



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 10 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during February (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.94 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the amount certified in February 1999. Updated totals for January 2000 show that 2.87 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during February 2000 was 3.97 billion pounds, up 9 percent from a year ago. Inspections included 3.36 billion pounds of young chickens, up 9 percent; 69.4 million pounds of mature chickens, up slightly; 529 million pounds of turkeys, up 15 percent; and 12.2 million pounds of ducks, down 1 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during February 2000 averaged 5.02 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from 1999. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.11 pounds per bird down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2000 averaged 26.0 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from February 1999.

Ante-mortem condemnations during February 2000 totaled 15.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.38 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.41 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 71.0 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.98 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.92 percent a year earlier.

February 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. February 1999 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

1999 Poultry Slaughter up 6 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome under Federal Inspection during 1999 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 35.7 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the total amount certified during 1998. Young chickens, at 29.7 billion pounds, accounted for 83 percent of the total pounds certified ready-to-cook and were up 7 percent from 1998. The average live weight for young chickens increased 3 percent to 4.99 pounds. Total turkeys, at 5.30 billion pounds, represented 15 percent of the overall total and were up slightly from 1998. The average live weight for total turkeys increased 3 percent to 25.4 pounds per bird. The remaining 2 percent of pounds certified ready-to-cook were mature chickens, ducks, and other poultry.

Note: Collection of Non-Federally Inspected data was discontinued in 1999.

Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, February 2000 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		

	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jan 2000	653,704	13,755	667,460	2,102	-----
Feb 1999	618,400	13,425	631,824	1,841	-----
Feb 2000	669,038	13,592	682,630	1,842	-----
Jan-Feb 1999	1,282,090	28,660	1,310,751	3,768	-----
Jan-Feb 2000	1,322,742	27,347	1,350,089	3,944	-----

	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Jan 2000	3,297,659	70,135	3,367,794	14,020	883
Feb 1999	3,088,197	69,253	3,157,450	12,292	633
Feb 2000	3,361,010	69,413	3,430,423	12,227	883
Jan-Feb 1999	6,406,505	144,760	6,551,265	25,261	1,452
Jan-Feb 2000	6,658,669	139,548	6,798,217	26,246	1,766

	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Jan 2000	5.04	5.10	5.05	6.67	-----
Feb 1999	4.99	5.16	5.00	6.68	-----
Feb 2000	5.02	5.11	5.03	6.64	-----
Jan-Feb 1999	5.00	5.05	5.00	6.70	-----
Jan-Feb 2000	5.03	5.10	5.04	6.65	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, February 2000 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys				Total
		Fryer-	Young 3/	Old	Total	Poultry
		Roasters		Turkeys		
		1,000 Head				
Number Inspected						
Jan 2000	24	19,016	146	19,186	-----	
Feb 1999	---	17,921	140	18,062	-----	
Feb 2000	---	20,205	122	20,327	-----	
Jan-Feb 1999	---	37,697	238	37,934	-----	
Jan-Feb 2000	24	39,221	268	39,513	-----	
		1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight						
Jan 2000	194	505,661	3,851	509,706	3,892,402	
Feb 1999	---	456,317	3,759	460,076	3,630,451	
Feb 2000	---	526,045	3,205	529,250	3,972,784	
Jan-Feb 1999	---	975,293	6,400	981,693	7,559,671	
Jan-Feb 2000	194	1,031,706	7,056	1,038,956	7,865,186	
		Pounds				
Average Live Weight						
Jan 2000	8.09	26.59	26.45	26.57	-----	
Feb 1999	---	25.46	26.82	25.47	-----	
Feb 2000	---	26.04	26.26	26.04	-----	
Jan-Feb 1999	---	25.87	26.94	25.88	-----	
Jan-Feb 2000	8.09	26.30	26.36	26.29	-----	

