

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during April (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.35 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in April 1993. Updated totals for March 1994 show that 2.48 billion pounds were certified. The January through April cumulative total of pounds certified, at 9.26 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from the same period the previous year.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during April 1994 was 3.21 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.64 billion pounds of young chickens, 72.0 million pounds of mature chickens, 481 million pounds of turkeys, and 10.6 million pounds of ducks.

Young chickens slaughtered during April 1994 averaged 4.65 pounds per bird, 1 percent higher than the average live weight a year ago. The average live weight of mature chickens was up 3 percent from 4.53 pounds per bird the previous year to 4.68 pounds. Turkeys slaughtered during April 1994 averaged 23.2 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from April 1993.

Ante-mortem condemnations during April 1994 totaled 10.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.32 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.30 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 50.1 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.74 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.68 percent a year earlier.

April 1994 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays, while April 1993 contained 22 weekdays and four 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, April 1994 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature <u>2/</u>	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Mar 1994	599,385	15,470	614,855	1,777	-----
Apr 1993	557,469	15,799	573,268	1,631	-----
Apr 1994	567,818	15,380	583,198	1,587	-----
Jan-Apr 1993	2,170,669	57,828	2,228,497	6,363	-----
Jan-Apr 1994	2,247,283	59,470	2,306,753	6,776	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Mar 1994	2,793,594	72,603	2,866,197	11,829	324
Apr 1993	2,573,462	71,604	2,645,066	11,121	328
Apr 1994	2,642,892	72,001	2,714,893	10,582	251
Jan-Apr 1993	9,953,847	269,361	10,223,208	43,167	1,345
Jan-Apr 1994	10,463,347	279,111	10,742,458	45,300	1,186
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Mar 1994	4.66	4.69	4.66	6.66	-----
Apr 1993	4.62	4.53	4.61	6.82	-----
Apr 1994	4.65	4.68	4.66	6.67	-----
Jan-Apr 1993	4.59	4.66	4.59	6.78	-----
Jan-Apr 1994	4.66	4.69	4.66	6.69	-----

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Mar 1994	15	22,242	149	22,406	-----
Apr 1993	15	21,520	179	21,714	-----
Apr 1994	---	20,616	124	20,740	-----
Jan-Apr 1993	54	80,952	647	81,653	-----
Jan-Apr 1994	35	80,768	566	81,369	-----
Live Weight					
Mar 1994	138	504,838	3,806	508,782	3,387,132
Apr 1993	115	490,383	4,652	495,150	3,151,664
Apr 1994	---	478,056	3,298	481,355	3,207,081
Jan-Apr 1993	467	1,824,040	16,433	1,840,940	12,108,661
Jan-Apr 1994	312	1,852,356	14,596	1,867,263	12,656,207
Average Live Weight					
Mar 1994	8.98	22.70	25.62	22.71	-----
Apr 1993	7.50	22.79	26.00	22.80	-----
Apr 1994	---	23.19	26.57	23.21	-----
Jan-Apr 1993	8.66	22.53	25.40	22.55	-----
Jan-Apr 1994	8.97	22.93	25.78	22.95	-----

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: April 1993: 4,097, April 1994: 4,416.
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: April 1993: 70, April 1994: 88.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Mar 1994					
Chilled	1,856,173	42,186	1,898,360	2,906	71
Frozen	169,411	1,991	171,401	5,580	133
Total	2,025,584	44,177	2,069,761	8,487	204
Apr 1993					
Chilled	1,723,133	42,668	1,765,800	2,324	40
Frozen	144,113	1,667	145,780	5,428	171
Total	1,867,245	44,335	1,911,580	7,752	212
Apr 1994					
Chilled	1,759,536	40,920	1,800,456	2,540	13
Frozen	160,208	3,046	163,254	5,096	146
Total	1,919,744	43,966	1,963,710	7,635	158
Jan-Apr 1993					
Chilled	6,666,117	158,873	6,824,990	9,576	161
Frozen	560,599	7,832	568,431	20,704	707
Total	7,226,716	166,706	7,393,421	30,280	868
Jan-Apr 1994					
Chilled	6,970,813	161,096	7,131,908	11,257	176
Frozen	618,437	8,785	627,222	21,351	585
Total	7,589,250	169,880	7,759,130	32,608	761

See footnotes at end of table.

