



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 7 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during February (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.76 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the amount certified in February 2000. Updated totals for January 2001 show that 3.12 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during February 2001 was 3.72 billion pounds, down 7 percent from a year ago. Inspections included 3.12 billion pounds of young chickens, down 8 percent; 66.1 million pounds of mature chickens, down 5 percent; 517 million pounds of turkeys, down 2 percent; and 13.2 million pounds of ducks, up 6 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during February 2001 averaged 5.02 pounds per bird, down slightly from 2000. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.22 pounds per bird up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2001 averaged 26.9 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from February 2000.

Ante-mortem condemnations during February 2001 totaled 15.5 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.42 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.38 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 56.0 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.67 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.99 percent a year earlier.

February 2001 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. Due to leap-year, February 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

2000 Poultry Slaughter up 2 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome under Federal Inspection during 2000 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 36.6 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the total amount certified during 1999. Young chickens, at 30.5 billion pounds, accounted for 83 percent of the total pounds certified ready-to-cook and were up 3 percent from 1999. The average live weight for young chickens increased slightly from 4.99 pounds to 5.00 pounds. Total turkeys, at 5.40 billion pounds, represented 15 percent of the overall total and were up 2 percent from 1999. The average live weight for total turkeys increased 1 percent to 25.6 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 2001 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jan 2001	708,517	13,999	722,516	2,325	-----
Feb 2000	672,899	13,595	686,494	1,873	-----
Feb 2001	621,238	12,679	633,917	1,994	-----
Jan-Feb 2000	1,328,778	27,351	1,356,128	3,975	-----
Jan-Feb 2001	1,329,755	26,677	1,356,433	4,320	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Jan 2001	3,559,968	72,082	3,632,050	15,406	775
Feb 2000	3,382,087	69,443	3,451,530	12,441	942
Feb 2001	3,118,485	66,138	3,184,623	13,209	798
Jan-Feb 2000	6,689,052	139,578	6,828,630	26,461	1,942
Jan-Feb 2001	6,678,453	138,220	6,816,673	28,616	1,573
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Jan 2001	5.02	5.15	5.03	6.63	-----
Feb 2000	5.03	5.11	5.03	6.64	-----
Feb 2001	5.02	5.22	5.02	6.62	-----
Jan-Feb 2000	5.03	5.10	5.04	6.66	-----
Jan-Feb 2001	5.02	5.18	5.03	6.62	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, February 2001 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young 3/	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jan 2001	---	21,050	132	21,182	-----
Feb 2000	---	20,148	123	20,272	-----
Feb 2001	---	19,043	170	19,213	-----
Jan-Feb 2000	24	39,163	269	39,456	-----
Jan-Feb 2001	---	40,093	302	40,395	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Jan 2001	---	572,269	3,644	575,912	4,224,143
Feb 2000	---	523,407	3,232	526,639	3,991,552
Feb 2001	---	512,615	4,389	517,004	3,715,634
Jan-Feb 2000	194	1,029,058	7,082	1,036,335	7,893,368
Jan-Feb 2001	---	1,084,884	8,032	1,092,916	7,939,777
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Jan 2001	---	27.19	27.64	27.19	-----
Feb 2000	---	25.98	26.26	25.98	-----
Feb 2001	---	26.92	25.80	26.91	-----
Jan-Feb 2000	8.09	26.28	26.36	26.27	-----
Jan-Feb 2001	---	27.06	26.60	27.06	-----

