

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 7 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during June (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.56 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the amount certified in June 1995. Updated totals for May 1996 show that 2.84 billion pounds were certified. The January through June cumulative total of pounds certified, at 16.2 billion pounds, was up 6 percent from the same period the previous year.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during June 1996 was 3.47 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.82 billion pounds of young chickens, 66.4 million pounds of mature chickens, 578 million pounds of turkeys, and 10.5 million pounds of ducks.

Young chickens slaughtered during June 1996 averaged 4.72 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from the average live weight a year ago. The average live weight of mature chickens was up 7 percent from 5.13 pounds per bird the previous year to 5.49 pounds. Turkeys slaughtered during June 1996 averaged 23.8 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from June 1995.

Ante-mortem condemnations during June 1996 totaled 13.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.38 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.40 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 54.3 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.74 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.80 percent a year earlier.

June 1996 contained 20 weekdays and five Saturdays, while June 1995 contained 22 weekdays 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, June 1996 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
May 1996	663,234	13,697	676,931	1,732	-----
Jun 1995	659,734	14,346	674,080	1,676	-----
Jun 1996	596,642	12,098	608,740	1,579	-----
Jan-Jun 1995	3,697,616	85,652	3,783,268	9,505	-----
Jan-Jun 1996	3,776,377	80,874	3,857,250	9,741	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
May 1996	3,148,746	69,794	3,218,539	11,607	912
Jun 1995	3,062,116	73,652	3,135,768	10,972	456
Jun 1996	2,817,584	66,389	2,883,973	10,538	903
Jan-Jun 1995	17,217,904	428,061	17,645,965	63,619	2,307
Jan-Jun 1996	18,068,509	422,226	18,490,735	65,356	4,196
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
May 1996	4.75	5.10	4.75	6.70	-----
Jun 1995	4.64	5.13	4.65	6.55	-----
Jun 1996	4.72	5.49	4.74	6.67	-----
Jan-Jun 1995	4.66	5.00	4.66	6.69	-----
Jan-Jun 1996	4.78	5.22	4.79	6.71	-----

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

		Turkeys				Total
		Fryer-	Roasters	Young 3/	Old	Turkeys
		1,000 Head				Poultry
Number Inspected						
May 1996	: 21	25,345	103	25,469	-----	
Jun 1995	: 68	25,630	166	25,864	-----	
Jun 1996	: ---	24,201	67	24,268	-----	
Jan-Jun 1995	: 132	132,209	779	133,120	-----	
Jan-Jun 1996	: 89	139,058	851	139,998	-----	
Live Weight		1,000 Pounds				
May 1996	: 178	610,666	2,847	613,692	3,844,750	
Jun 1995	: 499	605,645	4,366	610,510	3,757,706	
Jun 1996	: ---	575,833	1,880	577,713	3,473,127	
Jan-Jun 1995	: 1,114	3,141,142	19,783	3,162,039	20,873,932	
Jan-Jun 1996	: 803	3,337,870	23,066	3,361,738	21,922,026	
Average Live Weight		Pounds				
May 1996	: 8.52	24.09	27.72	24.10	-----	
Jun 1995	: 7.33	23.63	26.30	23.60	-----	
Jun 1996	: ---	23.79	28.05	23.81	-----	
Jan-Jun 1995	: 8.41	23.76	25.41	23.75	-----	
Jan-Jun 1996	: 9.03	24.00	27.11	24.01	-----	

- 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: June 1995: 5,456, June 1996: 5,629.
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: June 1995: 120, June 1996: 131.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
May 1996					
Chilled	2,116,409	40,352	2,156,761	3,031	235
Frozen	182,987	2,287	185,275	5,418	262
Total	2,299,396	42,640	2,342,036	8,449	497
Jun 1995					
Chilled	2,042,964	41,964	2,084,928	2,361	67
Frozen	189,008	2,957	191,966	5,560	212
Total	2,231,972	44,922	2,276,894	7,921	280
Jun 1996					
Chilled	1,896,074	38,496	1,934,570	2,687	245
Frozen	164,316	1,903	166,220	4,958	241
Total	2,060,391	40,399	2,100,790	7,645	486
Jan-Jun 1995					
Chilled	11,436,368	246,480	11,682,847	14,604	340
Frozen	1,066,440	13,833	1,080,273	31,142	1,090
Total	12,502,808	260,312	12,763,120	45,746	1,430
Jan-Jun 1996					
Chilled	12,104,513	244,752	12,349,265	17,600	1,076
Frozen	1,099,615	11,846	1,111,461	29,662	1,294
Total	13,204,128	256,598	13,460,727	47,262	2,369

