



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during June (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 3.17 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in June 1999. Updated totals for May 2000 show that 3.28 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during June 2000 was 4.29 billion pounds, up 3 percent from a year ago. Inspections included 3.58 billion pounds of young chickens, 2 percent above last year; 81.9 million pounds of mature chickens, up 1 percent; 613 million pounds of turkeys, up 6 percent; and 13.8 million pounds of ducks, up 8 percent from June 1999.

Young chickens slaughtered during June 2000 averaged 4.97 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from 5.00 pounds per bird in June 1999. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.42 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during June 2000 averaged 25.7 pounds per bird, up slightly from June 1999.

Ante-mortem condemnations during June 2000 totaled 17.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.41 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.45 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 60.5 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.57 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.74 percent a year earlier.

June 2000 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays, the same as June 1999.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
May 2000	749,201	15,194	764,395	1,953	-----
Jun 1999	703,203	15,314	718,517	1,961	-----
Jun 2000	720,549	15,118	735,667	2,086	-----
Jan-Jun 1999	4,050,302	91,189	4,141,491	11,455	-----
Jan-Jun 2000	4,164,683	86,723	4,251,405	11,910	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
May 2000	3,720,516	79,557	3,800,073	12,904	1,022
Jun 1999	3,513,578	80,788	3,594,366	12,829	1,113
Jun 2000	3,582,088	81,946	3,664,034	13,823	1,007
Jan-Jun 1999	20,302,235	464,519	20,766,754	76,088	5,267
Jan-Jun 2000	20,818,283	451,272	21,269,555	79,218	5,718
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
May 2000	4.97	5.24	4.97	6.61	-----
Jun 1999	5.00	5.28	5.00	6.54	-----
Jun 2000	4.97	5.42	4.98	6.63	-----
Jan-Jun 1999	5.01	5.09	5.01	6.64	-----
Jan-Jun 2000	5.00	5.20	5.00	6.65	-----

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young 3/	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
May 2000	16	23,704	149	23,869	-----
Jun 1999	28	22,344	154	22,526	-----
Jun 2000	31	23,588	188	23,807	-----
Jan-Jun 1999	56	125,043	814	125,912	-----
Jan-Jun 2000	81	128,796	933	129,809	-----
Live Weight					
May 2000	130	619,687	4,049	623,866	4,437,864
Jun 1999	255	573,375	4,110	577,740	4,186,048
Jun 2000	255	607,667	4,806	612,729	4,291,594
Jan-Jun 1999	491	3,204,956	21,801	3,227,248	24,075,357
Jan-Jun 2000	657	3,370,332	24,657	3,395,645	24,750,137
Average Live Weight					
May 2000	8.13	26.14	27.09	26.14	-----
Jun 1999	8.97	25.66	26.69	25.65	-----
Jun 2000	8.26	25.76	25.60	25.74	-----
Jan-Jun 1999	8.85	25.63	26.79	25.63	-----
Jan-Jun 2000	8.13	26.17	26.43	26.16	-----

- 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 1999: 6,309, June 2000: 6,924.
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: June 1999: 42, June 2000: 8.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
May 2000					
Chilled	2,505,189	44,745	2,549,934	3,648	259
Frozen	228,278	3,309	231,587	5,478	358
Total	2,733,467	48,054	2,781,521	9,127	618
Jun 1999					
Chilled	2,360,952	44,678	2,405,629	3,339	380
Frozen	226,705	3,635	230,340	5,772	264
Total	2,587,657	48,313	2,635,969	9,110	644
Jun 2000					
Chilled	2,408,502	45,438	2,453,940	3,667	285
Frozen	223,119	3,991	227,110	6,268	334
Total	2,631,621	49,430	2,681,051	9,935	618
Jan-Jun 1999					
Chilled	13,593,474	258,981	13,852,455	20,710	1,909
Frozen	1,295,150	20,477	1,315,627	32,694	1,119
Total	14,888,625	279,458	15,168,082	53,404	3,029
Jan-Jun 2000					
Chilled	13,986,040	252,104	14,238,144	21,812	1,632
Frozen	1,321,680	19,070	1,340,750	34,624	1,887
Total	15,307,720	271,173	15,578,894	56,435	3,519

