

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 5 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during February (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.51 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the amount certified in February 1996. Updated totals for January 1997 show that 2.85 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during February 1997 was 3.41 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.83 billion pounds of young chickens, 63.1 million pounds of mature chickens, 499 million pounds of turkeys, and 10.5 million pounds of ducks.

Young chickens slaughtered during February 1997 averaged 4.85 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from the average live weight a year ago. The average live weight of mature chickens was down slightly from 5.11 pounds per bird the previous year to 5.09 pounds. Turkeys slaughtered during February 1997 averaged 24.2 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from February 1996.

Ante-mortem condemnations during February 1997 totaled 12.3 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.36 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.44 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 64.2 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 2.09 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 2.04 percent a year earlier.

February 1997 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays, while February 1996 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

1996 Poultry Slaughter Up 5 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome under Federal Inspection during 1996 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 32.4 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the total amount certified during 1995. Young chickens, at 26.3 billion pounds, accounted for 81 percent of the total pounds certified ready-to-cook and were up 5 percent from 1995. The average live weight for young chickens increased 3 percent to 4.78 pounds. Total turkeys, at 5.47 billion pounds, represented 17 percent of the overall total and were 7 percent above the previous year. Total turkeys average live weight increased 2 percent to 23.7 pounds per bird. The remaining 2 percent of pounds certified ready-to-cook were mature chickens, ducks, and other poultry.

Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, February 1997 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
1,000 Head					
Number Inspected					
Jan 1997	661,931	14,960	676,890	1,895	-----
Feb 1996	618,637	13,349	631,986	1,591	-----
Feb 1997	584,540	12,408	596,948	1,582	-----
Jan-Feb 1996	1,262,758	27,503	1,290,261	3,296	-----
Jan-Feb 1997	1,246,470	27,368	1,273,838	3,477	-----
1,000 Pounds					
Live Weight					
Jan 1997	3,229,899	73,993	3,303,892	12,643	1,146
Feb 1996	2,969,421	68,246	3,037,667	10,609	542
Feb 1997	2,833,908	63,125	2,897,033	10,491	1,001
Jan-Feb 1996	6,086,154	141,366	6,227,520	22,038	1,175
Jan-Feb 1997	6,063,807	137,118	6,200,925	23,134	2,147
Pounds					
Average Live Weight					
Jan 1997	4.88	4.95	4.88	6.67	-----
Feb 1996	4.80	5.11	4.81	6.67	-----
Feb 1997	4.85	5.09	4.85	6.63	-----
Jan-Feb 1996	4.82	5.14	4.83	6.69	-----
Jan-Feb 1997	4.86	5.01	4.87	6.65	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, February 1997 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	3/ Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Head					
Number Inspected					
Jan 1997	15	22,799	102	22,917	-----
Feb 1996	29	22,654	138	22,820	-----
Feb 1997	---	20,538	107	20,645	-----
Jan-Feb 1996	29	44,038	310	44,377	-----
Jan-Feb 1997	15	43,337	210	43,562	-----
1,000 Pounds					
Live Weight					
Jan 1997	184	560,960	2,900	564,044	3,881,725
Feb 1996	286	539,728	3,512	543,526	3,592,343
Feb 1997	---	496,147	2,912	499,059	3,407,584
Jan-Feb 1996	286	1,064,829	7,932	1,073,047	7,323,780
Jan-Feb 1997	184	1,057,107	5,812	1,063,103	7,289,309
Pounds					
Average Live Weight					
Jan 1997	12.00	24.60	28.34	24.61	-----
Feb 1996	9.88	23.83	25.52	23.82	-----
Feb 1997	---	24.16	27.15	24.17	-----
Jan-Feb 1996	9.88	24.18	25.55	24.18	-----
Jan-Feb 1997	12.00	24.39	27.73	24.40	-----

