

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 3 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during August (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.67 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the amount certified in August 1994. Updated totals for July 1995 show that 2.39 billion pounds were certified. The January through August cumulative total of pounds certified, at 20.4 billion pounds, was up 5 percent from the same period the previous year.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during August 1995 was 3.62 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.97 billion pounds of young chickens, 62.4 million pounds of mature chickens, 574 million pounds of turkeys, and 11.1 million pounds of ducks.

Young chickens slaughtered during August 1995 averaged 4.48 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from 4.58 pounds per bird a year ago. The average live weight of mature chickens decreased 2 percent from 5.11 pounds per bird the previous year to 4.99 pounds. Turkeys slaughtered during August 1995 averaged 21.9 pounds per bird, down fractionally from August 1994.

Ante-mortem condemnations during August 1995 totaled 17.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.49 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.37 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 60.2 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.85 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.75 percent a year earlier.

August 1995 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays, the same as August 1994. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, August 1995 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jul 1995	582,817	11,911	594,727	1,517	-----
Aug 1994	662,530	13,882	676,412	1,782	-----
Aug 1995	662,186	12,489	674,674	1,750	-----
Jan-Aug 1994	4,696,187	116,097	4,812,284	13,642	-----
Jan-Aug 1995	4,942,399	110,051	5,052,450	12,772	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Jul 1995	2,647,609	63,727	2,711,336	9,798	555
Aug 1994	3,033,678	70,929	3,104,608	11,597	443
Aug 1995	2,968,944	62,357	3,031,301	11,135	653
Jan-Aug 1994	21,639,018	560,599	22,199,616	90,397	2,730
Jan-Aug 1995	22,833,506	554,146	23,387,652	84,552	3,515
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Jul 1995	4.54	5.35	4.56	6.46	-----
Aug 1994	4.58	5.11	4.59	6.51	-----
Aug 1995	4.48	4.99	4.49	6.36	-----
Jan-Aug 1994	4.61	4.83	4.61	6.63	-----
Jan-Aug 1995	4.62	5.04	4.63	6.62	-----

See footnotes at end of table.

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type.
 United States, August 1995 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Jul 1995					
Chilled	1,765,503	34,674	1,800,177	1,993	106
Frozen	167,561	3,546	171,107	5,007	227
Total	1,933,064	38,220	1,971,284	6,999	332
Aug 1994					
Chilled	2,032,389	39,918	2,072,307	2,206	81
Frozen	173,837	3,170	177,008	6,162	209
Total	2,206,227	43,088	2,249,315	8,368	290
Aug 1995					
Chilled	1,981,586	35,792	2,017,378	2,545	134
Frozen	188,297	2,322	190,619	5,376	269
Total	2,169,883	38,114	2,207,998	7,921	403
Jan-Aug 1994					
Chilled	14,480,389	320,962	14,801,350	19,707	466
Frozen	1,258,107	20,876	1,278,984	45,326	1,287
Total	15,738,496	341,838	16,080,334	65,033	1,753
Jan-Aug 1995					
Chilled	15,182,758	316,946	15,499,704	19,141	579
Frozen	1,422,298	19,701	1,441,999	41,524	1,587
Total	16,605,056	336,647	16,941,703	60,666	2,166

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 United States, August 1995 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Jul 1995					
Chilled	---	183,868	2,120	185,988	1,988,264
Frozen	551	225,226	1,293	227,070	403,410
Total	551	409,094	3,413	413,059	2,391,674
Aug 1994					
Chilled	225	216,139	2,158	218,523	2,293,118
Frozen	723	262,414	1,938	265,075	448,454
Total	948	478,554	4,096	483,598	2,741,571
Aug 1995					
Chilled	---	208,125	2,413	210,538	2,230,595
Frozen	451	238,505	1,584	240,540	436,804
Total	451	446,629	3,997	451,077	2,667,399
Jan-Aug 1994					
Chilled	225	1,523,663	14,335	1,538,223	16,359,746
Frozen	1,953	1,683,573	10,238	1,695,764	3,021,361
Total	2,178	3,207,236	24,572	3,233,987	19,381,107
Jan-Aug 1995					
Chilled	---	1,622,033	15,153	1,637,186	17,156,610
Frozen	1,824	1,711,460	7,177	1,720,461	3,205,570
Total	1,824	3,333,492	22,330	3,357,646	20,362,181