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

		Turkeys			Total Poultry	
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
		1,000 Pounds				
May 2000						
Chilled		5	229,883	2,062	231,950	2,785,792
Frozen		91	259,275	939	260,304	497,728
Total		96	489,158	3,001	492,255	3,283,520
Jun 1999						
Chilled		14	203,883	1,809	205,706	2,615,053
Frozen		167	248,497	1,230	249,895	486,270
Total		182	452,379	3,039	455,600	3,101,323
Jun 2000						
Chilled		15	216,297	2,745	219,057	2,676,949
Frozen		167	262,021	906	263,094	496,806
Total		182	478,318	3,651	482,151	3,173,754
Jan-Jun 1999						
Chilled		35	1,163,244	11,463	1,174,741	15,049,816
Frozen		313	1,362,156	4,832	1,367,301	2,716,742
Total		348	2,525,400	16,294	2,542,042	17,766,557
Jan-Jun 2000						
Chilled		219	1,280,358	13,130	1,293,707	15,555,294
Frozen		276	1,376,145	5,228	1,381,648	2,758,908
Total		495	2,656,503	18,357	2,675,354	18,314,202

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 2000 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
----- 1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
May 2000	13,382	1,157	14,539	20	2
Jun 1999	15,420	1,960	17,381	20	10
Jun 2000	14,262	1,375	15,637	28	8
Jan-Jun 1999	84,357	7,836	92,193	100	34
Jan-Jun 2000	79,641	6,357	85,998	126	22
Percent 2/					
Jun 1999	0.44	2.43	0.48	0.15	0.88
Jun 2000	0.40	1.68	0.43	0.20	0.76
----- 1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
May 2000	46,987	5,105	52,092	283	11
Jun 1999	49,049	5,052	54,101	265	9
Jun 2000	43,156	4,757	47,913	309	12
Jan-Jun 1999	312,616	28,896	341,511	1,778	41
Jan-Jun 2000	291,589	29,348	320,937	1,743	63
Percent 3/					
Jun 1999	1.55	6.95	1.67	2.30	0.93
Jun 2000	1.34	6.45	1.45	2.48	1.35

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

		Turkeys				
					Total	
		Fryer-			Total	Poultry
		Roasters	Young	Old	Turkeys	
		1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem						
(Live Weight)						
May 2000	---	1,752	50	1,802	16,364	
Jun 1999	---	1,573	59	1,633	19,043	
Jun 2000	1	1,847	34	1,881	17,554	
Jan-Jun 1999	1	8,384	221	8,606	100,934	
Jan-Jun 2000	17	9,107	260	9,384	95,531	
Percent 2/						
Jun 1999	0.15	0.27	1.45	0.28	0.45	
Jun 2000	0.25	0.30	0.71	0.31	0.41	
Post-Mortem						
(N.Y. Dressed Weight)						
May 2000	1	12,126	327	12,455	64,841	
Jun 1999	3	10,939	320	11,262	65,637	
Jun 2000	3	11,939	301	12,243	60,477	
Jan-Jun 1999	5	63,638	1,629	65,272	408,602	
Jan-Jun 2000	9	70,163	1,702	71,874	394,616	
Percent 3/						
Jun 1999	1.16	2.12	8.64	2.17	1.74	
Jun 2000	1.27	2.18	6.97	2.22	1.57	

- 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 1999-2000

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/		
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	
	-----	1,000	-----	-----	1,000	Pounds	---
AL	79,817	85,244	407,456	428,222	5.10	5.02	
AR	97,766	103,157	477,450	500,838	4.88	4.86	
DE	22,929	23,171	131,091	136,495	5.72	5.89	
FL	10,880	10,805	57,775	57,898	5.31	5.36	
GA	102,859	98,753	511,861	486,109	4.98	4.92	
LA	15,679	13,179	69,614	57,731	4.44	4.38	
MD	17,776	19,116	85,461	87,356	4.81	4.57	
MS	60,730	63,642	301,661	310,438	4.97	4.88	
MO	31,560	31,869	142,443	140,585	4.51	4.41	
NC	56,511	59,313	325,772	344,731	5.76	5.81	
PA	9,419	9,600	48,633	50,242	5.16	5.23	
SC	19,822	19,245	93,337	97,420	4.71	5.06	
TN	18,622	20,329	91,052	95,401	4.89	4.69	
TX	46,858	51,576	218,223	243,178	4.66	4.71	
VA	30,582	31,611	151,584	156,391	4.96	4.95	
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---	
US	703,203	720,549	3,513,578	3,582,088	5.00	4.97	