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 United States, June 1996 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
May 1996					
Chilled	2	227,676	1,431	229,109	2,389,136
Frozen	138	255,276	699	256,113	447,068
Total	139	482,953	2,131	485,223	2,836,204
Jun 1995					
Chilled	---	222,304	2,402	224,706	2,312,063
Frozen	366	256,109	880	257,355	455,093
Total	366	478,413	3,282	482,061	2,767,156
Jun 1996					
Chilled	---	208,241	1,059	209,299	2,146,801
Frozen	---	245,273	376	245,649	417,068
Total	---	453,514	1,435	454,948	2,563,870
Jan-Jun 1995					
Chilled	---	1,230,040	10,620	1,240,660	12,938,451
Frozen	822	1,247,729	4,300	1,252,851	2,365,356
Total	822	2,477,769	14,920	2,493,511	15,303,806
Jan-Jun 1996					
Chilled	3	1,272,504	12,912	1,285,419	13,653,360
Frozen	630	1,360,517	4,457	1,365,605	2,508,022
Total	633	2,633,021	17,369	2,651,023	16,161,382

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

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, June 1996 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
May 1996	10,454	1,153	11,608	9	6
Jun 1995	11,461	1,575	13,036	13	2
Jun 1996	9,993	1,261	11,254	13	4
Jan-Jun 1995	61,376	6,731	68,107	66	9
Jan-Jun 1996	71,195	6,865	78,060	52	23
Percent 2/					
Jun 1995	0.37	2.14	0.42	0.12	0.33
Jun 1996	0.35	1.90	0.39	0.13	0.49
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
May 1996	47,993	3,803	51,796	176	9
Jun 1995	46,372	3,467	49,840	175	6
Jun 1996	40,018	3,843	43,861	171	8
Jan-Jun 1995	274,503	20,465	294,968	1,037	31
Jan-Jun 1996	286,659	24,032	310,692	987	48
Percent 3/					
Jun 1995	1.68	5.23	1.77	1.77	1.43
Jun 1996	1.58	6.43	1.69	1.80	0.99

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
May 1996	2	1,602	25	1,629	13,251
Jun 1995	2	1,817	58	1,877	14,927
Jun 1996	---	1,892	47	1,940	13,212
Jan-Jun 1995	6	7,740	196	7,942	76,124
Jan-Jun 1996	4	10,008	269	10,281	88,416
Percent 2/					
Jun 1995	0.31	0.30	1.32	0.31	0.40
Jun 1996	---	0.33	2.52	0.34	0.38
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
May 1996	4	11,494	202	11,699	63,681
Jun 1995	11	10,697	301	11,009	61,029
Jun 1996	---	10,158	116	10,273	54,314
Jan-Jun 1995	18	59,074	1,490	60,581	356,617
Jan-Jun 1996	11	66,166	1,488	67,665	379,392
Percent 3/					
Jun 1995	2.49	1.96	7.65	2.00	1.80
Jun 1996	---	1.96	6.83	1.98	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, June 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	82,583	69,104	384,826	326,346	4.66	4.72
AR	98,913	88,104	444,372	414,789	4.49	4.71
CA	21,762	18,876	109,055	95,592	5.01	5.06
DE	24,924	21,979	132,796	115,511	5.33	5.26
FL	13,211	9,956	57,153	44,011	4.33	4.42
GA	89,992	84,075	428,628	411,658	4.76	4.90
LA	12,886	13,743	58,085	62,649	4.51	4.56
MD	18,723	15,523	85,146	71,492	4.55	4.61
MS	54,209	52,809	249,691	236,947	4.61	4.49
MO	25,086	27,657	105,901	117,399	4.22	4.24
NC	55,669	50,954	284,683	261,508	5.11	5.13
PA	8,589	8,239	42,955	41,239	5.00	5.01
SC	20,422	16,810	85,343	74,836	4.18	4.45
TN	15,076	13,299	65,939	58,526	4.37	4.40
TX	40,649	35,169	178,940	157,273	4.40	4.47
VA	33,323	28,264	150,158	135,252	4.51	4.79
WA	3,397	2,865	17,231	14,665	5.07	5.12
US	659,734	596,642	3,062,116	2,817,584	4.64	4.72

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	Certified 1/		N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-- Percent --			
AL	289,038	241,005	7,538	6,305	2.18	2.15
AR	313,320	298,984	5,219	5,129	1.31	1.37
CA	78,823	69,732	2,482	1,516	2.53	1.76
DE	96,948	83,572	2,098	1,877	1.76	1.81
FL	41,446	32,256	597	717	1.16	1.81
GA	315,149	303,820	7,082	5,606	1.84	1.51
LA	42,741	46,014	762	953	1.46	1.69
MD	60,552	50,458	1,444	1,507	1.88	2.34
MS	188,323	178,735	3,097	2,021	1.38	0.95
MO	76,604	85,421	1,491	1,890	1.56	1.79
NC	207,784	193,184	4,312	3,339	1.68	1.42
PA	30,320	28,693	914	1,108	2.36	2.99
SC	63,754	54,656	1,301	1,280	1.69	1.90
TN	46,693	43,439	823	600	1.39	1.14
TX	134,807	117,575	2,234	1,682	1.39	1.19
VA	103,008	93,836	1,717	1,659	1.27	1.36
WA	12,764	10,946	436	379	2.81	2.87
US	2,231,972	2,060,391	46,372	40,018	1.68	1.58