- 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 2000: 5,355, February 2001: 5,236.
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: February 2000: 19, February 2001: 37.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, February 2001 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Jan 2001					
Chilled	2,393,396	41,736	2,435,132	4,229	191
Frozen	218,897	939	219,835	6,752	296
Total	2,612,292	42,675	2,654,967	10,981	488
Feb 2000					
Chilled	2,269,887	39,416	2,309,303	3,655	272
Frozen	218,045	2,628	220,673	5,246	305
Total	2,487,932	42,045	2,529,977	8,900	577
Feb 2001					
Chilled	2,095,553	38,736	2,134,290	3,624	141
Frozen	204,627	794	205,422	5,894	268
Total	2,300,181	39,531	2,339,711	9,518	409
Jan-Feb 2000					
Chilled	4,488,796	78,050	4,566,847	7,404	599
Frozen	426,698	6,030	432,727	11,446	588
Total	4,915,494	84,080	4,999,574	18,851	1,187
Jan-Feb 2001					
Chilled	4,488,949	80,473	4,569,421	7,853	332
Frozen	423,524	1,733	425,257	12,647	565
Total	4,912,473	82,206	4,994,679	20,500	897

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 United States, February 2001 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys			Total	
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Turkeys	Poultry
		1,000 Pounds				
Jan 2001						
Chilled	---	225,413	2,553	227,966	2,667,518	
Frozen	---	229,946	318	230,263	457,147	
Total	---	455,358	2,871	458,229	3,124,666	
Feb 2000						
Chilled	---	200,113	2,077	202,190	2,515,420	
Frozen	---	212,319	355	212,674	438,898	
Total	---	412,432	2,431	414,863	2,954,317	
Feb 2001						
Chilled	---	200,466	2,784	203,250	2,341,305	
Frozen	---	203,960	587	204,547	416,132	
Total	---	404,426	3,371	407,797	2,757,436	
Jan-Feb 2000						
Chilled	143	395,889	4,233	400,265	4,975,115	
Frozen	12	413,430	1,034	414,476	859,237	
Total	155	809,318	5,267	814,741	5,834,352	
Jan-Feb 2001						
Chilled	---	425,879	5,338	431,217	5,008,823	
Frozen	---	433,906	904	434,810	873,279	
Total	---	859,785	6,242	866,027	5,882,102	

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 2001 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
----- 1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan 2001	16,587	1,236	17,823	23	4
Feb 2000	12,799	998	13,797	21	3
Feb 2001	12,512	1,142	13,654	19	1
Jan-Feb 2000	28,279	2,020	30,298	40	5
Jan-Feb 2001	29,100	2,377	31,477	42	5
Percent 2/					
Feb 2000	0.38	1.44	0.40	0.17	0.27
Feb 2001	0.40	1.73	0.43	0.14	0.12
----- 1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan 2001	46,851	3,749	50,600	390	8
Feb 2000	54,318	4,713	59,031	285	10
Feb 2001	39,719	3,533	43,252	311	7
Jan-Feb 2000	103,061	9,041	112,102	608	19
Jan-Feb 2001	86,571	7,282	93,853	701	15
Percent 3/					
Feb 2000	1.78	7.54	1.90	2.55	1.14
Feb 2001	1.42	5.94	1.51	2.62	0.99

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, February 2001 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys			
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Poultry
		1,000 Pounds			
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan 2001	---	2,039	62	2,100	19,951
Feb 2000	---	1,450	25	1,475	15,296
Feb 2001	---	1,737	46	1,783	15,456
Jan-Feb 2000	16	2,850	89	2,955	33,298
Jan-Feb 2001	---	3,775	108	3,883	35,407
Percent 2/					
Feb 2000	---	0.28	0.78	0.28	0.38
Feb 2001	---	0.34	1.05	0.34	0.42
		1,000 Pounds			
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan 2001	---	12,494	241	12,735	63,733
Feb 2000	---	11,803	202	12,005	71,331
Feb 2001	---	12,107	279	12,387	55,957
Jan-Feb 2000	4	22,386	431	22,820	135,549
Jan-Feb 2001	---	24,602	520	25,121	119,691
Percent 3/					
Feb 2000	---	2.51	6.96	2.53	1.99
Feb 2001	---	2.62	7.07	2.66	1.67