- 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 1999: 5,037, February 2000: 5,352.
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: February 1999: 49, February 2000: 19.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, February 2000 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Jan 2000					
Chilled	2,212,731	38,634	2,251,365	3,750	268
Frozen	207,616	3,401	211,018	6,201	281
Total	2,420,347	42,035	2,462,382	9,950	549
Feb 1999					
Chilled	2,069,264	37,747	2,107,012	3,611	231
Frozen	194,532	3,822	198,353	4,904	123
Total	2,263,796	41,569	2,305,365	8,514	355
Feb 2000					
Chilled	2,261,007	39,414	2,300,421	3,633	252
Frozen	211,351	2,631	213,982	5,097	291
Total	2,472,358	42,045	2,514,403	8,731	543
Jan-Feb 1999					
Chilled	4,286,592	80,184	4,366,776	6,976	573
Frozen	402,925	6,944	409,869	10,654	245
Total	4,689,517	87,128	4,776,645	17,630	819
Jan-Feb 2000					
Chilled	4,473,737	78,048	4,551,785	7,383	520
Frozen	418,967	6,032	425,000	11,298	572
Total	4,892,705	84,080	4,976,785	18,681	1,091

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 United States, February 2000 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys			Total
		Fryer-	Young	Old	Poultry
		Roasters		Turkeys	
		1,000 Pounds			
Jan 2000					
Chilled	143	195,753	2,157	198,053	2,453,435
Frozen	12	201,149	679	201,840	419,340
Total	155	396,902	2,836	399,893	2,872,775
Feb 1999					
Chilled	---	164,949	2,002	166,951	2,277,805
Frozen	---	196,008	803	196,811	400,191
Total	---	360,957	2,806	363,762	2,677,996
Feb 2000					
Chilled	---	201,111	2,077	203,187	2,507,493
Frozen	---	213,401	336	213,738	433,108
Total	---	414,512	2,413	416,925	2,940,601
Jan-Feb 1999					
Chilled	---	364,379	3,469	367,847	4,742,173
Frozen	---	405,503	1,285	406,788	827,556
Total	---	769,882	4,754	774,636	5,569,729
Jan-Feb 2000					
Chilled	143	396,864	4,233	401,240	4,960,928
Frozen	12	414,550	1,015	415,578	852,448
Total	155	811,414	5,249	816,818	5,813,376

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 2000 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan 2000	15,435	1,022	16,457	19	2
Feb 1999	12,738	849	13,587	13	4
Feb 2000	12,682	998	13,679	21	2
Jan-Feb 1999	28,951	2,073	31,024	32	8
Jan-Feb 2000	28,117	2,020	30,136	40	4
Percent 2/					
Feb 1999	0.41	1.23	0.43	0.11	0.71
Feb 2000	0.38	1.44	0.40	0.17	0.24
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan 2000	48,625	4,328	52,953	323	9
Feb 1999	48,658	4,305	52,964	294	5
Feb 2000	53,865	4,700	58,565	284	9
Jan-Feb 1999	103,816	8,962	112,777	584	9
Jan-Feb 2000	102,490	9,028	111,519	606	18
Percent 3/					
Feb 1999	1.75	6.91	1.86	2.65	0.79
Feb 2000	1.78	7.52	1.90	2.58	1.17

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, February 2000 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys			
					Total
		Fryer-			Poultry
		Roasters	Young	Old	Turkeys
		1,000 Pounds			
Ante-Mortem					
(Live Weight)					
Jan 2000	16	1,400	64	1,480	17,957
Feb 1999	---	1,129	35	1,163	14,768
Feb 2000	---	1,474	25	1,499	15,201
Jan-Feb 1999	---	2,872	64	2,936	33,999
Jan-Feb 2000	16	2,873	89	2,978	33,158
Percent 2/					
Feb 1999	---	0.25	0.92	0.25	0.41
Feb 2000	---	0.28	0.78	0.28	0.38
		1,000 Pounds			
Post-Mortem					
(N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan 2000	4	10,578	228	10,810	64,095
Feb 1999	---	9,320	227	9,547	62,808
Feb 2000	---	11,911	200	12,111	70,969
Jan-Feb 1999	---	19,902	463	20,365	133,736
Jan-Feb 2000	4	22,489	428	22,921	135,065
Percent 3/					
Feb 1999	---	2.27	6.70	2.31	1.92
Feb 2000	---	2.52	6.93	2.54	1.98