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 United States, April 1994 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Mar 1994					
Chilled	---	196,915	1,933	198,848	2,100,185
Frozen	102	201,023	924	202,050	379,164
Total	102	397,938	2,857	400,897	2,479,348
Apr 1993					
Chilled	---	180,486	2,531	183,017	1,951,182
Frozen	84	207,800	950	208,835	360,214
Total	84	388,287	3,481	391,852	2,311,396
Apr 1994					
Chilled	---	180,883	1,767	182,650	1,985,658
Frozen	---	196,205	672	196,877	365,372
Total	---	377,088	2,439	379,527	2,351,030
Jan-Apr 1993					
Chilled	---	681,201	9,381	690,582	7,525,309
Frozen	346	757,458	3,148	760,951	1,350,793
Total	346	1,438,659	12,529	1,451,533	8,876,102
Jan-Apr 1994					
Chilled	---	727,889	7,233	735,122	7,878,463
Frozen	231	731,241	3,643	735,115	1,384,273
Total	231	1,459,130	10,875	1,470,237	9,262,735

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

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, April 1994 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Mar 1994	9,141	1,212	10,353	15	1
Apr 1993	7,462	803	8,265	6	1
Apr 1994	7,852	1,269	9,120	14	5
Jan-Apr 1993	30,774	3,617	34,391	35	6
Jan-Apr 1994	38,199	5,868	44,067	53	8
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Apr 1993	0.29	1.12	0.31	0.06	0.21
Apr 1994	0.30	1.76	0.34	0.14	2.05
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Mar 1994	40,973	3,169	44,141	206	4
Apr 1993	35,150	3,277	38,427	199	3
Apr 1994	36,880	3,395	40,275	172	1
Jan-Apr 1993	140,627	12,819	153,446	762	14
Jan-Apr 1994	152,795	12,889	165,684	783	11
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Apr 1993	1.52	5.09	1.61	1.99	0.88
Apr 1994	1.55	5.24	1.65	1.80	0.60

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Mar 1994	---	1,335	23	1,358	11,726
Apr 1993	---	1,035	56	1,091	9,363
Apr 1994	---	1,060	19	1,080	10,220
Jan-Apr 1993	1	5,183	160	5,344	39,776
Jan-Apr 1994	2	5,389	125	5,516	49,644
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Apr 1993	0.20	0.21	1.20	0.22	0.30
Apr 1994	---	0.22	0.59	0.22	0.32
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Mar 1994	2	10,800	283	11,085	55,437
Apr 1993	2	8,602	360	8,964	47,593
Apr 1994	---	9,344	291	9,635	50,083
Jan-Apr 1993	7	34,584	1,097	35,688	189,909
Jan-Apr 1994	4	39,168	1,187	40,360	206,837
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Apr 1993	2.29	1.95	8.61	2.01	1.68
Apr 1994	---	2.17	9.80	2.22	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, April 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	73,575	74,303	336,749	343,187	4.58	4.62
AR	90,470	90,149	404,233	407,814	4.47	4.52
CA	18,802	19,185	102,357	97,847	5.44	5.10
DE	20,901	22,433	107,552	121,490	5.15	5.42
FL	11,511	11,035	49,218	47,491	4.28	4.30
GA	71,459	75,193	326,275	360,197	4.57	4.79
LA	11,614	12,874	48,321	57,505	4.16	4.47
MD	16,580	16,958	75,703	76,947	4.57	4.54
MS	42,426	47,027	196,223	211,300	4.63	4.49
MO	17,658	16,229	74,763	68,438	4.23	4.22
NC	49,390	49,276	255,870	247,251	5.18	5.02
PA	8,116	8,390	38,897	42,227	4.79	5.03
SC	16,323	16,574	64,572	67,945	3.96	4.10
TN	12,446	12,521	54,547	54,779	4.38	4.37
TX	33,154	31,713	150,003	144,799	4.52	4.57
VA	29,663	28,663	138,775	134,471	4.68	4.69
WA	2,949	3,152	14,560	14,971	4.94	4.75
US	557,469	567,818	2,573,462	2,642,892	4.62	4.65

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

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, April 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	244,239	250,607	5,188	5,635	1.71	1.82
AR	285,611	287,789	5,143	5,069	1.41	1.38
CA	74,465	71,329	1,637	1,840	1.78	2.09
DE	77,539	87,049	2,051	1,872	2.12	1.71
FL	35,871	34,344	444	378	1.00	0.88
GA	240,250	266,258	3,799	4,845	1.29	1.49
LA	36,141	40,809	828	807	1.90	1.56
MD	52,205	55,116	1,132	969	1.66	1.40
MS	149,140	158,380	2,520	2,729	1.43	1.44
MO	53,842	49,493	1,028	970	1.53	1.57
NC	186,886	180,976	3,137	3,303	1.36	1.48
PA	27,212	29,760	683	1,151	1.95	3.03
SC	46,877	49,450	887	733	1.53	1.20
TN	38,812	38,097	556	542	1.13	1.10
TX	113,353	108,701	2,069	1,833	1.53	1.41
VA	97,609	97,580	1,377	1,372	1.10	1.13
WA	10,763	11,085	319	405	2.44	3.01
US	1,867,245	1,919,744	35,150	36,880	1.52	1.55