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, June 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	303,128	309,461	7,940	6,833	2.17	1.77
AR	348,053	364,628	5,804	5,563	1.35	1.23
DE	94,824	99,461	2,562	2,301	2.17	1.87
FL	40,753	41,357	1,053	889	2.02	1.71
GA	375,888	354,602	7,215	5,691	1.57	1.30
LA	48,218	41,798	1,531	486	2.44	0.94
MD	60,503	60,995	1,476	1,169	1.92	1.49
MS	232,960	239,204	2,714	2,329	1.00	0.83
MO	105,036	103,943	1,514	1,510	1.18	1.19
NC	246,859	261,612	4,848	4,812	1.65	1.55
PA	34,330	34,534	1,217	1,086	2.78	2.40
SC	68,506	70,837	1,505	1,814	1.79	2.07
TN	65,867	68,953	1,050	750	1.28	0.87
TX	166,871	190,568	2,295	2,413	1.17	1.10
VA	105,324	103,619	1,372	1,346	1.01	0.96
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	2,587,657	2,631,621	49,049	43,156	1.55	1.34

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 2000

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	3,882	205,013	208,235	4,157	9,307
AR	---	3,178	243,415	81,621	---	4,437
DE	---	5,911	124,435	37,215	---	---
FL	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	2,844	135,772	168,725	1,181	11,955
LA	---	---	20,258	7,847	167	365
MD	---	6,845	79,855	19,335	41	8,093
MS	---	846	88,958	22,687	446	1,577
MO	---	1,892	84,771	30,103	2,274	---
NC	---	3,452	167,750	81,073	499	29,870
PA	---	---	35,337	13,412	206	---
SC	---	---	42,141	---	---	---
TN	---	---	45,934	17,218	653	1,047
TX	---	699	155,484	40,944	801	2,065
VA	---	---	69,555	17,618	---	---
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	47,646	1,796,139	907,260	30,408	112,551
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	11,575	56,196	55,683	20,700	159,490	734,238
AR	9,184	28,682	39,622	3,056	80,983	494,178
DE	2,834	15,149	13,061	7,870	42,236	248,711
FL	1,835	---	5,952	1,442	24,949	34,178
GA	11,696	30,149	31,571	10,527	162,016	566,436
LA	673	3,015	3,834	238	---	36,397
MD	2,145	27,137	---	1,250	22,230	166,931
MS	4,027	14,771	15,969	1,849	50,060	201,190
MO	2,320	15,083	19,250	1,121	32,706	189,520
NC	10,070	51,025	38,335	11,612	124,611	518,297
PA	1,941	3,522	10,225	193	32,190	97,026
SC	5,435	17,625	13,766	10,759	49,984	139,710
TN	2,306	17,701	---	872	22,196	107,927
TX	1,861	12,547	13,755	1,527	11,470	241,153
VA	2,082	9,550	---	---	18,271	117,076
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	75,097	346,728	367,561	78,962	936,420	4,698,772

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, June 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	15,314	15,118	80,788	81,946	5.28	5.42	

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations				
	1999	2000	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/		
	-----	1,000 Pounds	-----	-----	--	Percent	--
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	48,313	49,430	5,052	4,757	6.95	6.45	

1/ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	9,146	313,501	18,856	1,090	137,342

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	42	---	100	---	---	142
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	41,510	53,827	196,825	1,133	79,454	852,684

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, June 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	2,234	2,233	42,112	40,003	18.85	17.91
CA	1,637	1,613	37,062	39,518	22.64	24.50
IA	1,548	1,493	45,679	44,780	29.50	30.00
MN	3,680	3,782	90,061	89,255	24.47	23.60
MO	2,022	2,162	58,522	60,478	28.94	27.97
NC	2,667	3,107	65,601	78,085	24.60	25.13
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	22,344	23,588	573,375	607,667	25.66	25.76

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemns			
	1999	2000	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	34,023	33,237	602	717	1.59	1.99
CA	30,071	32,012	455	573	1.37	1.61
IA	35,610	34,844	1,097	1,090	2.67	2.71
MN	71,533	71,211	2,292	1,985	2.83	2.47
MO	46,197	47,335	1,212	1,220	2.30	2.24
NC	51,780	61,485	1,238	1,536	2.10	2.19
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	452,379	478,318	10,939	11,939	2.12	2.18

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, June 2000

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AR	---	---	4,055	---	---	---
CA	---	---	6,748	---	---	6
IA	---	---	6,395	---	---	9
MN	---	---	13,459	2,402	---	---
MO	---	---	16,871	1,758	88	---
NC	---	---	4,575	---	---	---
PA	---	---	---	---	42	---
VA	---	---	3,996	168	---	---
US	---	270	79,760	13,223	5,128	68

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
AR	---	---	---	---	---	4,055
CA	---	---	---	---	261	7,015
IA	85	---	---	---	---	6,489
MN	184	897	791	---	1,417	19,150
MO	---	300	759	---	1,879	21,655
NC	117	688	---	---	1,374	6,754
PA	80	---	---	---	---	122
VA	20	1,998	---	---	---	6,182
US	808	7,955	9,409	2,811	13,209	132,641

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.

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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