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 2000-2001

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/			
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001		
	-----	1,000	-----	1,000	Pounds	----	Pounds	----
AL	75,771	72,283	385,365	363,711	5.09	5.03		
AR	96,864	88,464	472,661	431,990	4.88	4.88		
DE	22,707	18,980	136,926	109,553	6.03	5.77		
FL	10,255	8,954	55,810	48,239	5.44	5.39		
GA	93,152	88,795	466,674	438,739	5.01	4.94		
LA	15,467	12,688	68,681	58,731	4.44	4.63		
MD	16,765	14,439	80,835	68,946	4.82	4.78		
MS	56,819	53,352	291,170	259,531	5.12	4.86		
MO	29,329	27,202	133,720	123,538	4.56	4.54		
NC	55,890	51,973	326,275	305,117	5.84	5.87		
PA	8,942	8,547	46,978	44,248	5.25	5.18		
SC	18,198	16,862	90,859	89,725	4.99	5.32		
TN	17,639	18,211	82,118	84,618	4.66	4.65		
TX	44,888	44,506	211,093	217,453	4.70	4.89		
VA	29,463	25,791	143,595	125,236	4.87	4.86		
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---		
US	672,899	621,238	3,382,087	3,118,485	5.03	5.02		

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, February 2000-2001

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-----		-- Percent --	
AL	280,713	268,031	8,763	4,956	2.53	1.51
AR	343,173	310,005	6,855	5,959	1.61	1.53
DE	99,248	79,677	2,594	2,207	2.11	2.24
FL	40,055	34,599	1,045	795	2.08	1.83
GA	342,737	324,948	9,041	4,963	2.15	1.26
LA	48,005	41,506	842	498	1.36	0.94
MD	56,620	48,922	1,132	1,042	1.56	1.68
MS	226,562	199,615	3,108	2,368	1.19	1.01
MO	97,687	90,098	1,914	1,656	1.59	1.49
NC	245,289	225,330	5,498	4,410	1.87	1.61
PA	32,600	31,296	1,336	1,022	3.16	2.57
SC	67,166	65,904	2,178	1,196	2.66	1.48
TN	59,539	60,268	688	785	0.93	1.03
TX	162,567	167,625	2,737	2,529	1.44	1.29
VA	98,435	90,799	1,511	1,518	1.17	1.35
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	2,487,932	2,300,181	54,318	39,719	1.78	1.42

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 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	1,345	155,895	105,499	1,374	15,194
AR	---	7,799	294,800	152,514	7,704	7,248
CA	---	---	112,272	---	438	2,594
DE	---	7,332	100,948	56,091	---	---
FL	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	1,188	116,907	162,590	473	19,350
LA	---	105	18,010	20,993	143	812
MD	---	26,590	52,734	38,901	114	10,913
MS	---	1,585	78,965	63,677	374	3,165
MO	---	3,204	100,546	74,662	2,564	---
NC	---	2,522	177,255	113,569	339	55,849
PA	---	---	37,075	23,925	287	---
SC	---	400	19,319	44,390	---	---
TN	---	220	46,819	25,873	429	1,980
TX	---	680	166,999	68,994	820	4,689
VA	---	2,609	59,523	44,673	---	---
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	67,125	1,714,699	1,057,233	18,623	204,516
Number						
State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	7,791	27,623	45,545	9,583	79,652	449,501
AR	8,702	35,057	34,946	2,749	118,064	669,583
CA	244	5,384	2,159	---	---	123,091
DE	2,598	8,236	8,872	---	30,231	214,308
FL	1,086	3,007	3,288	---	---	7,381
GA	8,565	36,931	26,645	6,695	153,147	532,491
LA	682	4,386	4,507	112	4,563	54,313
MD	1,860	12,864	---	2,073	21,114	167,163
MS	3,458	14,101	9,841	1,120	76,616	252,902
MO	2,320	12,755	14,491	1,038	59,916	271,496
NC	5,879	36,075	27,221	5,368	81,687	505,764
PA	1,628	5,733	7,217	71	41,448	117,384
SC	1,562	---	10,763	---	13,747	90,181
TN	2,693	8,210	8,806	1,917	---	96,947
TX	1,876	14,562	14,176	528	16,752	290,076
VA	1,679	6,979	---	---	18,790	134,253
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	56,097	272,084	291,483	43,099	840,425	4,565,384