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 1999-2000

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/		
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	
	-----	1,000	-----	1,000 Pounds	----	Pounds	----
AL	71,504	76,471	363,826	388,764	5.09	5.08	
AR	90,826	96,642	440,078	471,571	4.85	4.88	
DE	20,116	22,707	115,333	136,926	5.73	6.03	
FL	9,587	10,255	51,444	55,810	5.37	5.44	
GA	90,500	90,840	447,386	454,080	4.94	5.00	
LA	13,357	15,078	59,367	67,352	4.44	4.47	
MD	15,563	16,765	73,711	80,835	4.74	4.82	
MS	52,794	56,167	265,652	287,932	5.03	5.13	
MO	28,633	29,329	130,527	133,720	4.56	4.56	
NC	48,281	55,571	279,931	324,211	5.80	5.83	
PA	8,038	8,856	41,300	46,605	5.14	5.26	
SC	17,128	17,618	83,624	87,070	4.88	4.94	
TN	15,252	17,639	75,862	82,118	4.97	4.66	
TX	40,697	44,888	192,496	211,093	4.73	4.70	
VA	27,145	29,463	132,165	143,595	4.87	4.87	
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---	
US	618,400	669,038	3,088,197	3,361,010	4.99	5.02	

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, February 1999-2000

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
		----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-- Percent --		
AL	274,586	283,866	7,723	8,806	2.36	2.52
AR	321,721	342,376	5,773	6,835	1.46	1.61
DE	82,875	99,248	2,550	2,594	2.46	2.11
FL	35,959	40,055	1,038	1,045	2.24	2.08
GA	329,968	333,050	7,473	8,847	1.86	2.16
LA	41,739	46,902	1,394	805	2.61	1.33
MD	51,944	56,620	1,125	1,132	1.70	1.56
MS	194,488	223,919	3,412	3,002	1.43	1.16
MO	96,730	97,687	1,667	1,914	1.42	1.59
NC	209,457	243,684	4,997	5,437	1.98	1.86
PA	29,108	32,343	1,056	1,314	2.84	3.13
SC	61,365	64,532	1,462	2,122	1.94	2.71
TN	55,271	59,539	849	688	1.24	0.93
TX	144,429	162,567	2,086	2,737	1.20	1.44
VA	92,671	98,435	1,571	1,511	1.32	1.17
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	2,263,796	2,472,358	48,658	53,865	1.75	1.78

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 2000

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	2,902	217,738	640,130	3,110	14,477
AR	---	5,992	354,830	222,655	9,777	6,669
DE	---	6,366	136,057	83,756	52	---
FL	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	2,017	163,411	535,711	689	12,398
LA	---	---	26,146	20,077	198	---
MD	---	7,876	90,738	45,857	50	10,314
MS	---	1,130	94,957	60,591	628	2,261
MO	---	3,347	107,561	72,078	2,340	1,697
NC	---	5,364	190,113	149,884	313	36,669
PA	---	---	48,589	54,002	281	---
SC	---	---	42,446	118,766	145	---
TN	---	986	38,677	28,622	423	---
TX	---	---	160,444	62,501	681	2,523
VA	---	4,585	81,209	55,445	---	---
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	97,575	2,116,671	2,235,464	26,658	154,213
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	10,322	41,058	46,594	14,047	236,852	1,227,230
AR	10,138	38,008	50,850	3,127	193,729	895,775
DE	3,276	9,508	13,150	4,031	46,863	303,059
FL	1,388	4,153	6,373	---	---	11,914
GA	12,975	49,101	49,190	15,433	351,255	1,192,180
LA	963	5,318	5,424	858	17,886	76,870
MD	2,046	13,318	---	1,413	20,208	191,820
MS	3,866	20,984	14,824	1,686	102,707	303,634
MO	2,219	14,919	14,360	1,340	73,412	293,273
NC	8,184	44,239	39,397	4,487	145,865	624,515
PA	2,075	3,409	---	122	40,700	149,178
SC	5,503	14,171	---	4,961	94,367	280,359
TN	1,957	10,332	12,467	1,106	24,757	119,327
TX	2,020	15,063	19,820	1,419	21,767	286,238
VA	2,242	11,410	---	2,803	26,271	183,965
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	75,968	328,330	394,267	64,556	1,556,285	7,049,987

