	17,518	13,484	90,247	65,619	5.15	4.87
DE	18,770	18,651	97,720	95,615	5.21	5.13
FL	9,713	10,537	41,594	45,221	4.28	4.29
GA	63,915	66,757	287,654	307,063	4.50	4.60
LA	8,853	12,195	36,564	52,562	4.13	4.31
MD	14,664	14,604	64,418	64,749	4.39	4.43
MS	35,275	37,290	154,661	175,073	4.38	4.69
MO	15,208	15,264	64,154	64,305	4.22	4.21
NC	42,960	44,673	215,675	229,715	5.02	5.14
PA	7,877	7,038	39,251	33,690	4.98	4.79
SC	10,432	13,079	42,170	50,715	4.04	3.88
TN	10,515	10,926	47,661	47,699	4.53	4.37
TX	29,728	31,179	131,080	140,454	4.41	4.50
VA	25,427	25,630	115,027	117,628	4.52	4.59
WA	2,611	2,514	12,699	12,307	4.86	4.89
US	485,153	497,751	2,185,077	2,269,768	4.50	4.56

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

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, February 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	206,044	215,206	4,567	4,546	1.78	1.73
AR	245,867	254,449	4,976	4,847	1.57	1.50
CA	64,714	48,076	2,964	1,033	3.65	1.75
DE	71,383	70,711	1,593	1,827	1.81	2.12
FL	29,704	32,493	567	426	1.52	1.05
GA	213,503	224,417	3,726	3,784	1.44	1.37
LA	27,053	38,882	791	793	2.40	1.68
MD	44,949	44,971	896	921	1.55	1.58
MS	115,354	131,925	3,139	2,540	2.26	1.61
MO	46,295	46,673	1,043	984	1.81	1.70
NC	156,654	169,329	3,133	2,957	1.61	1.43
PA	27,941	23,927	806	642	2.28	2.12
SC	30,559	36,912	535	613	1.41	1.34
TN	34,186	34,538	556	597	1.30	1.39
TX	97,148	105,637	3,988	2,515	3.38	1.99
VA	82,858	85,521	1,202	1,312	1.16	1.24
WA	9,384	9,126	311	292	2.72	2.63
US	1,580,662	1,655,328	36,861	32,837	1.87	1.61

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, February 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	4,740	190,760	143,394	2,806	36,626
AR	---	12,704	329,780	191,704	11,651	21,266
CA	---	3,625	61,947	8,047	1,123	12,900
DE	---	---	95,012	70,718	---	---
FL	---	1,078	19,242	15,014	---	5,478
GA	---	10,857	162,110	112,392	1,365	37,595
LA	---	816	35,091	28,551	---	3,271
MD	---	7,906	72,360	30,652	---	6,426
MS	---	2,375	109,533	80,106	1,369	11,224
MO	---	9,010	64,236	31,354	2,274	6,060
NC	---	15,484	114,239	95,450	32	34,628
PA	---	---	36,151	26,026	225	5,419
SC	---	1,293	26,805	33,629	142	10,641
TN	---	---	51,912	9,135	---	---
TX	---	4,043	147,258	141,735	767	9,774
VA	---	9,914	71,524	55,613	124	---
WA	---	---	20,144	1,261	124	---
US	---	139,051	1,756,125	1,111,320	31,861	247,064
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	11,696	24,012	42,926	3,324	126,063	586,347
AR	13,588	26,265	51,749	3,609	84,358	746,674
CA	514	---	2,518	---	---	90,674
DE	4,503	11,991	11,661	---	---	193,885
FL	1,309	3,154	5,226	358	20,919	71,778
GA	11,001	24,588	20,872	8,244	94,188	483,212
LA	2,021	---	3,152	---	---	72,902
MD	1,854	6,922	12,969	---	---	139,089
MS	6,046	14,260	24,855	2,519	81,201	333,488
MO	1,793	3,299	9,078	---	34,087	161,191
NC	3,995	21,364	19,985	3,551	68,124	376,852
PA	1,535	2,424	---	139	---	71,919
SC	2,206	---	---	---	16,817	91,533
TN	---	11,963	---	---	11,596	84,606
TX	1,477	9,118	7,011	327	7,858	329,368
VA	2,726	11,844	19,727	1,323	23,893	196,688
WA	189	430	264	---	11,403	33,815
US	78,389	204,820	294,836	41,842	718,557	4,623,865