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, February 2000-2001

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	13,595	12,679	69,443	66,138	5.11	5.22

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, February 2000-2001

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	2000	2001	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	42,045	39,531	4,713	3,533	7.54	5.94

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 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	4,351	285,106	11,645	1,356	117,016

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Number						
CA	---	---	271	---	---	271
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	36,724	26,694	163,098	1,567	64,290	711,847

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, February 2000-2001

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	2,101	2,050	39,587	36,932	18.85	18.02
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
IA	1,160	1,317	36,428	41,778	31.40	31.72
MN	2,938	2,667	72,403	68,344	24.65	25.63
MO	1,955	1,733	54,170	47,987	27.71	27.69
NC	2,825	2,545	69,406	67,603	24.57	26.56
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	3,003	2,819	65,386	62,030	21.77	22.00
US	20,148	19,043	523,407	512,615	25.98	26.92

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, February 2000-2001

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	2000	2001	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	32,388	30,265	861	711	2.42	2.14
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
IA	28,299	32,339	1,115	1,379	3.40	3.67
MN	57,070	53,869	2,384	2,042	3.66	3.32
MO	42,355	37,467	1,199	1,580	2.46	3.66
NC	55,021	53,343	1,406	1,098	2.25	1.80
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	51,159	48,006	1,137	821	1.93	1.47
US	412,432	404,426	11,803	12,107	2.51	2.62

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 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AR	---	---	---	---	---	---
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
IA	---	---	6,598	---	---	---
MN	---	---	13,793	4,409	---	22
MO	---	---	19,687	---	---	---
NC	---	---	5,947	---	4	---
PA	---	4	---	---	---	6
VA	---	5	4,935	---	---	---
US	---	824	87,826	20,313	4,440	119

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Number						
AR	---	235	---	---	---	235
CA	---	---	---	---	387	387
IA	70	---	518	---	901	8,087
MN	108	889	777	---	877	20,875
MO	---	---	---	---	---	19,687
NC	137	---	---	---	---	6,088
PA	105	---	---	---	---	115
VA	---	1,184	---	---	---	6,124
US	990	8,223	10,651	1,766	12,424	147,576

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
United States, February 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
US	---	889	3,557	991	37	170

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Number						
US	18	102	243	72	567	6,646

Poultry Slaughter: Number and Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 2000 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		

1,000 Head					
Number					
Jan	655,879	13,755	669,634	2,102	-----
Feb	672,899	13,595	686,494	1,873	-----
Mar	730,560	15,709	746,269	2,057	-----
Apr	635,886	13,351	649,237	1,839	-----
May	751,778	15,521	767,299	1,953	-----
Jun	733,604	15,118	748,722	2,084	-----
Jul	662,247	13,247	675,494	1,865	-----
Aug	760,702	15,229	775,930	2,147	-----
Sep	657,987	12,438	670,426	2,068	-----
Oct	706,499	13,155	719,654	2,069	-----
Nov	662,168	12,757	674,925	2,192	-----
Dec	630,905	11,152	642,057	2,245	-----
Total 2/	8,261,114	165,027	8,426,141	24,494	-----