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, April 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	9,470	204,991	112,611	4,488	18,764
AR	---	12,291	340,975	136,325	8,108	15,410
CA	---	11,012	106,140	10,404	1,254	11,314
DE	---	36,620	93,124	43,596	---	---
FL	---	---	16,564	11,682	---	---
GA	---	17,686	164,917	101,341	2,072	26,874
LA	---	---	50,085	19,644	---	5,631
MD	---	20,547	68,819	18,827	---	---
MS	---	2,432	111,067	93,534	1,340	8,249
MO	---	6,978	66,707	19,910	2,564	2,811
NC	---	25,057	114,924	66,301	53	36,082
PA	---	4,397	41,131	19,470	---	4,526
SC	---	1,841	20,896	27,766	258	6,745
TN	---	---	42,363	---	---	---
TX	---	1,503	110,836	44,302	716	3,169
VA	---	13,648	70,517	43,531	80	---
WA	---	135	---	750	---	657
US	---	187,437	1,812,580	813,653	30,622	196,100
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	14,483	28,984	76,550	12,483	143,381	626,205
AR	14,876	26,992	63,376	3,521	127,569	749,443
CA	712	---	3,265	895	---	144,996
DE	4,650	14,208	12,748	3,746	14,687	223,379
FL	1,098	4,243	6,351	---	18,755	58,693
GA	13,034	30,685	41,944	8,803	125,051	532,407
LA	---	2,680	7,369	---	---	85,409
MD	2,181	7,209	---	---	11,080	128,663
MS	6,791	18,558	30,444	2,906	89,552	364,873
MO	1,707	4,116	7,942	1,179	33,527	147,441
NC	4,115	24,723	27,263	5,414	111,472	415,404
PA	2,359	2,318	---	178	---	74,379
SC	3,746	14,245	10,577	---	25,954	112,028
TN	2,415	6,980	---	---	15,331	67,089
TX	1,337	7,243	8,314	919	7,331	185,670
VA	3,151	8,028	22,403	1,851	37,901	201,110
WA	---	---	289	---	15,852	17,683
US	86,206	227,067	402,618	50,529	926,380	4,733,192

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, April 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	15,799	15,380	71,604	72,001	4.53	4.68

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemns			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	44,335	43,966	3,277	3,395	5.09	5.24

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, April 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	26	---	26	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	3,771	239,660	8,647	558	114,359
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	173	---	---	---	---	225
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	29,595	43,496	151,777	4,850	91,197	687,910

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, April 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	2,076	2,116	41,405	43,635	19.94	20.62
CA	1,631	1,455	35,734	30,948	21.91	21.26
IA	963	862	28,581	26,120	29.68	30.29
MN	2,675	2,661	54,347	57,657	20.32	21.67
MO	1,807	1,490	39,990	36,534	22.14	24.52
NC	4,137	4,312	95,459	98,051	23.07	22.74
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	2,947	3,053	56,583	59,223	19.20	19.40
US	21,520	20,616	490,383	478,056	22.79	23.19

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

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

State	Total Certified ^{1/}		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	Certified ^{1/}		N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ^{2/}	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-- Percent --				
AR	33,648	35,436	793	882	2.13	2.24
CA	28,893	25,085	499	426	1.55	1.53
IA	22,209	20,654	621	741	2.41	3.15
MN	43,126	45,214	1,288	1,498	2.63	2.89
MO	31,606	28,095	941	942	2.61	2.86
NC	75,437	78,022	1,219	1,671	1.42	1.89
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	44,776	46,417	742	807	1.46	1.51
US	388,287	377,088	8,602	9,344	1.95	2.17

^{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, April 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AR	---	---	9,390	---	---	11
CA	---	---	7,116	---	---	---
IA	---	---	---	2,642	---	---
MN	---	---	14,450	---	700	---
MO	---	---	13,896	2,219	---	9
NC	---	---	11,178	---	---	---
PA	---	---	---	658	153	---
VA	---	---	5,938	568	---	---
US	---	51	92,143	24,319	6,147	158
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
AR	---	580	---	---	---	9,981
CA	69	303	---	---	---	7,488
IA	59	---	278	---	219	3,198
MN	159	822	1,274	---	---	17,405
MO	109	---	---	---	537	16,770
NC	335	1,166	1,897	---	651	15,227
PA	---	---	161	---	---	972
VA	24	969	152	19	---	7,670
US	1,546	5,631	9,509	1,218	8,443	149,165

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	---	3,287	1,136	10	190
State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	33	90	249	---	345	5,340

Poultry Slaughter Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for commercial poultry slaughter estimates are obtained from the Poultry Inspection-Daily Summary forms (MP Form 513) 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 MP Form 513 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 revisions were published.

Procedures and Reliability: Plant inspectors submit forms (MP Form 513) 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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