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

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected ^{1/}	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	3,167	2,243	17,680	13,969	5.58	6.23
US	14,550	13,271	67,851	63,364	4.66	4.77

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

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

State	Total Certified ^{1/}		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1992	1993	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ^{2/}	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		1992	1993	1992	1993
					-- Percent --	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	11,057	9,382	691	421	4.35	3.35
US	41,915	39,418	3,446	3,140	5.64	5.51

^{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, February 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	393	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	13,412
US	---	3,805	214,463	11,771	939	98,852
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	1,799	2,192
GA	---	6,237	---	---	---	19,649
US	22,168	32,046	137,947	3,275	37,576	562,842

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, February 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	1,486	1,148	31,439	27,447	21.15	23.90
CA	1,962	1,120	44,483	24,113	22.67	21.53
IA	870	844	24,711	24,246	28.41	28.72
MN	2,517	2,420	45,412	46,792	18.04	19.33
MO	1,752	1,660	35,130	31,610	20.06	19.04
NC	3,912	3,786	79,365	85,117	20.29	22.48
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	2,318	2,691	43,072	50,157	18.58	18.64
US	19,205	17,999	414,842	400,992	21.60	22.28

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
AR	25,536	21,902	695	714	2.46	2.89
CA	35,552	19,326	757	340	1.89	1.57
IA	19,150	19,014	662	599	2.98	2.74
MN	36,154	36,833	985	1,327	2.41	3.15
MO	28,547	25,007	689	705	2.18	2.48
NC	62,850	67,042	1,181	1,283	1.65	1.67
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	32,847	39,318	718	681	1.85	1.51
US	328,127	316,155	7,534	7,884	2.02	2.18

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, February 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AR	---	---	8,265	---	---	---
CA	---	---	4,435	33	---	---
IA	---	---	---	4,467	---	---
MN	---	---	16,448	8,553	1,386	---
MO	---	---	13,848	2,656	---	---
NC	---	---	8,976	---	---	---
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	---	---	5,138	228	---	---
US	---	93	86,823	32,059	5,972	109
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
AR	---	435	---	---	---	8,700
CA	---	68	---	26	22	4,584
IA	---	46	---	---	126	4,639
MN	---	1,190	---	---	---	27,577
MO	196	---	---	---	---	16,700
NC	463	1,670	---	---	---	11,109
PA	---	---	---	---	110	110
VA	16	1,437	186	---	786	7,791
US	1,681	7,522	8,477	1,456	11,923	156,115

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	---	2,165	926	12	27
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	19	212	204	---	220	3,785

Poultry Slaughter: Number and Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1992 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Head					
Number					
Jan	542,435	17,594	560,030	1,446	-----
Feb	485,153	14,550	499,703	1,279	-----
Mar	537,797	15,149	552,947	1,502	-----
Apr	526,628	16,449	543,077	1,567	-----
May	527,918	14,784	542,702	1,497	-----
Jun	556,340	15,195	571,535	1,559	-----
Jul	571,272	16,616	587,888	1,635	-----
Aug	544,959	13,809	558,768	1,534	-----
Sep	547,711	14,184	561,895	1,584	-----
Oct	553,063	13,787	566,850	1,525	-----
Nov	483,519	10,621	494,140	1,459	-----
Dec	548,243	14,561	562,805	1,864	-----
Total <u>2/</u>	6,425,037	177,300	6,602,337	18,451	-----
1,000 Pounds					
Live Weight					
Jan	2,463,942	79,867	2,543,809	9,501	358
Feb	2,185,077	67,851	2,252,928	8,439	357
Mar	2,426,622	70,243	2,496,865	10,098	326
Apr	2,379,431	74,795	2,454,226	10,580	345
May	2,391,158	71,171	2,462,329	10,008	353
Jun	2,504,660	73,182	2,577,842	10,440	418
Jul	2,497,919	79,620	2,577,540	10,653	447
Aug	2,422,243	65,936	2,488,179	10,003	343
Sep	2,477,601	70,232	2,547,833	10,361	664
Oct	2,520,957	67,142	2,588,100	10,180	1,727
Nov	2,208,949	49,663	2,258,612	9,695	754
Dec	2,519,320	66,109	2,585,429	12,472	419
Total <u>2/</u>	28,997,878	835,813	29,833,691	122,431	6,512

