

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 10 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during January (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.75 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the amount certified in January 1995. Updated totals for December 1995 show that 2.46 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during January 1996 was 3.72 billion pounds. Inspections included 3.11 billion pounds of young chickens, 73.0 million pounds of mature chickens, 530 million pounds of turkeys, and 11.4 million pounds of ducks.

Young chickens slaughtered during January 1996 averaged 4.84 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from 4.67 pounds per bird a year ago. The average live weight of mature chickens increased 7 percent from 4.82 pounds per bird the previous year to 5.16 pounds. Turkeys slaughtered during January 1996 averaged 24.6 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from January 1995.

Ante-mortem condemnations during January 1996 totaled 18.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.50 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.38 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 68.7 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 2.05 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.89 percent a year earlier.

January 1996 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays, while January 1995 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, January 1996 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Dec 1995	577,239	11,995	589,234	1,692	-----
Jan 1995	607,437	14,479	621,916	1,645	-----
Jan 1996	642,457	14,140	656,597	1,705	-----
Jan-Jan 1995	607,437	14,479	621,916	1,645	-----
Jan-Jan 1996	642,457	14,140	656,597	1,705	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Dec 1995	2,771,680	59,766	2,831,446	11,422	547
Jan 1995	2,837,954	69,770	2,907,724	11,056	364
Jan 1996	3,109,407	73,016	3,182,423	11,429	632
Jan-Jan 1995	2,837,954	69,770	2,907,724	11,056	364
Jan-Jan 1996	3,109,407	73,016	3,182,423	11,429	632
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Dec 1995	4.80	4.98	4.81	6.75	-----
Jan 1995	4.67	4.82	4.68	6.72	-----
Jan 1996	4.84	5.16	4.85	6.70	-----
Jan-Jan 1995	4.67	4.82	4.68	6.72	-----
Jan-Jan 1996	4.84	5.16	4.85	6.70	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, January 1996 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	3/ Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Dec 1995	17	21,143	117	21,277	-----
Jan 1995	---	20,404	159	20,563	-----
Jan 1996	---	21,384	173	21,557	-----
Jan-Jan 1995	---	20,404	159	20,563	-----
Jan-Jan 1996	---	21,384	173	21,557	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Dec 1995	140	500,256	3,019	503,415	3,346,830
Jan 1995	---	489,788	3,684	493,472	3,412,617
Jan 1996	---	525,102	4,419	529,521	3,724,004
Jan-Jan 1995	---	489,788	3,684	493,472	3,412,617
Jan-Jan 1996	---	525,102	4,419	529,521	3,724,004
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Dec 1995	8.15	23.66	25.89	23.66	-----
Jan 1995	---	24.00	23.13	24.00	-----
Jan 1996	---	24.56	25.57	24.56	-----
Jan-Jan 1995	---	24.00	23.13	24.00	-----
Jan-Jan 1996	---	24.56	25.57	24.56	-----

- 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 1995: 4,570, January 1996: 5,684.
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: January 1995: 49, January 1996: 49.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, January 1996 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Dec 1995					
Chilled	1,831,199	34,846	1,866,045	3,163	140
Frozen	187,256	1,453	188,710	5,032	232
Total	2,018,455	36,299	2,054,754	8,196	372
Jan 1995					
Chilled	1,885,776	40,125	1,925,902	2,683	58
Frozen	173,650	2,187	175,836	5,232	168
Total	2,059,426	42,312	2,101,738	7,915	226
Jan 1996					
Chilled	2,080,175	42,277	2,122,452	2,982	164
Frozen	200,767	2,108	202,876	5,238	211
Total	2,280,942	44,386	2,325,328	8,220	375
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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 United States, January 1996 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Dec 1995					
Chilled	3	203,346	1,662	205,012	2,074,359
Frozen	86	191,101	646	191,832	385,806
Total	89	394,447	2,308	396,844	2,460,165
Jan 1995					
Chilled	---	198,325	1,767	200,093	2,128,735
Frozen	---	187,930	1,049	188,979	370,216
Total	---	386,256	2,816	389,072	2,498,951
Jan 1996					
Chilled	---	211,044	2,309	213,352	2,338,950
Frozen	---	201,353	1,101	202,454	410,779
Total	---	412,396	3,410	415,806	2,749,729
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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 1996 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Dec 1995	10,123	841	10,964	9	1
Jan 1995	10,580	1,121	11,701	13	2
Jan 1996	15,602	1,104	16,707	8	5
Jan-Jan 1995	10,580	1,121	11,701	13	2
Jan-Jan 1996	15,602	1,104	16,707	8	5
Percent 2/					
Jan 1995	0.37	1.61	0.40	0.12	0.51
Jan 1996	0.50	1.51	0.52	0.07	0.83
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Dec 1995	43,119	3,390	46,509	172	6
Jan 1995	44,685	3,347	48,032	186	6
Jan 1996	52,359	4,043	56,402	159	12
Jan-Jan 1995	44,685	3,347	48,032	186	6
Jan-Jan 1996	52,359	4,043	56,402	159	12
Percent 3/					
Jan 1995	1.75	5.33	1.84	1.87	1.91
Jan 1996	1.87	6.15	1.97	1.55	2.03