1,000 Pounds					
Live Weight					
Jan	3,306,965	70,135	3,377,100	14,020	1,000
Feb	3,382,087	69,443	3,451,530	12,441	942
Mar	3,646,424	81,749	3,728,173	13,779	1,089
Apr	3,181,703	68,442	3,250,145	12,251	760
May	3,732,923	82,120	3,815,043	12,904	1,026
Jun	3,641,755	81,946	3,723,702	13,671	1,065
Jul	3,279,670	73,210	3,352,880	12,296	888
Aug	3,745,636	84,206	3,829,842	13,960	1,307
Sep	3,272,702	66,778	3,339,480	13,527	1,914
Oct	3,555,861	72,508	3,628,368	13,659	2,348
Nov	3,357,190	68,754	3,425,943	14,371	1,103
Dec	3,190,610	57,394	3,248,004	14,874	864
Total 2/	41,293,525	876,685	42,170,210	161,752	14,307

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Poultry Slaughter: Number and Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 2000 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys			Total Poultry
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys
		1,000 Head			
Number					
Jan	: 24	19,015	146	19,184	-----
Feb	: ---	20,148	123	20,272	-----
Mar	: 10	22,452	173	22,634	-----
Apr	: ---	19,889	154	20,043	-----
May	: 16	23,704	149	23,869	-----
Jun	: 31	23,664	194	23,889	-----
Jul	: ---	21,256	156	21,412	-----
Aug	: ---	24,917	261	25,178	-----
Sep	: ---	21,625	234	21,859	-----
Oct	: ---	25,173	245	25,418	-----
Nov	: ---	24,354	205	24,558	-----
Dec	: ---	19,445	306	19,751	-----
Total 2/	: 81	265,642	2,347	268,069	-----
		1,000 Pounds			
Live Weight					
Jan	: 194	505,651	3,851	509,696	3,901,815
Feb	: ---	523,407	3,232	526,639	3,991,552
Mar	: 76	592,974	4,652	597,703	4,340,744
Apr	: ---	520,945	4,067	525,013	3,788,169
May	: 130	619,687	4,049	623,866	4,452,838
Jun	: 255	608,965	4,945	614,165	4,352,603
Jul	: ---	536,726	3,974	540,700	3,906,764
Aug	: ---	612,861	6,559	619,420	4,464,529
Sep	: ---	538,521	6,325	544,846	3,899,767
Oct	: ---	627,042	6,411	633,453	4,277,828
Nov	: ---	606,638	5,405	612,043	4,053,461
Dec	: ---	505,404	8,241	513,645	3,777,387
Total 2/	: 657	6,798,821	61,711	6,861,188	49,207,458

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, 2000 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
Pounds 2/					
Average Live Weight					
Jan	5.04	5.10	5.04	6.67	-----
Feb	5.03	5.11	5.03	6.64	-----
Mar	4.99	5.20	5.00	6.70	-----
Apr	5.00	5.13	5.01	6.66	-----
May	4.97	5.29	4.97	6.61	-----
Jun	4.96	5.42	4.97	6.56	-----
Jul	4.95	5.53	4.96	6.59	-----
Aug	4.92	5.53	4.94	6.50	-----
Sep	4.97	5.37	4.98	6.54	-----
Oct	5.03	5.51	5.04	6.60	-----
Nov	5.07	5.39	5.08	6.56	-----
Dec	5.06	5.15	5.06	6.62	-----
Total	5.00	5.31	5.00	6.60	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Average Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 2000 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys				
		Fryer-	Young	Old	Total	Total
		Roasters			Turkeys	Poultry
		Pounds 2/				
Average	:					
Live Weight	:					
Jan	:	8.09	26.59	26.45	26.57	-----
Feb	:	---	25.98	26.26	25.98	-----
Mar	:	7.81	26.41	26.91	26.41	-----
Apr	:	---	26.19	26.39	26.19	-----
May	:	8.13	26.14	27.09	26.14	-----
Jun	:	8.26	25.73	25.49	25.71	-----
Jul	:	---	25.25	25.41	25.25	-----
Aug	:	---	24.60	25.13	24.60	-----
Sep	:	---	24.90	26.98	24.92	-----
Oct	:	---	24.91	26.15	24.92	-----
Nov	:	---	24.91	26.42	24.92	-----
Dec	:	---	25.99	26.95	26.01	-----
Total	:	8.13	25.59	26.30	25.59	-----

1/ Federally inspected only.