- 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: February 1996: 5,141, February 1997: 4,875.
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: February 1996: 103, February 1997: 81.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, February 1997 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Jan 1997					
Chilled	2,153,872	42,836	2,196,708	3,383	389
Frozen	197,591	1,354	198,944	5,738	235
Total	2,351,463	44,189	2,395,652	9,121	623
Feb 1996					
Chilled	1,981,174	39,809	2,020,983	3,342	121
Frozen	187,257	1,647	188,905	4,311	194
Total	2,168,431	41,456	2,209,887	7,653	315
Feb 1997					
Chilled	1,908,845	35,753	1,944,598	2,980	345
Frozen	160,211	1,985	162,196	4,543	194
Total	2,069,056	37,738	2,106,794	7,523	539
Jan-Feb 1996					
Chilled	4,065,263	82,108	4,147,371	6,324	286
Frozen	389,627	3,804	393,431	9,549	405
Total	4,454,890	85,912	4,540,802	15,873	691
Jan-Feb 1997					
Chilled	4,062,718	78,588	4,141,306	6,363	733
Frozen	357,802	3,339	361,140	10,281	429
Total	4,420,519	81,927	4,502,446	16,644	1,162

See footnotes at end of table.

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 United States, February 1997 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Jan 1997					
Chilled	67	217,618	1,747	219,432	2,419,911
Frozen	69	222,129	495	222,693	427,610
Total	136	439,746	2,243	442,125	2,847,521
Feb 1996					
Chilled	---	206,057	1,632	207,689	2,232,135
Frozen	227	220,461	995	221,682	415,092
Total	227	426,518	2,627	429,371	2,647,227
Feb 1997					
Chilled	---	194,313	2,039	196,353	2,144,275
Frozen	---	195,152	171	195,323	362,256
Total	---	389,465	2,210	391,676	2,506,532
Jan-Feb 1996					
Chilled	---	417,100	3,941	421,041	4,575,022
Frozen	227	421,814	2,095	424,136	827,521
Total	227	838,915	6,036	845,177	5,402,544
Jan-Feb 1997					
Chilled	67	411,931	3,787	415,784	4,564,187
Frozen	69	417,281	666	418,017	789,866
Total	136	829,212	4,453	833,801	5,354,053

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

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, February 1997 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan 1997	13,079	1,608	14,687	10	3
Feb 1996	12,674	1,243	13,917	9	1
Feb 1997	9,732	1,030	10,761	8	6
Jan-Feb 1996	28,322	2,348	30,671	17	6
Jan-Feb 1997	22,811	2,638	25,449	17	9
Percent 2/					
Feb 1996	0.43	1.82	0.46	0.08	0.09
Feb 1997	0.34	1.63	0.37	0.07	0.60
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan 1997	51,788	4,586	56,373	287	11
Feb 1996	49,968	4,008	53,976	165	8
Feb 1997	49,275	3,642	52,917	218	12
Jan-Feb 1996	102,402	8,056	110,457	324	19
Jan-Feb 1997	101,063	8,228	109,290	505	23
Percent 3/					
Feb 1996	1.87	6.53	1.97	1.73	1.61
Feb 1997	1.93	6.41	2.03	2.31	1.30

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, February 1997 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan 1997	---	3,321	60	3,381	18,081
Feb 1996	2	1,763	57	1,822	15,749
Feb 1997	---	1,495	20	1,515	12,290
Jan-Feb 1996	2	3,603	113	3,718	34,411
Jan-Feb 1997	---	4,816	80	4,895	30,370
Percent 2/					
Feb 1996	0.65	0.33	1.62	0.34	0.44
Feb 1997	---	0.30	0.68	0.30	0.36
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan 1997	7	12,681	149	12,836	69,508
Feb 1996	3	11,392	257	11,651	65,800
Feb 1997	---	10,936	145	11,081	64,228
Jan-Feb 1996	3	23,301	486	23,790	134,591
Jan-Feb 1997	7	23,617	293	23,918	133,736
Percent 3/					
Feb 1996	1.04	2.35	8.12	2.38	2.04
Feb 1997	---	2.45	5.53	2.47	2.09