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, February 1999-2000

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/		
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	
	-----	1,000	-----	1,000 Pounds	----	Pounds	----
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	13,425	13,592	69,253	69,413	5.16	5.11	

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, February 1999-2000

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations				
	1999	2000	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/		
	-----	1,000 Pounds	-----	----	--	Percent	--
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	41,569	42,045	4,305	4,700	6.91	7.52	

1/ Ready-to-cook weights.

2/ Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
Selected States and United States, February 2000

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	57	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	5,946	358,871	17,709	2,257	137,324

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	62	82	---	---	---	201
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	39,274	35,542	238,957	4,235	56,589	896,704

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, February 1999-2000

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	1,905	2,101	33,954	39,587	17.82	18.85
CA	976	1,353	23,712	34,281	24.28	25.33
IA	1,024	1,199	32,475	37,777	31.70	31.52
MN	2,509	2,938	62,672	72,403	24.97	24.65
MO	1,728	1,966	50,635	54,645	29.30	27.80
NC	2,304	2,802	53,382	68,906	23.17	24.60
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	3,001	3,003	66,514	65,386	22.17	21.77
US	17,921	20,205	456,317	526,045	25.46	26.04

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemns, Selected States and United States, February 1999-2000

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemns			
	1999	2000	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	27,859	32,388	498	861	1.63	2.42
CA	19,163	27,131	330	518	1.55	1.68
IA	24,585	29,445	896	1,160	3.07	3.41
MN	49,680	57,070	1,549	2,384	2.75	3.66
MO	39,881	42,828	1,168	1,211	2.56	2.46
NC	42,543	54,439	955	1,418	1.99	2.29
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	52,442	51,159	964	1,137	1.61	1.93
US	360,957	414,512	9,320	11,911	2.27	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, February 2000

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AR	---	---	5,862	---	---	---
CA	---	---	7,221	---	---	---
IA	---	---	6,575	4,418	---	---
MN	---	16	18,290	---	1,915	---
MO	---	---	23,134	4,553	---	---
NC	---	---	5,940	---	---	---
PA	---	---	---	---	116	9
VA	---	19	5,446	306	---	---
US	---	584	99,251	36,701	7,312	61

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Number						
AR	26	282	719	---	---	6,889
CA	---	---	---	---	---	7,221
IA	92	---	696	---	---	11,781
MN	---	682	976	---	1,175	23,054
MO	---	196	---	---	1,140	29,023
NC	179	933	---	---	1,192	8,244
PA	133	---	---	---	---	258
VA	35	---	343	---	2,355	8,504
US	1,467	7,041	11,236	2,270	12,262	178,185

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
United States, February 2000

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
US	---	---	2,934	549	---	52

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Number						
US	8	120	161	---	531	4,355

Poultry Slaughter: Number and Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1999 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		