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, June 1996

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	5,516	189,056	184,885	6,839	12,960
AR	---	5,308	258,550	130,761	9,610	5,808
CA	---	---	81,889	8,472	1,312	8,729
DE	---	49,252	100,235	46,939	---	---
FL	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	5,315	161,847	170,921	2,591	14,488
LA	---	638	47,025	22,545	536	2,147
MD	---	29,665	67,826	23,521	35	6,686
MS	---	2,507	78,375	20,643	1,121	10,310
MO	---	3,670	83,884	37,461	2,538	1,999
NC	---	12,015	108,919	53,697	165	29,167
PA	---	2,471	32,651	22,143	---	---
SC	---	1,751	25,093	---	118	3,147
TN	---	---	45,751	7,043	---	---
TX	---	970	94,323	35,760	910	2,265
VA	---	---	68,468	29,368	129	---
WA	---	980	17,087	381	264	1,652
US	---	173,959	1,647,296	921,393	45,471	136,844
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	14,098	36,565	85,406	9,587	200,697	745,609
AR	14,193	29,248	70,038	3,654	108,606	635,776
CA	836	7,438	3,693	---	47,992	160,361
DE	3,355	11,880	17,325	6,642	20,832	256,460
FL	1,133	2,420	8,248	---	---	11,801
GA	16,512	35,209	61,049	19,726	175,188	662,846
LA	2,366	4,250	10,695	100	---	90,302
MD	1,815	---	---	---	---	129,548
MS	5,853	19,378	23,426	3,176	75,669	240,458
MO	3,000	13,917	20,018	1,305	39,430	207,222
NC	6,757	25,953	57,080	5,178	133,275	432,206
PA	---	2,975	---	---	26,724	86,964
SC	3,544	19,944	16,891	1,774	40,603	112,865
TN	2,526	3,726	13,379	1,753	23,646	97,824
TX	1,343	6,400	15,775	800	5,489	164,035
VA	3,445	6,211	27,196	1,723	56,236	192,776
WA	283	571	---	627	19,567	41,412
US	92,416	252,630	510,726	66,433	1,136,167	4,983,335

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, June 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	14,346	12,098	73,652	66,389	5.13	5.49

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1995	1996	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	44,922	40,399	3,467	3,843	5.23	6.43

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 Condemed Post-Mortem by Cause,
Selected States and United States, June 1996

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	5,352	187,102	14,506	502	114,797

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	22,603	43,252	177,122	2,300	42,823	610,359

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, June 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	2,199	2,167	46,125	38,981	20.97	17.99
CA	1,679	1,841	36,074	38,968	21.49	21.17
IA	1,404	1,103	40,613	30,744	28.92	27.88
MN	3,967	3,855	84,091	84,352	21.20	21.88
MO	1,775	1,835	45,100	50,047	25.41	27.28
NC	4,607	4,126	114,027	102,174	24.75	24.77
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	3,417	3,078	65,252	60,384	19.10	19.62
US	25,630	24,201	605,645	575,833	23.63	23.79

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemns			
	1995	1996	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	36,951	32,021	903	452	2.17	1.29
CA	28,924	31,610	520	506	1.60	1.44
IA	31,584	23,562	897	649	2.46	2.35
MN	67,131	66,218	1,667	1,954	2.20	2.57
MO	35,937	38,849	864	1,438	2.13	3.19
NC	90,139	80,307	1,881	1,521	1.83	1.65
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	51,187	46,643	832	789	1.42	1.45
US	478,413	453,514	10,697	10,158	1.96	1.96

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 Condemed Post-Mortem by Cause,
Selected States and United States, June 1996

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AR	---	---	5,329	317	---	---
CA	---	---	7,443	199	66	---
IA	---	---	---	2,510	---	---
MN	---	---	15,782	---	1,191	---
MO	---	---	16,032	---	---	---
NC	---	7	4,844	---	---	---
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	---	---	---	385	---	---
US	---	67	88,434	25,185	6,673	153

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
AR	---	---	1,239	---	523	7,408
CA	---	---	---	46	---	7,754
IA	30	---	463	---	---	3,003
MN	277	1,903	1,439	98	---	20,690
MO	---	334	827	---	---	17,193
NC	---	1,708	1,225	---	1,125	8,909
PA	55	---	---	---	303	358
VA	17	657	238	---	---	1,297
US	1,267	7,736	7,957	2,130	13,353	152,955

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
United States, June 1996

State	Tuberculosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsacculitis	Synovitis	Tumors
US	---	---	1,558	152	68	50
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contamination	Overscald	Other	Total
US	3	108	67	---	365	2,371

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 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 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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