- 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, February 1996-97

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AL	72,388	62,793	355,638	307,134	4.91	4.89
AR	95,051	88,401	448,485	429,542	4.72	4.86
CA	19,928	18,478	99,086	96,588	4.97	5.23
DE	23,491	20,424	131,747	112,835	5.61	5.52
FL	11,854	9,872	53,522	44,503	4.52	4.51
GA	86,665	88,362	421,771	445,597	4.87	5.04
LA	12,539	11,053	57,580	47,061	4.59	4.26
MD	16,802	15,507	79,354	74,352	4.72	4.79
MS	52,509	53,117	250,107	241,635	4.76	4.55
MO	25,334	26,224	108,881	113,345	4.30	4.32
NC	53,676	47,427	281,292	257,577	5.24	5.43
PA	8,007	8,302	41,108	42,407	5.13	5.11
SC	18,591	15,989	81,788	72,261	4.40	4.52
TN	13,609	13,437	61,010	61,355	4.48	4.57
TX	37,209	35,866	169,516	164,504	4.56	4.59
VA	28,981	28,328	137,482	135,640	4.74	4.79
WA	2,721	2,543	13,732	13,011	5.05	5.12
US	618,637	584,540	2,969,421	2,833,908	4.80	4.85

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, February 1996-97

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-- Percent --			
AL	266,176	226,057	8,502	7,100	2.66	2.57
AR	318,915	308,626	6,755	8,832	1.67	2.28
CA	72,275	70,334	1,396	1,488	1.57	1.71
DE	95,448	81,782	3,311	2,450	2.79	2.41
FL	37,024	31,707	599	858	1.24	2.14
GA	311,787	326,438	6,236	7,415	1.64	1.85
LA	41,557	33,466	1,336	825	2.58	1.95
MD	55,564	52,764	1,370	1,536	1.92	2.30
MS	189,305	184,609	3,052	2,440	1.36	1.12
MO	78,131	82,561	2,136	1,492	2.18	1.46
NC	208,797	192,189	4,364	4,515	1.72	1.95
PA	28,984	29,739	1,147	1,007	3.10	2.64
SC	60,829	52,671	1,440	1,328	1.96	2.04
TN	44,359	44,071	676	661	1.23	1.20
TX	128,712	124,234	1,952	2,399	1.28	1.62
VA	94,802	93,894	2,074	2,004	1.68	1.64
WA	10,233	9,315	373	348	3.02	2.97
US	2,168,431	2,069,056	49,968	49,275	1.87	1.93

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, February 1997

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	7,618	190,976	389,607	4,456	12,660
AR	---	8,611	331,088	142,981	10,033	10,063
CA	---	7,058	86,848	13,601	1,620	8,757
DE	---	12,987	105,440	156,941	---	---
FL	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	1,850	165,772	387,939	2,628	17,520
LA	---	---	40,160	---	378	3,204
MD	---	10,478	104,424	71,248	57	8,489
MS	---	3,833	100,456	37,647	1,829	9,287
MO	---	7,863	117,239	26,393	2,527	2,286
NC	---	16,613	144,570	146,457	325	35,240
PA	---	1,468	31,613	35,664	309	---
SC	---	2,592	26,328	---	52	3,543
TN	---	---	45,427	21,986	---	---
TX	---	---	137,606	55,152	393	3,046
VA	---	---	90,309	84,398	---	---
WA	---	128	28,494	---	241	1,189
US	---	103,501	1,945,080	1,750,778	36,647	160,092
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	10,968	24,905	65,134	7,556	237,382	951,262
AR	13,499	41,262	65,073	5,552	105,052	733,214
CA	1,529	8,339	2,751	---	49,626	180,129
DE	3,716	5,921	13,482	---	---	298,487
FL	1,479	2,062	9,038	---	---	12,579
GA	17,255	46,350	57,543	15,971	226,395	939,223
LA	---	4,932	---	---	16,552	65,226
MD	2,170	---	---	1,656	28,993	227,515
MS	5,131	26,118	27,928	---	118,211	330,440
MO	2,948	10,407	16,286	---	33,330	219,279
NC	7,130	21,516	61,974	2,208	155,864	591,897
PA	1,947	2,660	---	---	---	73,661
SC	3,321	11,025	15,212	5,693	59,656	127,422
TN	2,320	5,345	10,643	2,949	32,256	120,926
TX	1,115	11,960	14,366	449	20,004	244,091
VA	3,793	8,466	29,519	---	102,095	318,580
WA	---	959	402	760	---	32,173
US	86,975	257,225	471,813	59,876	1,399,413	6,271,400