1,000 Head					
Number					
Jan	663,691	15,236	678,927	1,927	-----
Feb	618,400	13,425	631,824	1,841	-----
Mar	706,124	16,160	722,284	1,995	-----
Apr	686,932	15,666	702,597	1,929	-----
May	671,953	15,389	687,342	1,801	-----
Jun	703,203	15,314	718,517	1,961	-----
Jul	688,068	14,921	702,989	1,876	-----
Aug	708,119	14,211	722,331	1,988	-----
Sep	682,486	13,680	696,166	1,994	-----
Oct	667,154	14,107	681,260	1,869	-----
Nov	650,748	12,777	663,525	1,949	-----
Dec	664,778	14,675	679,453	2,196	-----
Total 2/	8,111,654	175,560	8,287,215	23,327	-----

1,000 Pounds					
Live Weight					
Jan	3,318,308	75,507	3,393,815	12,969	819
Feb	3,088,197	69,253	3,157,450	12,292	633
Mar	3,554,707	81,487	3,636,193	13,368	924
Apr	3,442,724	79,358	3,522,083	12,593	900
May	3,384,721	78,126	3,462,847	12,036	878
Jun	3,513,578	80,788	3,594,366	12,829	1,113
Jul	3,359,024	77,804	3,436,828	12,123	1,061
Aug	3,412,248	77,169	3,489,417	12,694	1,960
Sep	3,395,418	74,571	3,469,989	13,167	1,920
Oct	3,364,408	77,323	3,441,731	12,380	1,689
Nov	3,261,114	66,835	3,327,949	12,911	1,278
Dec	3,349,720	75,487	3,425,206	14,671	891
Total 2/	40,444,167	913,707	41,357,874	154,035	14,066

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Poultry Slaughter: Number and Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1999 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys			Total Poultry
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys
		1,000 Head			
Number					
Jan	---	19,775	97	19,873	-----
Feb	---	17,921	140	18,062	-----
Mar	---	21,552	141	21,692	-----
Apr	---	21,775	175	21,950	-----
May	27	21,675	107	21,809	-----
Jun	28	22,344	154	22,526	-----
Jul	---	21,964	175	22,139	-----
Aug	---	23,842	235	24,077	-----
Sep	---	22,949	185	23,133	-----
Oct	---	23,540	194	23,734	-----
Nov	1	24,856	123	24,980	-----
Dec	---	21,049	226	21,274	-----
Total 2/	56	263,242	1,951	265,250	-----
		1,000 Pounds			
Live Weight					
Jan	---	518,976	2,641	521,617	3,929,220
Feb	---	456,317	3,759	460,076	3,630,451
Mar	---	545,901	3,801	549,701	4,200,187
Apr	---	552,727	4,693	557,419	4,092,995
May	236	557,661	2,798	560,695	4,036,456
Jun	255	573,375	4,110	577,740	4,186,048
Jul	---	552,810	4,544	557,354	4,007,366
Aug	---	589,965	6,020	595,984	4,100,055
Sep	---	576,284	4,875	581,159	4,066,236
Oct	---	595,635	5,145	600,781	4,056,582
Nov	15	621,238	3,274	624,527	3,966,665
Dec	---	541,630	6,156	547,786	3,988,553
Total 2/	506	6,682,518	51,815	6,734,840	48,260,815