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, January 1996 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys			Total
		Fryer-	Young	Old	Poultry
		Roasters		Turkeys	
		1,000 Pounds			
Ante-Mortem					
(Live Weight)					
Dec 1995	1	1,340	44	1,386	12,361
Jan 1995	---	1,201	17	1,218	12,934
Jan 1996	---	1,840	56	1,896	18,617
Jan-Jan 1995	---	1,201	17	1,218	12,934
Jan-Jan 1996	---	1,840	56	1,896	18,617
Percent 2/					
Jan 1995	---	0.25	0.46	0.25	0.38
Jan 1996	---	0.35	1.27	0.36	0.50
Post-Mortem					
(N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Dec 1995	29	9,714	188	9,931	56,618
Jan 1995	---	9,733	245	9,977	58,202
Jan 1996	---	11,909	229	12,139	68,712
Jan-Jan 1995	---	9,733	245	9,977	58,202
Jan-Jan 1996	---	11,909	229	12,139	68,712
Percent 3/					
Jan 1995	---	2.21	7.38	2.25	1.89
Jan 1996	---	2.52	5.77	2.55	2.05

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 1995-96

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AL	75,212	73,396	349,667	361,118	4.65	4.92
AR	89,763	98,972	407,647	468,673	4.54	4.74
CA	19,557	22,807	96,965	116,011	4.96	5.09
DE	23,495	23,889	125,518	134,121	5.34	5.61
FL	12,121	12,353	53,634	55,963	4.42	4.53
GA	81,872	91,371	393,489	443,631	4.81	4.86
LA	13,807	12,771	63,788	59,807	4.62	4.68
MD	16,843	17,001	75,285	81,200	4.47	4.78
MS	51,642	51,525	239,046	245,039	4.63	4.76
MO	18,871	25,834	79,649	111,059	4.22	4.30
NC	54,351	56,308	278,640	301,319	5.13	5.35
PA	7,834	8,415	38,808	44,453	4.95	5.28
SC	19,823	18,646	80,862	82,717	4.08	4.44
TN	13,569	14,331	59,761	66,375	4.40	4.63
TX	35,943	39,980	160,672	183,376	4.47	4.59
VA	30,519	30,746	139,392	149,150	4.57	4.85
WA	3,207	2,987	15,082	14,666	4.70	4.91
US	607,437	642,457	2,837,954	3,109,407	4.67	4.84

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, January 1995-96

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	1,000 Pounds				-- Percent --	
AL	252,534	275,650	6,614	8,049	2.10	2.48
AR	288,004	335,800	5,750	6,734	1.57	1.60
CA	70,442	86,225	2,265	2,313	2.60	2.21
DE	90,004	97,110	2,591	3,039	2.29	2.52
FL	38,596	41,895	616	658	1.28	1.31
GA	289,220	327,922	5,979	6,999	1.69	1.75
LA	45,486	44,857	939	986	1.64	1.83
MD	52,276	57,706	1,317	1,453	1.94	1.99
MS	181,095	182,431	3,411	3,136	1.59	1.42
MO	57,637	80,163	1,087	1,947	1.52	1.95
NC	207,816	224,034	4,135	4,652	1.65	1.72
PA	27,209	31,364	992	1,278	2.84	3.19
SC	58,799	62,544	1,050	1,570	1.44	2.11
TN	42,198	46,986	581	751	1.08	1.26
TX	120,244	139,339	2,071	2,425	1.43	1.47
VA	99,590	102,004	1,775	2,335	1.41	1.74
WA	11,198	10,983	344	382	2.54	2.89
US	2,059,426	2,280,942	44,685	52,359	1.75	1.87