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, February 1996-97

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	13,349	12,408	68,246	63,125	5.11	5.09

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, February 1996-97

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1996	1997	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	41,456	37,738	4,008	3,642	6.53	6.41

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, February 1997

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	10	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	2,789	229,815	15,018	953	119,140

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	59	---	---	---	69
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	30,352	42,100	199,026	1,294	37,621	678,108

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, February 1996-97

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	2,282	2,110	47,664	37,603	20.88	17.82
CA	1,512	1,344	32,521	30,507	21.51	22.70
IA	1,045	898	29,898	24,526	28.60	27.32
MN	3,052	2,983	65,898	71,888	21.59	24.10
MO	2,100	1,846	50,617	49,017	24.10	26.55
NC	3,995	3,296	97,418	82,334	24.39	24.98
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	3,081	2,540	58,448	48,907	18.97	19.25
US	22,654	20,538	539,728	496,147	23.83	24.16

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, February 1996-97

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1996	1997	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		1996	1997	1996	1997
AR	38,945	30,853	809	582	1.89	1.72
CA	26,623	24,686	353	436	1.20	1.59
IA	23,276	18,599	983	682	3.65	3.09
MN	52,120	56,394	2,048	2,449	3.45	3.79
MO	40,020	38,616	1,414	1,151	3.10	2.61
NC	76,377	64,488	1,674	1,796	1.91	2.42
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	46,314	37,623	879	847	1.67	1.92
US	426,518	389,465	11,392	10,936	2.35	2.45

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, February 1997

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AR	---	---	6,831	641	---	---
CA	---	---	6,273	50	---	---
IA	---	---	---	6,918	---	8
MN	---	---	17,910	10,451	929	---
MO	---	---	18,467	3,681	---	12
NC	---	---	7,697	---	---	---
PA	---	---	---	1,487	---	---
VA	---	---	---	657	---	---
US	---	419	98,571	33,101	5,559	100

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Number						
AR	---	397	1,255	404	1,867	11,395
CA	27	347	---	21	---	6,718
IA	---	---	---	---	---	6,926
MN	---	876	1,793	203	---	32,162
MO	---	206	361	---	900	23,627
NC	192	1,883	---	199	2,710	12,681
PA	---	---	---	---	---	1,487
VA	31	682	287	---	---	1,657
US	1,204	6,533	10,131	1,435	13,306	170,359

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
United States, February 1997

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
US	---	---	2,055	185	---	126

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Number						
US	---	88	64	---	138	2,656