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

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, August 1995 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jul 1995	13.150	1,741	14,891	24	7
Aug 1994	10.813	1,118	11,931	12	2
Aug 1995	14.234	1,549	15,783	30	5
Jan-Aug 1994	75.706	10,798	86,504	104	17
Jan-Aug 1995	88.758	10,021	98,779	119	21
Percent 2/					
Aug 1994	0.36	1.58	0.38	0.10	0.51
Aug 1995	0.48	2.48	0.52	0.27	0.71
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jul 1995	40.874	3,043	43,917	178	16
Aug 1994	42.820	3,314	46,134	192	13
Aug 1995	45.370	3,067	48,437	200	21
Jan-Aug 1994	308.407	25,816	334,222	1,492	40
Jan-Aug 1995	360.741	26,575	387,315	1,415	68
Percent 3/					
Aug 1994	1.57	5.19	1.65	1.84	3.33
Aug 1995	1.70	5.46	1.78	1.99	3.62

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, August 1995 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jul 1995	1	2,164	39	2,205	17,127
Aug 1994	2	1,668	56	1,726	13,671
Aug 1995	2	1,842	55	1,900	17,717
Jan-Aug 1994	7	11,196	277	11,481	98,105
Jan-Aug 1995	9	11,747	291	12,047	110,966
Percent 2/					
Aug 1994	0.13	0.27	1.01	0.28	0.37
Aug 1995	0.35	0.32	1.04	0.33	0.49
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jul 1995	7	9,790	311	10,108	54,219
Aug 1994	16	11,884	406	12,307	58,646
Aug 1995	6	11,242	323	11,571	60,229
Jan-Aug 1994	40	80,543	2,377	82,960	418,713
Jan-Aug 1995	30	80,107	2,124	82,260	471,058
Percent 3/					
Aug 1994	1.50	2.17	8.13	2.22	1.75
Aug 1995	1.05	2.20	6.74	2.24	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, August 1994-95

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 -----		----- 1,000 Pounds -----		--- Pounds ---	
AL	84,160	80,406	383,749	363,111	4.56	4.52
AR	102,345	100,635	455,128	430,944	4.45	4.28
CA	22,639	21,096	112,921	105,145	4.99	4.98
DE	25,133	25,074	128,059	127,757	5.10	5.10
FL	13,807	13,823	59,153	59,201	4.28	4.28
GA	89,627	93,325	418,496	431,631	4.67	4.63
LA	14,652	14,517	65,672	61,544	4.48	4.24
MD	19,381	18,896	87,995	84,351	4.54	4.46
MS	55,288	55,373	244,983	244,686	4.43	4.42
MO	19,870	26,166	86,591	106,772	4.36	4.08
NC	57,236	54,738	284,066	269,529	4.96	4.92
PA	8,895	8,656	43,766	40,851	4.92	4.72
SC	21,376	20,185	86,707	83,241	4.06	4.12
TN	13,973	15,077	61,047	63,124	4.37	4.19
TX	38,116	38,052	167,975	158,030	4.41	4.15
VA	32,646	32,406	151,945	146,997	4.65	4.54
WA	3,429	3,119	16,885	15,751	4.92	5.05
US	662,530	662,186	3,033,678	2,968,944	4.58	4.48

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, August 1994-95

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations				
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/		
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	
		1,000 Pounds		Percent			
AL	280,850	267,567	6,685	7,300	1.94	2.23	
AR	323,675	306,275	5,618	6,004	1.37	1.55	
CA	82,137	75,737	2,271	2,623	2.23	2.77	
DE	93,250	93,429	1,779	1,584	1.54	1.38	
FL	42,127	42,731	655	673	1.23	1.26	
GA	304,808	318,887	6,158	7,086	1.64	1.82	
LA	48,282	44,791	888	1,111	1.50	2.01	
MD	62,181	60,153	966	896	1.22	1.18	
MS	181,001	186,905	3,265	2,962	1.48	1.35	
MO	62,988	77,687	1,373	1,883	1.76	1.96	
NC	211,112	201,888	3,631	3,949	1.42	1.63	
PA	30,856	28,992	833	807	2.11	2.20	
SC	64,831	61,587	1,252	1,214	1.60	1.62	
TN	43,682	46,181	603	752	1.10	1.32	
TX	125,471	120,255	2,244	1,983	1.48	1.39	
VA	109,570	98,903	1,486	1,521	1.09	1.15	
WA	12,300	11,755	375	377	2.47	2.66	
US	2,206,227	2,169,883	42,820	45,370	1.57	1.70	