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, 1999 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
Pounds 2/					
Average Live Weight					
Jan	5.00	4.96	5.00	6.73	-----
Feb	4.99	5.16	5.00	6.68	-----
Mar	5.03	5.04	5.03	6.70	-----
Apr	5.01	5.07	5.01	6.53	-----
May	5.04	5.08	5.04	6.68	-----
Jun	5.00	5.28	5.00	6.54	-----
Jul	4.88	5.21	4.89	6.46	-----
Aug	4.82	5.43	4.83	6.38	-----
Sep	4.98	5.45	4.98	6.60	-----
Oct	5.04	5.48	5.05	6.62	-----
Nov	5.01	5.23	5.02	6.62	-----
Dec	5.04	5.14	5.04	6.68	-----
Total	4.99	5.20	4.99	6.60	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Average Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1999 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys				
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	Total Poultry
		Pounds 2/				
Average	Live Weight					
Jan		---	26.24	27.10	26.25	-----
Feb		---	25.46	26.82	25.47	-----
Mar		---	25.33	27.04	25.34	-----
Apr		---	25.38	26.83	25.39	-----
May		8.72	25.73	26.24	25.71	-----
Jun		8.97	25.66	26.69	25.65	-----
Jul		---	25.17	26.01	25.18	-----
Aug		---	24.74	25.57	24.75	-----
Sep		---	25.11	26.40	25.12	-----
Oct		6.00	25.30	26.54	25.31	-----
Nov		---	24.99	26.59	25.00	-----
Dec		---	25.73	27.27	25.75	-----
Total		9.00	25.39	26.55	25.39	-----

1/ Federally inspected only.

2/ Averages calculated from unrounded data.

Poultry: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1999 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		

1,000 Pounds					
Chilled					
Jan	2,217,328	42,437	2,259,765	3,365	342
Feb	2,069,264	37,747	2,107,012	3,611	231
Mar	2,376,829	46,460	2,423,289	3,703	333
Apr	2,306,204	44,116	2,350,320	3,426	320
May	2,262,898	43,543	2,306,440	3,266	303
Jun	2,360,952	44,678	2,405,629	3,339	380
Jul	2,248,787	43,410	2,292,197	3,144	342
Aug	2,299,426	43,528	2,342,954	3,395	469
Sep	2,291,131	42,188	2,333,319	3,550	356
Oct	2,261,716	43,617	2,305,333	3,630	358
Nov	2,204,721	38,141	2,242,862	3,895	321
Dec	2,255,477	43,941	2,299,418	4,275	296
Total 2/	27,154,732	513,805	27,668,538	42,599	4,052
Frozen					
Jan	208,393	3,122	211,516	5,750	122
Feb	194,532	3,822	198,353	4,904	123
Mar	230,532	3,130	233,662	5,662	201
Apr	221,911	3,220	225,131	5,448	211
May	213,077	3,547	216,625	5,159	199
Jun	226,705	3,635	230,340	5,772	264
Jul	222,578	3,334	225,913	5,366	260
Aug	216,967	3,173	220,139	5,506	655
Sep	206,817	3,121	209,938	5,555	766
Oct	219,287	3,611	222,898	5,156	645
Nov	215,332	2,537	217,869	5,288	440
Dec	210,517	2,283	212,801	5,983	246
Total 2/	2,586,648	38,536	2,625,184	65,549	4,130

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Poultry: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1999 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys			Total Poultry
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys
		1,000 Pounds			
Chilled					
Jan	---	199,430	1,466	200,896	2,464,368
Feb	---	164,949	2,002	166,951	2,277,805
Mar	---	204,514	2,091	206,605	2,633,930
Apr	---	199,784	2,581	202,365	2,556,432
May	21	190,684	1,514	192,218	2,502,228
Jun	14	203,883	1,809	205,706	2,615,053
Jul	---	182,271	2,036	184,307	2,479,990
Aug	---	205,236	2,596	207,832	2,554,649
Sep	---	202,042	1,905	203,947	2,541,171
Oct	---	219,440	2,215	221,655	2,530,976
Nov	11	252,667	1,357	254,035	2,501,114
Dec	---	215,887	3,044	218,931	2,522,920
Total 2/	46	2,440,786	24,616	2,465,448	30,180,636
Frozen					
Jan	---	209,495	482	209,978	427,365
Feb	---	196,008	803	196,811	400,191
Mar	---	224,287	779	225,065	464,591
Apr	---	235,993	934	236,927	467,717
May	146	247,876	603	248,625	470,608
Jun	167	248,497	1,230	249,895	486,270
Jul	---	252,467	1,390	253,857	485,396
Aug	---	259,074	1,877	260,951	487,251
Sep	---	249,287	1,660	250,947	467,207
Oct	---	249,291	1,658	250,949	479,647
Nov	---	234,898	1,096	235,994	459,591
Dec	---	209,483	1,587	211,069	430,099
Total 2/	313	2,816,656	14,099	2,831,069	5,525,932