2/ Averages calculated from unrounded data.

Poultry: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 2000 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		

1,000 Pounds					

Chilled					
Jan	2,218,910	38,634	2,257,544	3,750	327
Feb	2,269,887	39,416	2,309,303	3,655	272
Mar	2,449,782	45,137	2,494,919	3,628	345
Apr	2,134,884	38,733	2,173,617	3,463	192
May	2,510,056	46,230	2,556,286	3,648	262
Jun	2,437,414	45,438	2,482,853	3,666	315
Jul	2,208,768	41,287	2,250,054	3,471	296
Aug	2,521,279	47,525	2,568,805	4,015	264
Sep	2,223,614	37,682	2,261,296	3,794	353
Oct	2,406,482	41,407	2,447,889	3,731	422
Nov	2,341,372	40,193	2,381,566	4,072	249
Dec	2,168,094	33,282	2,201,376	4,457	265
Total 2/	27,890,542	494,964	28,385,507	45,351	3,562

Frozen					
Jan	208,652	3,401	212,054	6,201	283
Feb	218,045	2,628	220,673	5,246	305
Mar	238,092	3,181	241,273	6,292	340
Apr	205,493	2,559	208,052	5,140	275
May	231,690	3,309	235,000	5,478	358
Jun	234,765	3,991	238,757	6,257	334
Jul	208,979	3,293	212,272	5,425	243
Aug	233,114	3,829	236,944	6,118	522
Sep	198,201	2,431	200,632	6,035	803
Oct	226,047	2,727	228,773	6,132	1,014
Nov	211,921	1,500	213,421	6,213	434
Dec	189,628	1,528	191,156	6,093	290
Total 2/	2,604,629	34,377	2,639,006	70,629	5,201

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Poultry: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 Month, and Total, United States, 2000 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys			Total
		Fryer-	Young	Old	Poultry
		Roasters		Turkeys	
		1,000 Pounds			
Chilled					
Jan	143	195,776	2,157	198,075	2,459,695
Feb	---	200,113	2,077	202,190	2,515,420
Mar	56	232,062	1,989	234,108	2,733,000
Apr	---	206,227	2,100	208,327	2,385,600
May	5	229,883	2,062	231,950	2,792,146
Jun	15	216,340	2,857	219,211	2,706,045
Jul	---	193,794	1,822	195,616	2,449,438
Aug	---	217,326	3,105	220,430	2,793,513
Sep	---	201,114	2,828	203,942	2,469,386
Oct	---	246,626	3,105	249,730	2,701,772
Nov	---	254,523	2,767	257,290	2,643,176
Dec	---	200,959	4,788	205,748	2,411,847
Total 2/	219	2,594,744	31,656	2,626,618	31,061,038
Frozen					
Jan	12	201,110	679	201,802	420,340
Feb	---	212,319	355	212,674	438,898
Mar	5	234,112	1,479	235,596	483,501
Apr	---	207,307	870	208,178	421,644
May	91	259,275	939	260,304	501,141
Jun	167	263,101	906	264,174	509,521
Jul	---	229,049	1,242	230,291	448,231
Aug	---	264,249	1,876	266,124	509,708
Sep	---	221,871	2,002	223,872	431,343
Oct	---	248,073	1,812	249,885	485,804
Nov	---	223,721	1,319	225,040	445,108
Dec	---	195,503	2,127	197,629	395,168
Total 2/	276	2,759,690	15,604	2,775,569	5,490,405

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, 2000 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		