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Poultry Slaughter: Number and Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1992 ^{1/} (continued)

Month	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Head					
Number					
Jan	108	20,438	249	20,795	-----
Feb	119	19,205	139	19,463	-----
Mar	120	20,672	161	20,953	-----
Apr	116	22,140	199	22,454	-----
May	42	21,489	176	21,707	-----
Jun	137	24,767	182	25,086	-----
Jul	107	26,216	218	26,540	-----
Aug	99	24,249	218	24,567	-----
Sep	86	24,870	272	25,229	-----
Oct	24	26,848	219	27,091	-----
Nov	---	24,749	162	24,911	-----
Dec	---	22,435	173	22,608	-----
Total ^{2/}	956	278,078	2,370	281,404	-----
1,000 Pounds					
Live Weight					
Jan	1,067	455,409	6,423	462,899	3,016,567
Feb	1,184	414,842	3,609	419,635	2,681,358
Mar	1,145	452,022	4,314	457,481	2,964,770
Apr	1,051	479,812	5,152	486,014	2,951,165
May	382	469,281	4,376	474,039	2,946,730
Jun	1,268	543,446	4,697	549,411	3,138,111
Jul	880	564,643	5,612	571,135	3,159,775
Aug	867	514,808	6,003	521,678	3,020,203
Sep	744	536,847	6,868	544,458	3,103,316
Oct	193	585,844	5,544	591,581	3,191,589
Nov	---	530,724	4,195	534,919	2,803,980
Dec	---	492,698	4,549	497,247	3,095,567
Total ^{2/}	8,781	6,040,376	61,341	6,110,497	36,073,131

^{1/} Federally inspected only.

^{2/} Months may not add to total due to rounding of monthly data.

Poultry Slaughter: Average Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1992 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
Pounds <u>2</u> /					
Average Live Weight					
Jan	4.54	4.54	4.54	6.57	-----
Feb	4.50	4.66	4.51	6.60	-----
Mar	4.51	4.64	4.52	6.72	-----
Apr	4.52	4.55	4.52	6.75	-----
May	4.53	4.81	4.54	6.68	-----
Jun	4.50	4.82	4.51	6.70	-----
Jul	4.37	4.79	4.38	6.51	-----
Aug	4.44	4.77	4.45	6.52	-----
Sep	4.52	4.95	4.53	6.54	-----
Oct	4.56	4.87	4.57	6.67	-----
Nov	4.57	4.68	4.57	6.64	-----
Dec	4.60	4.54	4.59	6.69	-----
Total	4.51	4.71	4.52	6.64	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Average Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1992 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
Average Live Weight	Pounds <u>2/</u>				
Jan	9.88	22.28	25.80	22.26	-----
Feb	9.96	21.60	25.96	21.56	-----
Mar	9.56	21.87	26.73	21.83	-----
Apr	9.08	21.67	25.92	21.64	-----
May	9.13	21.84	24.84	21.84	-----
Jun	9.28	21.94	25.74	21.90	-----
Jul	8.26	21.54	25.76	21.52	-----
Aug	8.78	21.23	27.48	21.24	-----
Sep	8.62	21.59	25.21	21.58	-----
Oct	8.10	21.82	25.29	21.84	-----
Nov	-----	21.44	25.88	21.47	-----
Dec	-----	21.96	26.31	21.99	-----
Total	9.18	21.72	25.89	21.71	-----

1/ Federally inspected only.

