

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 3 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during January (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.27 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the 2.21 billion pounds certified in 1993. Updated totals for December 1993 show that 2.30 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during January 1994 was 3.11 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.59 billion pounds of young chickens, 69.7 million pounds of mature chickens, 436 million pounds of turkeys, and 11.7 million pounds of ducks.

Young chickens slaughtered during January 1994 averaged 4.67 pounds per bird, compared with 4.60 pounds a year ago. The average live weight of mature chickens was down 1 percent from the previous year at 4.59 pounds per bird. Turkeys slaughtered during January 1994 averaged 23.1 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from January 1993.

Ante-mortem condemnations during January 1994 totaled 15.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.49 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.34 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 51.6 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.85 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.74 percent a year earlier.

January 1994 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays, while January 1993 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and five Saturdays. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, January 1994 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature <u>2/</u>	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Dec 1993	557,400	15,200	572,600	1,875	-----
Jan 1993	540,505	14,814	555,319	1,429	-----
Jan 1994	554,181	15,180	569,360	1,731	-----
Jan-Jan 1993	540,505	14,814	555,319	1,429	-----
Jan-Jan 1994	554,181	15,180	569,360	1,731	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Dec 1993	2,585,412	69,898	2,655,310	12,908	391
Jan 1993	2,485,779	68,809	2,554,588	9,595	356
Jan 1994	2,587,422	69,685	2,657,107	11,698	339
Jan-Jan 1993	2,485,779	68,809	2,554,588	9,595	356
Jan-Jan 1994	2,587,422	69,685	2,657,107	11,698	339
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Dec 1993	4.64	4.60	4.64	6.89	-----
Jan 1993	4.60	4.64	4.60	6.71	-----
Jan 1994	4.67	4.59	4.67	6.76	-----
Jan-Jan 1993	4.60	4.64	4.60	6.71	-----
Jan-Jan 1994	4.67	4.59	4.67	6.76	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, January 1994 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Dec 1993	---	20,748	134	20,882	-----
Jan 1993	29	19,641	125	19,794	-----
Jan 1994	---	18,735	144	18,878	-----
Jan-Jan 1993	29	19,641	125	19,794	-----
Jan-Jan 1994	---	18,735	144	18,878	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Dec 1993	---	470,344	3,553	473,897	3,142,505
Jan 1993	260	447,002	3,235	450,497	3,015,036
Jan 1994	---	432,421	3,760	436,181	3,105,326
Jan-Jan 1993	260	447,002	3,235	450,497	3,015,036
Jan-Jan 1994	---	432,421	3,760	436,181	3,105,326
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Dec 1993	---	22.67	26.42	22.69	-----
Jan 1993	9.04	22.76	25.95	22.76	-----
Jan 1994	---	23.08	26.20	23.10	-----
Jan-Jan 1993	9.04	22.76	25.95	22.76	-----
Jan-Jan 1994	---	23.08	26.20	23.10	-----

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 1993: 4,186, January 1994: 4,089.

3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: January 1993: 89, January 1994: 87.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, January 1994 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Dec 1993					
Chilled	1,716,142	40,829	1,756,972	3,391	96
Frozen	161,241	1,831	163,072	5,623	156
Total	1,877,383	42,661	1,920,044	9,014	251
Jan 1993					
Chilled	1,658,847	40,539	1,699,386	2,579	32
Frozen	143,921	2,082	146,003	4,248	189
Total	1,802,768	42,620	1,845,388	6,827	221
Jan 1994					
Chilled	1,728,261	40,483	1,768,745	2,788	59
Frozen	148,937	1,801	150,738	5,596	165
Total	1,877,198	42,284	1,919,482	8,384	225
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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 United States, January 1994 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Dec 1993					
Chilled	---	182,796	1,198	183,994	1,944,451
Frozen	---	189,851	1,462	191,313	360,164
Total	---	372,647	2,660	375,306	2,304,615
Jan 1993					
Chilled	---	159,236	1,814	161,050	1,863,046
Frozen	192	192,268	618	193,078	343,518
Total	192	351,504	2,432	354,129	2,206,564
Jan 1994					
Chilled	---	175,235	1,595	176,829	1,948,421
Frozen	---	166,473	1,225	167,698	324,197
Total	---	341,707	2,820	344,527	2,272,618
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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 1994 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		