1,000 Pounds					
Chilled plus Frozen					
Jan	2,427,562	42,035	2,469,597	9,950	610
Feb	2,487,932	42,045	2,529,977	8,900	577
Mar	2,687,874	48,318	2,736,192	9,920	684
Apr	2,340,377	41,292	2,381,669	8,603	468
May	2,741,747	49,539	2,791,285	9,127	620
Jun	2,672,180	49,430	2,721,609	9,923	648
Jul	2,417,746	44,580	2,462,326	8,896	540
Aug	2,754,393	51,355	2,805,748	10,132	786
Sep	2,421,816	40,113	2,461,929	9,830	1,156
Oct	2,632,529	44,133	2,676,662	9,863	1,436
Nov	2,553,293	41,693	2,594,986	10,285	683
Dec	2,357,723	34,810	2,392,532	10,550	556
Total 2/	30,495,172	529,342	31,024,513	115,979	8,763

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Poultry: Chilled Plus Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 Month, and Total, United States, 2000 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys				
		Fryer-	Young	Old	Total	Total
		Roasters			Turkeys	Poultry
		1,000 Pounds				
Chilled	:					
plus Frozen	:					
Jan	:	155	396,886	2,836	399,877	2,880,035
Feb	:	---	412,432	2,431	414,863	2,954,317
Mar	:	61	466,175	3,468	469,704	3,216,500
Apr	:	---	413,534	2,970	416,505	2,807,244
May	:	96	489,158	3,001	492,255	3,293,286
Jun	:	182	479,441	3,763	483,385	3,215,566
Jul	:	---	422,843	3,064	425,907	2,897,669
Aug	:	---	481,574	4,981	486,555	3,303,221
Sep	:	---	422,985	4,829	427,815	2,900,729
Oct	:	---	494,699	4,916	499,615	3,187,576
Nov	:	---	478,244	4,086	482,330	3,088,284
Dec	:	---	396,462	6,915	403,377	2,807,015
Total 2/	:	495	5,354,433	47,260	5,402,188	36,551,443

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, 2000 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		

1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan	15,479	1,022	16,501	19	2
Feb	12,799	998	13,797	21	3
Mar	12,851	965	13,816	20	3
Apr	10,870	840	11,710	18	4
May	13,366	1,166	14,532	20	2
Jun	14,472	1,375	15,847	28	8
Jul	16,441	1,593	18,035	21	3
Aug	19,869	2,753	22,622	30	5
Sep	12,058	1,550	13,607	28	5
Oct	11,746	948	12,694	23	12
Nov	12,794	838	13,632	28	6
Dec	18,497	1,189	19,686	24	6
Total 2/	171,243	15,237	186,480	279	60
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan	48,743	4,328	53,071	323	9
Feb	54,318	4,713	59,031	285	10
Mar	55,919	5,618	61,537	284	12
Apr	42,486	4,826	47,312	259	9
May	47,038	5,147	52,185	283	11
Jun	43,534	4,757	48,291	303	12
Jul	39,705	4,102	43,807	256	7
Aug	45,169	4,630	49,800	332	12
Sep	36,647	3,782	40,429	356	22
Oct	42,874	3,877	46,751	347	21
Nov	43,271	3,684	46,955	422	9
Dec	41,080	2,881	43,960	416	8
Total 2/	540,784	52,346	593,130	3,866	142