2/ Averages calculated from unrounded data.

Poultry: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1992 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Chilled					
Jan	1,656,778	45,800	1,702,579	2,497	30
Feb	1,467,760	39,882	1,507,642	2,157	54
Mar	1,630,260	40,627	1,670,887	2,384	37
Apr	1,600,344	43,491	1,643,836	2,415	59
May	1,619,099	41,221	1,660,320	2,252	31
Jun	1,704,998	42,587	1,747,585	2,216	35
Jul	1,695,737	47,465	1,743,202	2,220	48
Aug	1,634,230	38,923	1,673,152	2,140	51
Sep	1,665,854	41,679	1,707,533	2,491	42
Oct	1,697,838	39,860	1,737,699	2,314	89
Nov	1,471,961	30,265	1,502,226	2,401	35
Dec	1,673,920	39,088	1,713,008	3,017	77
Total <u>2/</u>	19,518,778	490,888	20,009,667	28,504	589
Frozen					
Jan	126,135	2,621	128,756	4,317	176
Feb	112,903	2,033	114,936	3,907	172
Mar	130,290	2,664	132,953	4,798	164
Apr	129,399	2,421	131,820	5,088	152
May	121,199	2,714	123,913	4,883	184
Jun	119,722	2,641	122,363	5,213	221
Jul	124,183	2,172	126,354	5,404	219
Aug	129,046	2,063	131,109	4,871	162
Sep	137,686	2,267	139,953	5,025	357
Oct	136,134	2,067	138,202	4,984	993
Nov	123,049	746	123,795	4,503	432
Dec	143,895	1,838	145,733	5,744	193
Total <u>2/</u>	1,533,640	26,247	1,559,886	58,737	3,424

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Poultry: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 Month, and Total, United States, 1992 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Chilled					
Jan	150	170,281	4,370	174,801	1,879,907
Feb	210	165,726	1,784	167,720	1,677,573
Mar	172	178,964	2,220	181,356	1,854,665
Apr	240	182,356	2,664	185,259	1,831,569
May	174	162,135	1,973	164,282	1,826,885
Jun	481	177,878	1,957	180,316	1,930,152
Jul	41	174,460	2,548	177,048	1,922,518
Aug	2	165,051	2,333	167,386	1,842,729
Sep	---	174,332	3,328	177,660	1,887,725
Oct	---	188,760	2,371	191,131	1,931,232
Nov	---	196,879	2,080	198,959	1,703,621
Dec	---	171,530	1,982	173,512	1,889,614
Total <u>2/</u>	1,468	2,108,353	29,609	2,139,430	22,178,190
Frozen					
Jan	687	186,900	511	188,098	321,348
Feb	679	162,401	901	163,982	282,996
Mar	721	178,178	1,019	179,918	317,833
Apr	616	198,170	1,169	199,954	337,014
May	145	208,598	1,177	209,920	338,901
Jun	528	252,594	1,537	254,660	382,456
Jul	621	272,597	1,517	274,735	406,713
Aug	642	241,574	2,272	244,488	380,630
Sep	554	251,130	1,909	253,592	398,928
Oct	143	274,526	1,825	276,493	420,671
Nov	---	222,975	1,061	224,036	352,765
Dec	---	218,285	1,347	219,632	371,302
Total <u>2/</u>	5,335	2,667,928	16,246	2,689,509	4,311,557

1/ Ready-to-cook weights.

2/ Months may not add to total due to rounding of monthly data.