	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Dec 1993	8,565	1,108	9,673	10	1
Jan 1993	7,462	1,037	8,499	9	3
Jan 1994	11,560	2,016	13,576	13	1
Jan-Jan 1993	7,462	1,037	8,499	9	3
Jan-Jan 1994	11,560	2,016	13,576	13	1
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Jan 1993	0.30	1.51	0.33	0.09	0.73
Jan 1994	0.45	2.89	0.51	0.11	0.30

	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Dec 1993	36,790	3,232	40,022	224	9
Jan 1993	34,779	3,324	38,103	172	4
Jan 1994	38,555	3,317	41,872	212	3
Jan-Jan 1993	34,779	3,324	38,103	172	4
Jan-Jan 1994	38,555	3,317	41,872	212	3
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Jan 1993	1.55	5.37	1.66	1.99	1.36
Jan 1994	1.66	5.29	1.75	2.01	0.96

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, January 1994 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Dec 1993	---	1,090	21	1,111	10,796
Jan 1993	1	1,626	37	1,664	10,174
Jan 1994	---	1,543	31	1,575	15,165
Jan-Jan 1993	1	1,626	37	1,664	10,174
Jan-Jan 1994	---	1,543	31	1,575	15,165
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Jan 1993	0.22	0.36	1.15	0.37	0.34
Jan 1994	---	0.36	0.83	0.36	0.49
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Dec 1993	---	8,849	250	9,099	49,354
Jan 1993	4	8,843	210	9,057	47,336
Jan 1994	---	9,210	307	9,517	51,604
Jan-Jan 1993	4	8,843	210	9,057	47,336
Jan-Jan 1994	---	9,210	307	9,517	51,604
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Jan 1993	1.57	2.20	7.23	2.23	1.74
Jan 1994	---	2.37	9.07	2.42	1.85

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 1993-94

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected ^{1/}	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	-----	1,000	-----	1,000 Pounds	---	Pounds
AL	73,893	72,911	330,529	343,637	4.47	4.71
AR	90,169	88,310	408,007	399,847	4.52	4.53
CA	18,472	19,341	86,459	96,213	4.68	4.97
DE	19,711	21,389	102,480	111,511	5.20	5.21
FL	10,548	11,817	46,003	52,151	4.36	4.41
GA	69,522	73,650	320,809	352,786	4.61	4.79
LA	11,487	14,111	51,299	64,722	4.47	4.59
MD	16,932	16,109	75,968	73,094	4.49	4.54
MS	39,014	42,582	178,867	195,443	4.58	4.59
MO	16,054	16,668	69,522	72,325	4.33	4.34
NC	48,766	47,858	253,836	242,951	5.21	5.08
PA	7,324	7,195	34,801	35,636	4.75	4.95
SC	13,558	16,173	52,333	64,232	3.86	3.97
TN	11,257	12,189	49,836	52,558	4.43	4.31
TX	32,719	32,117	150,812	145,408	4.61	4.53
VA	29,917	28,174	136,969	133,224	4.58	4.73
WA	2,664	2,876	12,838	14,063	4.82	4.89
US	540,505	554,181	2,485,779	2,587,422	4.60	4.67

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

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, January 1993-94

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	1,000 Pounds				Percent	
AL	241,623	247,577	4,821	6,455	1.62	2.09
AR	288,809	282,403	5,570	5,210	1.52	1.45
CA	62,935	70,445	1,355	1,629	1.74	1.88
DE	76,296	81,508	1,429	2,111	1.55	2.10
FL	33,256	37,156	451	536	1.09	1.14
GA	232,075	259,763	4,353	4,961	1.51	1.56
LA	37,834	47,059	771	916	1.67	1.57
MD	51,598	51,954	934	1,032	1.37	1.57
MS	134,176	147,787	2,475	2,615	1.54	1.49
MO	50,313	51,923	1,097	1,054	1.75	1.62
NC	185,510	177,231	3,113	3,490	1.36	1.60
PA	24,987	25,302	619	724	1.98	2.26
SC	38,103	46,695	578	814	1.23	1.41
TN	35,338	37,546	610	644	1.36	1.36
TX	112,702	109,299	2,895	2,037	2.13	1.56
VA	99,145	96,475	1,078	1,335	0.87	1.11
WA	9,352	10,297	287	322	2.49	2.54
US	1,802,768	1,877,198	34,779	38,555	1.55	1.66