Poultry Slaughter: Number and Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1996 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Head					
Number					
Jan	644,121	14,154	658,275	1,705	-----
Feb	618,637	13,349	631,986	1,591	-----
Mar	617,555	13,243	630,798	1,514	-----
Apr	626,220	14,136	640,356	1,621	-----
May	663,234	13,697	676,931	1,732	-----
Jun	599,799	12,098	611,897	1,579	-----
Jul	655,381	12,744	668,125	1,746	-----
Aug	660,370	11,176	671,546	1,810	-----
Sep	606,694	12,556	619,250	1,759	-----
Oct	686,141	14,527	700,669	1,973	-----
Nov	573,057	9,727	582,784	1,781	-----
Dec	595,041	12,201	607,242	1,852	-----
Total 2/	7,546,250	153,609	7,699,858	20,663	-----
1,000 Pounds					
Live Weight					
Jan	3,116,733	73,120	3,189,853	11,429	633
Feb	2,969,421	68,246	3,037,667	10,609	542
Mar	2,956,400	71,281	3,027,681	10,212	602
Apr	3,015,292	71,822	3,087,114	10,962	605
May	3,148,746	69,794	3,218,539	11,607	912
Jun	2,830,429	66,389	2,896,819	10,538	903
Jul	3,053,970	68,401	3,122,370	11,530	853
Aug	3,110,728	58,796	3,169,524	11,797	1,070
Sep	2,895,500	67,614	2,963,114	11,513	1,983
Oct	3,302,868	76,851	3,379,718	13,008	2,815
Nov	2,757,260	49,400	2,806,660	11,857	1,643
Dec	2,877,468	58,881	2,936,349	12,563	856
Total 2/	36,034,815	800,594	36,835,409	137,624	13,417

See footnotes at end of table.

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Poultry Slaughter: Number and Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1996 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys				Total Poultry
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
		1,000 Head				
Number						
Jan	---	21,384	173	21,557	-----	
Feb	29	22,654	138	22,820	-----	
Mar	16	22,483	116	22,615	-----	
Apr	24	22,758	255	23,036	-----	
May	21	25,345	103	25,469	-----	
Jun	---	24,248	67	24,315	-----	
Jul	51	26,239	208	26,498	-----	
Aug	---	26,510	264	26,774	-----	
Sep	13	24,068	185	24,267	-----	
Oct	17	27,752	282	28,051	-----	
Nov	7	25,745	132	25,884	-----	
Dec	10	21,849	146	22,005	-----	
Total 2/	188	291,034	2,068	293,290	-----	
		1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight						
Jan	---	525,102	4,419	529,521	3,731,437	
Feb	286	539,728	3,512	543,526	3,592,343	
Mar	138	533,780	3,024	536,942	3,575,437	
Apr	201	546,816	7,382	554,400	3,653,080	
May	178	610,666	2,847	613,692	3,844,750	
Jun	---	577,247	1,880	579,127	3,487,387	
Jul	439	613,254	5,210	618,903	3,753,657	
Aug	---	605,319	6,507	611,825	3,794,216	
Sep	85	560,370	4,561	565,016	3,541,627	
Oct	175	659,016	6,875	666,066	4,061,608	
Nov	72	588,585	3,232	591,890	3,412,049	
Dec	122	521,240	3,851	525,213	3,474,982	
Total 2/	1,697	6,881,123	53,301	6,936,121	43,922,572	

1/ Federally inspected only.

2/ Months may not add to total due to rounding of monthly data.

Poultry Slaughter: Average Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1996 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
Pounds 2/					
Average Live Weight					
Jan	4.84	5.17	4.85	6.70	-----
Feb	4.80	5.11	4.81	6.67	-----
Mar	4.79	5.38	4.80	6.75	-----
Apr	4.82	5.08	4.82	6.76	-----
May	4.75	5.10	4.75	6.70	-----
Jun	4.72	5.49	4.73	6.67	-----
Jul	4.66	5.37	4.67	6.60	-----
Aug	4.71	5.26	4.72	6.52	-----
Sep	4.77	5.39	4.79	6.54	-----
Oct	4.81	5.29	4.82	6.59	-----
Nov	4.81	5.08	4.82	6.66	-----
Dec	4.84	4.83	4.84	6.78	-----
Total	4.78	5.21	4.78	6.66	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Average Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1996 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys				
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	Total Poultry
		Pounds 2/				
Average Live Weight						
Jan	---	24.56	25.57	24.56	---	-----
Feb	9.88	23.83	25.53	23.82	---	-----
Mar	8.89	23.74	26.08	23.74	---	-----
Apr	8.53	24.03	28.98	24.07	---	-----
May	8.52	24.09	27.72	24.10	---	-----
Jun	---	23.81	28.05	23.82	---	-----
Jul	8.68	23.37	24.99	23.36	---	-----
Aug	---	22.83	24.62	22.85	---	-----
Sep	6.35	23.28	24.60	23.28	---	-----
Oct	10.14	23.75	24.40	23.74	---	-----
Nov	9.82	22.86	24.55	22.87	---	-----
Dec	12.00	23.86	26.45	23.87	---	-----
Total	9.04	23.64	25.77	23.65	---	-----