Poultry: Chilled Plus Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 Month, and Total, United States, 1992 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Chilled plus Frozen					
Jan	1,782,913	48,422	1,831,335	6,814	206
Feb	1,580,662	41,915	1,622,578	6,064	226
Mar	1,760,550	43,291	1,803,841	7,182	201
Apr	1,729,743	45,912	1,775,655	7,503	212
May	1,740,298	43,935	1,784,233	7,135	216
Jun	1,824,719	45,228	1,869,947	7,430	256
Jul	1,819,919	49,637	1,869,556	7,625	267
Aug	1,763,276	40,985	1,804,261	7,011	213
Sep	1,803,539	43,946	1,847,486	7,516	399
Oct	1,833,972	41,928	1,875,900	7,297	1,081
Nov	1,595,010	31,011	1,626,020	6,905	466
Dec	1,817,815	40,926	1,858,741	8,760	270
Total <u>2/</u>	21,052,418	517,135	21,569,553	87,242	4,013

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Poultry: Chilled Plus Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1992 1/ (continued)

Month	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Chilled plus Frozen					
Jan	837	357,181	4,881	362,900	2,201,255
Feb	889	328,127	2,686	331,701	1,960,569
Mar	893	357,142	3,239	361,274	2,172,498
Apr	856	380,525	3,833	385,213	2,168,583
May	319	370,733	3,150	374,202	2,165,786
Jun	1,009	430,472	3,494	434,975	2,312,608
Jul	661	447,057	4,065	451,783	2,329,231
Aug	643	406,626	4,605	411,874	2,223,360
Sep	554	425,462	5,236	431,252	2,286,653
Oct	143	463,286	4,196	467,624	2,351,903
Nov	---	419,854	3,141	422,995	2,056,386
Dec	---	389,815	3,329	393,144	2,260,915
Total <u>2/</u>	6,803	4,776,281	45,855	4,828,939	26,489,747

1/ Ready-to-cook weights.

2/ Months may not add to total due to rounding of monthly data.

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, Month, and Total, United States, 1992 ^{1/}

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan	8,619	1,243	9,862	8	1
Feb	6,893	857	7,749	7	1
Mar	8,282	959	9,241	8	2
Apr	6,884	1,204	8,088	8	1
May	6,327	922	7,248	9	2
Jun	7,864	1,129	8,993	8	1
Jul	8,674	1,456	10,129	9	1
Aug	7,533	963	8,496	13	1
Sep	6,854	924	7,778	9	4
Oct	5,982	651	6,634	9	8
Nov	6,290	531	6,821	8	3
Dec	8,138	903	9,041	11	3
Total ^{2/}	88,338	11,742	100,080	106	28
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan	44,149	4,099	48,248	146	3
Feb	36,861	3,446	40,307	154	3
Mar	39,599	3,243	42,843	153	4
Apr	36,579	3,451	40,030	152	3
May	34,713	3,315	38,028	137	2
Jun	34,065	3,269	37,333	128	4
Jul	34,584	3,242	37,826	134	4
Aug	32,854	2,900	35,754	144	4
Sep	32,294	3,179	35,473	144	8
Oct	32,991	3,129	36,120	156	21
Nov	29,489	2,381	31,869	151	11
Dec	36,167	3,173	39,340	194	5
Total ^{2/}	424,345	38,826	463,171	1,793	71

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

Month	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan	7	1,412	48	1,467	11,338
Feb	4	1,128	39	1,171	8,928
Mar	9	1,127	46	1,183	10,434
Apr	3	1,153	53	1,209	9,306
May	---	1,216	47	1,263	8,521
Jun	1	1,604	61	1,666	10,668
Jul	2	1,921	78	2,001	12,140
Aug	1	1,610	47	1,658	10,168
Sep	1	1,387	56	1,444	9,235
Oct	---	1,309	40	1,349	7,999
Nov	---	1,159	33	1,192	8,024
Dec	---	1,208	37	1,245	10,300
Total <u>2/</u>	29	16,234	585	16,849	117,063
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan	11	9,039	409	9,459	57,857
Feb	8	7,534	244	7,785	48,250
Mar	12	7,813	282	8,106	51,106
Apr	11	8,077	313	8,401	48,587
May	4	7,285	280	7,569	45,736
Jun	18	8,592	323	8,934	46,399
Jul	15	9,250	378	9,644	47,607
Aug	12	8,983	251	9,246	45,148
Sep	10	9,507	359	9,875	45,500
Oct	3	10,014	283	10,301	46,597
Nov	---	8,767	237	9,004	41,035
Dec	---	8,657	286	8,944	48,482
Total <u>2/</u>	104	103,519	3,645	107,268	572,302

1/ Federally inspected only.