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, 1999 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		

1,000 Pounds					
Chilled plus Frozen :					
Jan	2,425,721	45,559	2,471,280	9,116	464
Feb	2,263,796	41,569	2,305,365	8,514	355
Mar	2,607,361	49,591	2,656,951	9,365	534
Apr	2,528,115	47,336	2,575,451	8,874	531
May	2,475,975	47,090	2,523,065	8,425	502
Jun	2,587,657	48,313	2,635,969	9,110	644
Jul	2,471,365	46,745	2,518,109	8,510	602
Aug	2,516,392	46,700	2,563,093	8,901	1,124
Sep	2,497,948	45,309	2,543,257	9,105	1,122
Oct	2,481,003	47,228	2,528,231	8,785	1,003
Nov	2,420,053	40,678	2,460,731	9,184	761
Dec	2,465,994	46,225	2,512,219	10,258	542

Total 2/	29,741,380	552,342	30,293,722	108,147	8,183

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Poultry: Chilled Plus Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 Month, and Total, United States, 1999 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys				
		Fryer-	Young	Old	Total	Total
		Roasters			Turkeys	Poultry
		1,000 Pounds				
Chilled	:					
plus Frozen	:					
Jan	:	---	408,925	1,949	410,874	2,891,733
Feb	:	---	360,957	2,806	363,762	2,677,996
Mar	:	---	428,801	2,869	431,670	3,098,521
Apr	:	---	435,778	3,515	439,293	3,024,149
May	:	166	438,560	2,117	440,843	2,972,835
Jun	:	182	452,379	3,039	455,600	3,101,323
Jul	:	---	434,738	3,426	438,164	2,965,386
Aug	:	---	464,310	4,473	468,783	3,041,901
Sep	:	---	451,329	3,564	454,894	3,008,378
Oct	:	---	468,731	3,874	472,604	3,010,624
Nov	:	11	487,565	2,453	490,029	2,960,705
Dec	:	---	425,370	4,631	430,000	2,953,018
Total 2/	:	359	5,257,442	38,715	5,296,516	35,706,568

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, 1999 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		

1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan	16,213	1,223	17,436	18	4
Feb	12,738	849	13,587	13	4
Mar	14,360	995	15,355	18	6
Apr	12,768	1,734	14,502	16	6
May	12,857	1,075	13,932	16	4
Jun	15,420	1,960	17,381	20	10
Jul	19,976	2,651	22,626	17	5
Aug	17,244	1,935	19,179	26	9
Sep	13,552	952	14,505	44	8
Oct	11,921	859	12,780	19	18
Nov	10,741	675	11,416	16	3
Dec	13,121	883	14,004	18	1
Total 2/	170,911	15,792	186,703	242	78
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan	55,158	4,656	59,814	291	5
Feb	48,658	4,305	52,964	294	5
Mar	58,179	4,919	63,098	313	7
Apr	52,924	5,039	57,964	324	7
May	48,647	4,924	53,572	291	8
Jun	49,049	5,052	54,101	265	9
Jul	48,084	4,755	52,839	251	9
Aug	49,242	4,702	53,943	275	16
Sep	45,513	4,237	49,750	262	27
Oct	44,352	4,640	48,992	279	32
Nov	43,840	4,105	47,945	275	21
Dec	46,312	4,721	51,033	337	7
Total 2/	589,959	56,054	646,013	3,457	154