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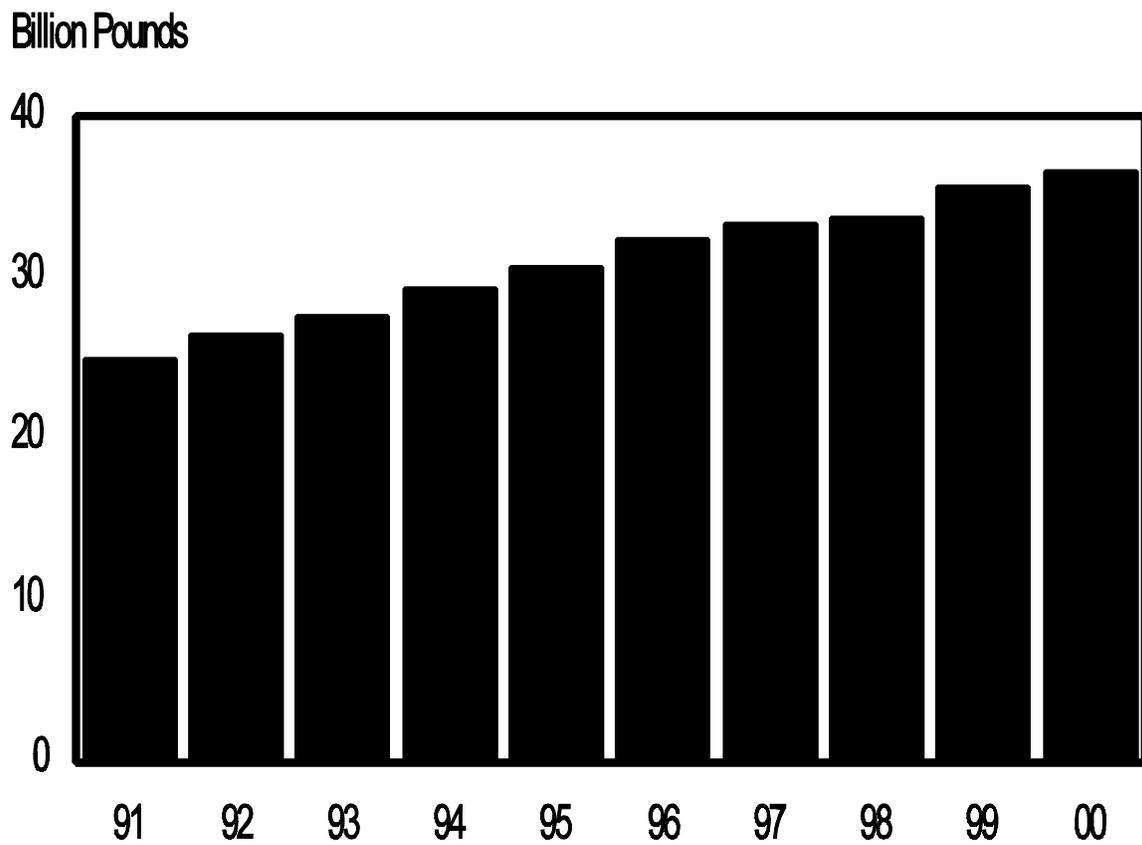
Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, Month, and Total, United States, 2000 1/ (continued)

Month	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan	16	1,400	64	1,480	18,002
Feb	---	1,450	25	1,475	15,296
Mar	---	1,491	35	1,526	15,366
Apr	---	1,168	52	1,220	12,953
May	---	1,752	50	1,802	16,357
Jun	1	1,773	34	1,808	17,691
Jul	---	1,789	23	1,812	19,871
Aug	---	2,254	74	2,328	24,986
Sep	---	1,616	56	1,672	15,312
Oct	---	1,417	35	1,452	14,181
Nov	---	1,514	20	1,534	15,200
Dec	---	1,700	34	1,734	21,449
Total 2/	17	19,323	503	19,844	206,663
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan	4	10,583	228	10,815	64,218
Feb	---	11,803	202	12,005	71,331
Mar	1	13,010	301	13,312	75,145
Apr	---	10,701	342	11,044	58,623
May	1	12,126	327	12,455	64,935
Jun	3	11,930	305	12,238	60,845
Jul	---	10,688	231	10,919	54,989
Aug	---	12,134	371	12,504	62,648
Sep	---	11,136	352	11,487	52,294
Oct	---	11,507	304	11,811	58,929
Nov	---	11,421	295	11,716	59,102
Dec	---	10,578	422	11,000	55,385
Total 2/	9	137,616	3,681	141,306	738,443

1/ Federally inspected only.

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

Poultry Slaughter: Pounds Certified
United States, 1991-2000
Ready-to-Cook Weight 1/



1/ Federally Inspected

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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