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 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	10,373	269,622	170,887	3,566	25,279
AR	---	13,117	352,853	174,651	9,319	17,774
CA	---	16,934	124,767	6,553	1,560	14,201
DE	---	17,548	115,373	97,149	449	---
FL	---	1,903	---	23,484	---	---
GA	---	4,699	183,507	120,380	1,462	30,294
LA	---	3,020	55,726	33,493	---	4,260
MD	---	12,958	82,216	31,657	---	---
MS	---	3,041	126,100	97,931	1,732	10,090
MO	---	7,863	76,883	30,472	2,294	2,971
NC	---	16,505	135,602	88,284	85	38,771
PA	---	1,742	46,304	20,061	288	---
SC	---	2,471	29,269	45,441	170	11,989
TN	---	---	51,141	---	---	5,087
TX	---	2,904	137,788	63,385	1,320	5,931
VA	---	5,957	83,198	46,523	110	---
WA	---	523	25,652	699	---	---
US	---	134,063	2,102,298	1,121,582	34,201	228,006
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	15,049	46,390	78,204	8,002	169,101	796,473
AR	14,714	41,895	57,527	2,914	106,991	791,755
CA	1,796	---	4,017	1,143	15,176	186,147
DE	7,358	12,386	11,932	1,222	19,712	283,129
FL	1,586	3,620	7,604	1,611	31,346	71,154
GA	12,729	34,240	40,735	12,353	122,894	563,293
LA	2,374	4,270	4,551	34	---	107,728
MD	2,706	8,311	---	167	12,663	150,678
MS	6,329	16,594	27,206	1,183	85,628	375,834
MO	1,605	3,280	7,343	382	33,919	167,012
NC	4,782	32,170	28,962	5,080	118,233	468,474
PA	1,709	4,140	---	503	---	74,747
SC	2,557	13,994	8,386	783	26,120	141,180
TN	2,648	7,251	6,483	---	19,165	91,775
TX	1,345	10,674	7,203	196	---	230,746
VA	3,158	12,610	22,383	1,659	32,297	207,895
WA	159	645	215	---	---	27,893
US	91,663	283,561	386,987	40,974	937,273	5,360,608

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, January 1993-94

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <u>1/</u>	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 -----		----- 1,000 Pounds -----		----- Pounds -----	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	14,814	15,180	68,809	69,685	4.64	4.59

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, January 1993-94

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		----- Percent -----			
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	42,620	42,284	3,324	3,317	5.37	5.29

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 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	15	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	3,558	254,200	6,649	454	123,704
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	---	925	---	---	940
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	29,075	62,417	143,401	3,170	52,296	678,924

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, January 1993-94

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected ^{1/}	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	1,664	1,905	37,043	40,874	22.26	21.45
CA	1,354	1,055	29,181	24,884	21.56	23.58
IA	1,118	862	33,973	26,236	30.39	30.43
MN	2,376	2,403	45,444	46,991	19.13	19.55
MO	1,675	1,304	34,435	27,774	20.55	21.29
NC	4,140	3,995	93,906	90,920	22.68	22.76
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	2,830	2,914	53,794	55,640	19.01	19.09
US	19,641	18,735	447,002	432,421	22.76	23.08

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

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, January 1993-94

State	Total Certified ^{1/}		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ^{2/}	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
AR	29,905	33,143	854	921	2.56	2.50
CA	23,580	20,788	393	465	1.50	2.08
IA	26,424	20,172	1,021	800	3.34	3.39
MN	35,982	36,958	1,225	1,280	3.00	3.03
MO	26,826	22,499	797	658	2.57	2.63
NC	73,668	71,609	1,426	1,842	1.69	2.25
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	41,273	43,638	697	838	1.44	1.67
US	351,504	341,707	8,843	9,210	2.20	2.37

^{1/} Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
Selected States and United States, January 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AR	---	---	10,081	---	---	---
CA	---	---	6,861	---	---	---
IA	---	---	---	3,309	---	---
MN	---	---	18,679	5,131	---	---
MO	---	---	10,864	2,615	---	---
NC	---	---	---	---	---	22
PA	---	---	---	---	246	---
VA	---	10	5,979	491	---	---
US	---	168	97,256	30,712	5,500	209

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
AR	---	653	---	---	---	10,734
CA	---	---	---	39	123	7,023
IA	---	---	---	---	130	3,439
MN	---	1,349	1,886	---	---	27,045
MO	88	---	---	223	178	13,968
NC	463	2,107	3,094	121	784	6,591
PA	---	---	---	---	222	468
VA	24	1,605	191	---	632	8,932
US	1,860	8,322	10,500	1,139	8,040	163,706

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
United States, January 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	---	3,467	1,465	---	45
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	1,268	140	294	204	832	7,715

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.

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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