1/ Federally inspected only.

2/ Averages calculated from unrounded data.

Poultry: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1996 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Chilled					
Jan	2,084,089	42,299	2,126,388	2,982	165
Feb	1,981,174	39,809	2,020,983	3,342	121
Mar	1,977,572	40,899	2,018,471	2,663	150
Apr	2,027,759	41,760	2,069,519	2,895	160
May	2,116,409	40,352	2,156,761	3,031	235
Jun	1,902,017	38,496	1,940,513	2,687	245
Jul	2,044,291	39,441	2,083,732	2,614	234
Aug	2,091,018	33,099	2,124,118	2,890	240
Sep	1,937,749	40,097	1,977,847	2,807	303
Oct	2,200,362	45,310	2,245,672	3,074	375
Nov	1,830,776	29,794	1,860,570	3,356	401
Dec	1,916,707	34,725	1,951,431	3,732	274
Total 2/	24,109,922	466,082	24,576,004	36,072	2,902
Frozen					
Jan	202,369	2,157	204,526	5,238	211
Feb	187,257	1,647	188,905	4,311	194
Mar	177,610	2,065	179,675	4,695	197
Apr	173,906	1,786	175,692	5,042	188
May	182,987	2,287	185,275	5,418	262
Jun	167,760	1,903	169,663	4,958	241
Jul	189,017	2,610	191,627	5,672	254
Aug	186,770	2,174	188,944	5,604	376
Sep	179,233	1,202	180,435	5,437	829
Oct	213,926	1,533	215,459	6,272	1,211
Nov	182,461	718	183,179	5,088	496
Dec	183,085	646	183,731	5,233	206
Total 2/	2,226,381	20,730	2,247,111	62,968	4,673

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Poultry: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1996 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys				Total Poultry
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
		1,000 Pounds				
Chilled						
Jan	---	211,044	2,309	213,352	2,342,887	
Feb	---	206,057	1,632	207,689	2,232,135	
Mar	---	212,805	1,634	214,439	2,235,724	
Apr	1	205,112	4,847	209,960	2,282,535	
May	2	227,676	1,431	229,109	2,389,136	
Jun	---	208,241	1,059	209,299	2,152,744	
Jul	---	222,855	1,914	224,769	2,311,349	
Aug	---	214,532	3,568	218,100	2,345,347	
Sep	---	202,032	2,232	204,264	2,185,220	
Oct	---	244,162	3,053	247,215	2,496,336	
Nov	---	248,053	1,492	249,545	2,113,871	
Dec	44	211,540	1,061	212,646	2,168,083	
Total 2/	48	2,614,109	26,232	2,640,389	27,255,367	
Frozen						
Jan	---	201,353	1,101	202,454	412,430	
Feb	227	220,461	995	221,682	415,092	
Mar	109	209,524	602	210,235	394,802	
Apr	157	225,802	685	226,643	407,565	
May	138	255,276	699	256,113	447,068	
Jun	---	246,437	376	246,813	421,676	
Jul	325	261,964	1,950	264,238	461,791	
Aug	---	262,067	1,392	263,459	458,384	
Sep	59	238,897	1,225	240,181	426,882	
Oct	136	273,962	2,121	276,219	499,167	
Nov	53	217,852	987	218,892	407,655	
Dec	46	196,407	1,845	198,298	387,468	
Total 2/	1,250	2,810,002	13,976	2,825,228	5,139,979	

1/ Ready-to-cook weights.