2/ Months may not add to total due to rounding of monthly data.

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, Month, and Total, United States, 1991 1/ 2/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan	8,646	1,097	9,743	16	2
Feb	7,280	768	8,049	14	1
Mar	6,835	839	7,674	11	2
Apr	7,378	745	8,123	10	1
May	8,143	1,219	9,362	16	1
Jun	7,356	905	8,260	14	3
Jul	11,211	1,351	12,561	25	6
Aug	8,821	1,101	9,922	18	3
Sep	7,651	1,141	8,791	17	1
Oct	7,327	856	8,183	7	10
Nov	7,441	847	8,288	9	5
Dec	6,983	939	7,921	8	1
Total <u>3/</u>	95,071	11,807	106,878	166	36
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan	42,239	3,238	45,478	201	4
Feb	36,615	3,001	39,616	146	3
Mar	37,043	3,099	40,142	128	3
Apr	36,293	3,210	39,502	134	2
May	37,787	3,387	41,173	139	2
Jun	32,281	2,899	35,180	115	3
Jul	35,900	3,062	38,961	155	5
Aug	35,880	3,166	39,046	153	4
Sep	30,979	3,097	34,076	159	2
Oct	35,905	3,326	39,231	168	15
Nov	33,331	3,045	36,376	134	14
Dec	38,616	3,322	41,937	165	4
Total <u>3/</u>	432,868	37,852	470,720	1,798	60

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, Month, and Total, United States, 1991 1/ 2/ (continued)

Month	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan	9	1,561	68	1,638	11,398
Feb	8	1,327	32	1,367	9,431
Mar	3	1,267	42	1,312	8,998
Apr	6	1,428	35	1,469	9,603
May	4	1,388	37	1,428	10,807
Jun	10	1,527	49	1,586	9,863
Jul	21	2,717	55	2,792	15,385
Aug	5	2,015	48	2,069	12,012
Sep	8	1,900	39	1,947	10,756
Oct	7	1,732	31	1,770	9,971
Nov	5	1,566	62	1,633	9,935
Dec	8	1,398	38	1,444	9,375
Total <u>3/</u>	94	19,826	536	20,456	127,535
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan	27	8,741	342	9,111	54,793
Feb	31	7,312	222	7,565	47,331
Mar	22	7,937	312	8,270	48,543
Apr	30	8,312	259	8,601	48,240
May	27	7,679	249	7,956	49,271
Jun	45	7,446	190	7,681	42,980
Jul	54	9,017	307	9,378	48,499
Aug	31	10,139	311	10,481	49,684
Sep	23	9,777	247	10,048	44,285
Oct	28	11,409	269	11,706	51,119
Nov	11	10,414	265	10,689	47,214
Dec	11	8,701	239	8,951	51,058
Total <u>3/</u>	341	106,885	3,212	110,438	583,016

1/ Federally inspected only.

2/ Revised.

3/ Months may not add to total due to rounding of monthly data.

Total Poultry Slaughtered (Ready-to-cook Weights).
 United States, 1991 and 1992

Year	Federal Inspection	Non-Federal Inspection <u>1/</u>	Total Inspection
	(Million Pounds)		
1991	24,982	41	25,023
1992	26,490	46	26,536

1/ Excludes ducks and other miscellaneous poultry.

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 April 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 April 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.

This issue of "Poultry Slaughter" also contains revised monthly data on selected items for 1992 and condemnations for 1991. These revisions are shown on pages 15 through 26.

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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