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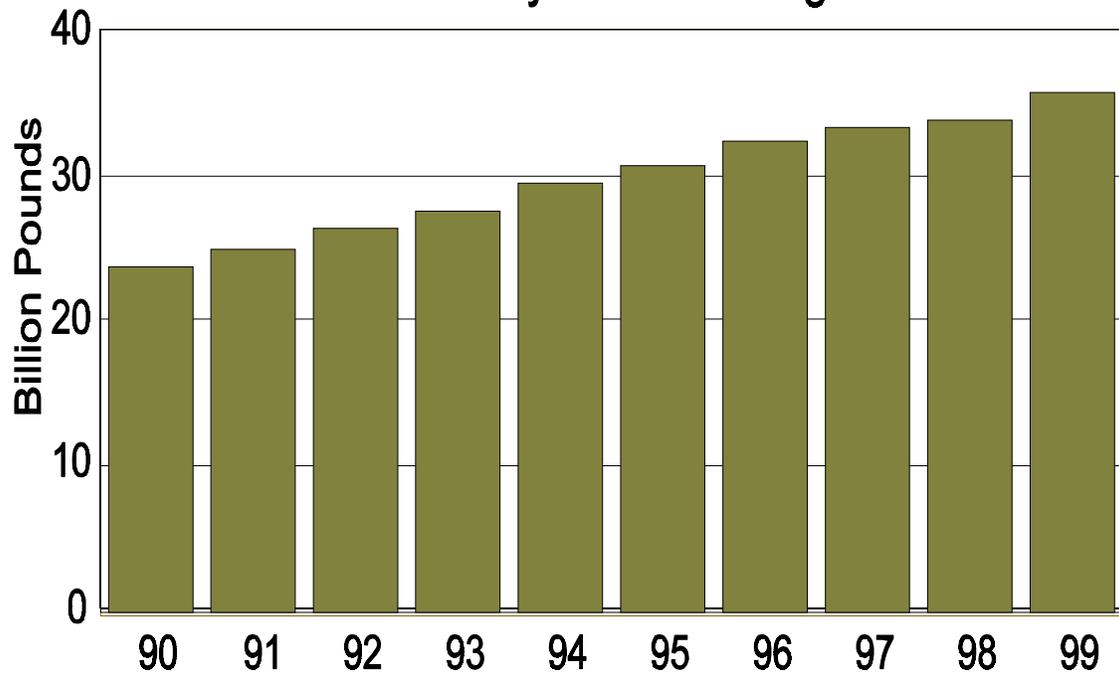
Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, Month, and Total, United States, 1999 1/ (continued)

Month	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan	---	1,743	30	1,773	19,231
Feb	---	1,129	35	1,163	14,768
Mar	---	1,307	38	1,345	16,723
Apr	---	1,314	35	1,349	15,873
May	---	1,319	24	1,343	15,295
Jun	---	1,573	59	1,633	19,043
Jul	---	2,363	74	2,437	25,086
Aug	---	1,701	55	1,756	20,970
Sep	---	1,419	27	1,447	16,004
Oct	---	1,343	32	1,375	14,192
Nov	---	1,204	27	1,230	12,666
Dec	---	1,287	75	1,362	15,385
Total 2/	1	17,701	512	18,213	205,236
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan	---	10,582	236	10,818	70,927
Feb	---	9,320	227	9,547	62,808
Mar	---	10,995	236	11,231	74,648
Apr	---	11,263	336	11,599	69,894
May	2	10,539	275	10,816	64,687
Jun	3	10,939	320	11,262	65,637
Jul	---	11,181	283	11,464	64,562
Aug	---	12,242	326	12,568	66,802
Sep	---	11,773	302	12,074	62,113
Oct	---	11,137	340	11,477	60,780
Nov	---	11,170	214	11,384	59,625
Dec	---	10,823	366	11,189	62,567
Total 2/	5	131,965	3,459	135,428	785,052

1/ Federally inspected only.

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

Poultry Slaughter: Pounds Certified United States, 1990-99 Ready-to-Cook Weight



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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