2/ Months may not add to total due to rounding of monthly data.

Poultry: Chilled Plus Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1996 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Chilled plus Frozen					
Jan	2,286,458	44,456	2,330,915	8,220	376
Feb	2,168,431	41,456	2,209,887	7,653	315
Mar	2,155,182	42,964	2,198,146	7,358	347
Apr	2,201,664	43,546	2,245,211	7,937	349
May	2,299,396	42,640	2,342,036	8,448	497
Jun	2,069,777	40,399	2,110,176	7,645	486
Jul	2,233,307	42,052	2,275,359	8,285	488
Aug	2,277,789	35,273	2,313,062	8,494	616
Sep	2,116,982	41,299	2,158,281	8,244	1,132
Oct	2,414,287	46,843	2,461,130	9,346	1,592
Nov	2,013,236	30,512	2,043,748	8,444	897
Dec	2,099,792	35,371	2,135,163	8,965	480
Total 2/	26,336,303	486,812	26,823,115	99,040	7,575

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Poultry: Chilled Plus Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 Month, and Total, United States, 1996 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys			Total Poultry
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys
		1,000 Pounds			
Chilled plus Frozen					
Jan	---	412,396	3,410	415,806	2,755,317
Feb	227	426,518	2,627	429,371	2,647,227
Mar	109	422,330	2,236	424,675	2,630,526
Apr	158	430,913	5,532	436,603	2,690,099
May	139	482,953	2,131	485,223	2,836,204
Jun	---	454,677	1,435	456,112	2,574,420
Jul	325	484,819	3,864	489,007	2,773,140
Aug	---	476,600	4,959	481,559	2,803,731
Sep	59	440,928	3,457	444,445	2,612,102
Oct	136	518,124	5,174	523,435	2,995,503
Nov	53	465,904	2,479	468,437	2,521,526
Dec	91	407,948	2,906	410,945	2,555,552
Total 2/	1,297	5,424,111	40,208	5,465,617	32,395,346

1/ Ready-to-cook weights.

2/ Months may not add to total due to rounding of monthly data.

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, Month, and Total, United States, 1996 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan	15,648	1,105	16,753	8	5
Feb	12,674	1,243	13,917	9	1
Mar	11,862	1,114	12,976	7	3
Apr	10,423	979	11,402	6	4
May	10,454	1,153	11,608	9	6
Jun	10,068	1,261	11,329	13	4
Jul	12,894	1,396	14,290	16	3
Aug	11,603	989	12,592	22	7
Sep	9,328	934	10,262	10	15
Oct	10,109	987	11,096	9	11
Nov	9,668	666	10,334	11	10
Dec	10,931	1,057	11,987	9	3
Total 2/	135,661	12,885	148,546	130	74
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan	52,434	4,048	56,482	159	12
Feb	49,968	4,008	53,976	165	8
Mar	47,950	4,259	52,209	154	5
Apr	47,878	3,993	51,871	162	5
May	47,993	3,803	51,796	176	9
Jun	40,181	3,843	44,024	171	8
Jul	44,877	3,827	48,704	181	8
Aug	45,702	3,481	49,183	189	13
Sep	42,850	4,155	47,005	206	20
Oct	46,232	4,542	50,775	224	42
Nov	40,523	2,872	43,395	254	15
Dec	44,972	3,516	48,487	265	10
Total 2/	551,558	46,347	597,905	2,307	155