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 1996

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	19,797	270,574	274,551	5,845	20,795
AR	---	9,449	390,185	262,100	8,984	27,453
CA	---	---	135,556	16,686	1,149	18,890
DE	---	37,963	147,996	122,732	---	---
FL	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	7,157	208,528	322,901	1,680	19,710
LA	---	889	46,899	38,454	---	4,461
MD	---	28,117	100,978	61,225	---	9,162
MS	---	5,063	134,865	82,884	1,878	23,254
MO	---	7,107	114,547	63,540	2,743	2,462
NC	---	19,475	166,272	133,694	134	47,168
PA	---	5,493	52,055	65,551	575	2,892
SC	---	2,351	43,714	103,200	---	6,275
TN	---	---	58,361	21,735	---	2,913
TX	---	1,500	135,285	58,268	555	2,757
VA	---	---	100,948	112,945	203	---
WA	---	2,759	23,318	---	---	1,400
US	---	188,630	2,406,993	1,809,432	45,528	251,485
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	14,801	50,908	83,151	10,243	253,827	1,004,492
AR	17,424	43,148	88,384	4,297	142,112	993,536
CA	1,114	11,101	5,013	726	63,232	253,467
DE	5,586	12,063	17,835	1,736	37,531	383,442
FL	1,222	4,587	8,411	---	30,501	44,721
GA	18,628	48,425	84,821	15,431	218,592	945,873
LA	1,851	4,341	16,100	---	26,135	139,130
MD	1,782	5,054	---	694	27,187	234,199
MS	6,701	19,410	32,675	3,401	194,688	504,819
MO	3,067	14,293	18,733	473	69,028	295,993
NC	8,449	38,161	57,812	3,837	201,037	676,039
PA	2,656	2,828	---	---	---	132,050
SC	3,604	22,421	18,766	858	63,168	264,357
TN	2,546	8,113	---	---	33,295	126,963
TX	1,437	9,482	14,569	561	5,152	229,566
VA	4,034	8,029	26,265	1,566	89,188	343,178
WA	503	1,008	716	---	17,599	47,303
US	106,629	328,844	585,532	49,999	1,602,031	7,375,103

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, January 1995-96

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	14,479	14,140	69,770	73,016	4.82	5.16

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, January 1995-96

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1995	1996	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	42,312	44,386	3,347	4,043	5.33	6.15

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 1996

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	4,647	282,330	13,903	937	130,816

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	30,689	54,681	176,757	1,985	44,320	741,065

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, January 1995-96

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	2,162	2,177	46,359	44,919	21.44	20.64
CA	1,377	1,560	29,732	35,408	21.59	22.70
IA	938	971	29,481	30,068	31.44	30.97
MN	2,294	2,649	50,036	59,492	21.81	22.46
MO	1,623	1,863	40,590	46,391	25.02	24.90
NC	4,090	3,907	95,614	97,269	23.38	24.89
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	2,871	2,937	53,956	55,244	18.80	18.81
US	20,404	21,384	489,788	525,102	24.00	24.56

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, January 1995-96

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1995	1996	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	37,519	36,502	983	937	2.36	2.32
CA	23,989	27,485	363	448	1.36	1.41
IA	23,325	23,458	812	1,082	3.06	4.00
MN	39,706	46,798	973	1,806	2.16	3.37
MO	31,784	36,123	1,192	1,270	3.26	3.04
NC	75,205	77,097	1,825	1,790	2.12	2.05
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	42,726	42,786	908	827	1.87	1.66
US	386,256	412,396	9,732	11,909	2.21	2.52

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 1996

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AR	---	---	9,323	855	---	---
CA	---	---	6,380	54	---	---
IA	---	---	---	---	---	---
MN	---	---	18,334	6,898	2,150	---
MO	---	---	---	---	---	---
NC	---	83	9,452	1,162	---	---
PA	---	---	---	1,024	---	---
VA	---	---	---	717	---	---
US	---	129	113,103	38,012	9,821	268
	Number					
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AR	---	---	1,153	---	653	11,984
CA	---	343	---	---	---	6,777
IA	---	---	---	---	173	173
MN	212	1,876	1,971	168	1,880	33,489
MO	112	660	1,798	377	---	2,947
NC	---	3,329	1,404	78	2,231	17,739
PA	72	---	---	---	183	1,279
VA	50	1,149	---	214	863	2,993
US	1,310	10,053	10,935	2,003	9,948	195,582

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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