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, August 1995

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	4,921	253,551	192,086	11,145	15,038
AR	---	4,873	390,958	160,932	15,109	10,312
CA	---	---	145,269	21,950	1,438	13,654
DE	---	14,692	102,384	29,877	---	---
FL	---	922	22,229	12,018	---	---
GA	---	6,938	220,493	203,971	4,706	20,988
LA	---	668	52,104	22,006	1,558	2,969
MD	---	8,883	64,794	15,243	---	5,054
MS	---	2,999	142,830	59,316	2,649	14,520
MO	---	4,130	87,218	39,114	4,216	2,038
NC	---	16,519	135,046	52,307	327	43,520
PA	---	1,648	32,676	10,892	793	4,924
SC	---	1,754	36,238	62,914	295	5,280
TN	---	---	49,279	---	---	1,837
TX	---	1,060	128,069	39,602	693	2,358
VA	---	4,620	81,327	20,472	140	---
WA	---	---	---	454	---	967
US	---	92,377	2,128,874	986,756	62,471	181,408
State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Number						
AL	21,168	36,483	105,509	6,814	225,636	872,351
AR	23,429	34,864	98,048	10,579	194,881	943,985
CA	1,101	12,048	5,283	707	92,783	294,233
DE	5,128	11,497	19,923	6,386	18,542	208,429
FL	1,863	5,157	8,978	1,262	42,625	95,054
GA	28,961	54,446	73,550	21,707	213,549	849,309
LA	3,461	4,395	17,284	---	54,332	158,777
MD	2,133	6,491	---	---	9,813	112,411
MS	10,968	25,157	54,878	3,667	117,738	434,722
MO	4,882	17,756	17,788	---	87,230	264,372
NC	7,516	25,014	---	6,027	143,698	429,974
PA	3,266	2,082	---	---	21,955	78,236
SC	5,855	16,988	20,157	2,910	44,220	196,611
TN	3,196	11,816	26,365	1,813	36,561	130,867
TX	2,031	8,644	17,435	---	6,535	206,427
VA	5,627	9,512	33,089	3,894	34,240	192,921
WA	301	---	622	---	18,209	20,553
US	139,754	300,570	675,502	83,325	1,434,631	6,085,668

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, August 1994-95

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 -----		----- 1,000 Pounds -----		----- Pounds -----	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	13,882	12,489	70,929	62,357	5.11	4.99

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, August 1994-95

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1994	1995	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		----- Percent -----			
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	43,088	38,114	3,314	3,067	5.19	5.46

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, August 1995

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	2,769	197,932	10,395	527	119,337
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	---	225	---	---	225
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	21,989	33,950	138,779	2,416	42,585	570,679

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, August 1994-95

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	2,603	2,453	49,516	47,654	19.02	19.43
CA	2,108	2,090	44,704	42,125	21.21	20.16
IA	1,489	1,429	39,383	35,423	26.45	24.79
MN	4,223	4,087	85,784	82,106	20.31	20.09
MO	2,229	1,868	52,241	43,441	23.43	23.26
NC	4,687	4,184	103,089	93,895	21.99	22.44
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	3,680	3,277	67,410	59,600	18.32	18.19
US	27,665	25,935	607,787	567,865	21.97	21.90

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, August 1994-95

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1994	1995	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		1994	1995	1994	1995
AR	39,635	37,775	1,271	1,025	2.85	2.39
CA	36,306	33,728	694	693	1.73	1.83
IA	30,354	27,777	826	842	2.33	2.64
MN	68,190	65,037	1,717	1,880	2.22	2.54
MO	41,223	34,211	1,459	1,319	3.10	3.37
NC	80,472	74,279	1,830	1,561	1.97	1.85
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	52,818	46,051	1,082	741	1.78	1.38
US	478,554	446,629	11,884	11,242	2.17	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, August 1995

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors	
							Number
AR	---	---	9,153	---	---	---	
CA	---	9	9,862	---	126	29	
IA	---	---	---	3,355	---	---	
MN	---	---	18,295	7,185	1,348	37	
MO	---	---	23,421	8,179	---	---	
NC	---	---	8,451	2,351	---	---	
PA	---	---	4,171	---	---	---	
VA	---	15	6,528	599	---	---	
US	---	549	115,022	34,817	8,099	256	
							Number
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total	
AR	---	852	1,634	---	2,972	14,611	
CA	22	---	596	---	658	11,302	
IA	---	167	611	---	712	4,845	
MN	322	2,868	2,325	---	---	32,380	
MO	171	---	1,326	---	---	33,097	
NC	155	1,970	1,198	---	2,247	16,372	
PA	---	---	---	---	---	4,171	
VA	21	---	235	---	1,080	8,478	
US	1,384	10,405	10,481	2,614	17,814	201,441	

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
United States, August 1995

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	---	3,932	867	30	97
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	9	235	169	22	2,838	8,199

Poultry Slaughter Estimates

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

Frozen - Poultry products which have been at 0 degrees F. or below.

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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