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

Month	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan	---	1,840	56	1,896	18,663
Feb	2	1,763	57	1,822	15,749
Mar	---	1,555	40	1,595	14,581
Apr	---	1,346	44	1,390	12,802
May	2	1,602	25	1,629	13,251
Jun	---	1,895	47	1,943	13,289
Jul	1	1,923	44	1,968	16,277
Aug	---	1,838	51	1,889	14,510
Sep	1	1,965	35	2,001	12,288
Oct	1	1,616	47	1,664	12,781
Nov	---	1,518	18	1,536	11,891
Dec	---	1,420	25	1,445	13,446
Total 2/	7	20,280	491	20,778	169,528
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan	---	11,909	229	12,139	68,791
Feb	3	11,392	257	11,651	65,800
Mar	1	10,713	247	10,961	63,329
Apr	3	10,368	438	10,810	62,847
May	4	11,494	202	11,699	63,681
Jun	---	10,174	116	10,289	54,492
Jul	7	11,099	379	11,485	60,378
Aug	---	11,482	335	11,817	61,201
Sep	6	10,887	272	11,166	58,397
Oct	5	12,359	388	12,751	63,792
Nov	1	10,841	197	11,039	54,704
Dec	5	10,244	243	10,492	59,254
Total 2/	34	132,962	3,303	136,299	736,665

1/ Federally inspected only.

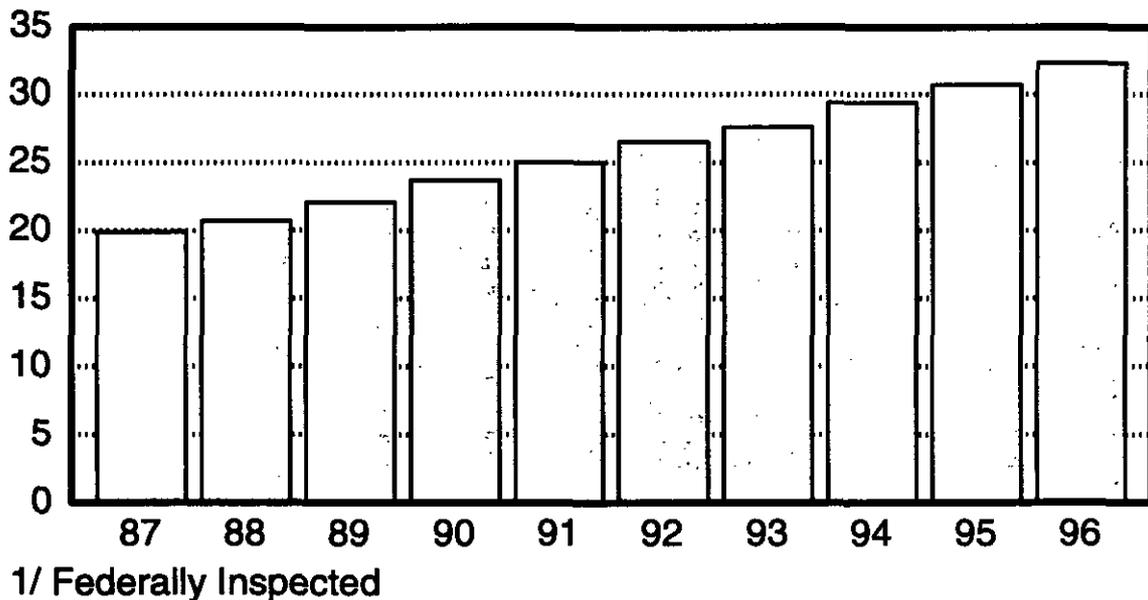
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Total Poultry Slaughtered (Ready-to-cook Weights),
United States, 1995 and 1996

Year	Federal Inspection 1/	Non-Federal Inspection 2/	Total Inspection
	(Million Pounds)		
1995	30,725	46	30,771
1996	32,395	46	32,441

1/ Includes chickens, turkeys, ducks and other poultry.
2/ Includes chickens and turkeys only.

Poultry Slaughter: Pounds Certified
United States, 1987-96
Ready-to-Cook Weight 1/



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.

This issue of "**Poultry Slaughter**" also contains revised monthly data on selected items for 1996. These revisions are shown on pages 15 through 24.

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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