



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 3 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during June 2001 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.12 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the amount certified in June 2000. Updated totals for May 2001 show that 3.36 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during June 2001 was 4.18 billion pounds, down 4 percent from a year ago. Inspections included 3.51 billion pounds of young chickens, 4 percent below last year; 72.8 million pounds of mature chickens, down 11 percent; 586 million pounds of turkeys, down 5 percent; and 14.7 million pounds of ducks, up 7 percent from June 2000.

Young chickens slaughtered during June 2001 averaged 5.02 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from June 2000. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.40 pounds per bird, down slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during June 2001 averaged 26.0 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from June 2000.

Ante-mortem condemnations during June 2001 totaled 18.9 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.45 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.41 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 55.7 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.48 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.55 percent a year earlier.

June 2001 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays.
June 2000 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays.

Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, June 2001 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		

	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
May 2001	750,445	13,723	764,167	2,361	-----
Jun 2000	733,604	15,118	748,722	2,084	-----
Jun 2001	699,065	13,495	712,560	2,216	-----
Jan-Jun 2000	4,180,606	87,050	4,267,655	11,908	-----
Jan-Jun 2001	4,156,619	81,226	4,237,845	13,281	-----

	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
May 2001	3,803,691	73,943	3,877,634	15,526	904
Jun 2000	3,641,755	81,946	3,723,702	13,671	1,065
Jun 2001	3,508,880	72,841	3,581,722	14,652	880
Jan-Jun 2000	20,891,857	453,835	21,345,693	79,065	5,882
Jan-Jun 2001	20,908,356	427,965	21,336,322	87,695	4,915

	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
May 2001	5.07	5.39	5.07	6.58	-----
Jun 2000	4.96	5.42	4.97	6.56	-----
Jun 2001	5.02	5.40	5.03	6.61	-----
Jan-Jun 2000	5.00	5.21	5.00	6.64	-----
Jan-Jun 2001	5.03	5.27	5.03	6.60	-----

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

		Turkeys				Total
		Fryer-	Young 3/	Old	Total	Poultry
		Roasters		Turkeys		
		1,000 Head				
Number Inspected						
May 2001	---	23,254	158	23,412	-----	
Jun 2000	31	23,664	194	23,889	-----	
Jun 2001	---	22,370	160	22,530	-----	
Jan-Jun 2000	81	128,872	939	129,892	-----	
Jan-Jun 2001	---	127,822	956	128,778	-----	
		1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight						
May 2001	---	612,804	4,203	617,007	4,511,070	
Jun 2000	255	608,965	4,945	614,165	4,352,603	
Jun 2001	---	581,815	4,202	586,017	4,183,270	
Jan-Jun 2000	657	3,371,629	24,796	3,397,082	24,827,722	
Jan-Jun 2001	---	3,410,265	25,598	3,435,863	24,864,794	
		Pounds				
Average Live Weight						
May 2001	---	26.35	26.57	26.35	-----	
Jun 2000	8.26	25.73	25.49	25.71	-----	
Jun 2001	---	26.01	26.30	26.01	-----	
Jan-Jun 2000	8.13	26.16	26.40	26.15	-----	
Jan-Jun 2001	---	26.68	26.79	26.68	-----	

- 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 2000: 6,924, June 2001: 5,819.
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: June 2000: 8, June 2001: 26.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
May 2001					
Chilled	2,568,889	44,007	2,612,896	4,420	246
Frozen	240,588	1,611	242,200	6,757	303
Total	2,809,478	45,618	2,855,095	11,177	549
Jun 2000					
Chilled	2,437,414	45,438	2,482,853	3,666	315
Frozen	234,765	3,991	238,757	6,257	334
Total	2,672,180	49,430	2,721,609	9,923	648
Jun 2001					
Chilled	2,375,378	42,290	2,417,668	4,014	262
Frozen	225,699	1,599	227,297	6,400	272
Total	2,601,077	43,889	2,644,966	10,414	534
Jan-Jun 2000					
Chilled	14,020,933	253,588	14,274,521	21,810	1,712
Frozen	1,336,739	19,070	1,355,808	34,613	1,895
Total	15,357,672	272,658	15,630,329	56,423	3,607
Jan-Jun 2001					
Chilled	14,105,311	251,273	14,356,584	24,423	1,262
Frozen	1,350,746	6,867	1,357,613	38,720	1,643
Total	15,456,058	258,140	15,714,197	63,143	2,905

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

		Turkeys			Total	
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Turkeys	Poultry
		1,000 Pounds				
May 2001						
Chilled	---	227,946	2,689	230,634	2,848,196	
Frozen	---	257,789	482	258,271	507,531	
Total	---	485,735	3,171	488,905	3,355,727	
Jun 2000						
Chilled	15	216,340	2,857	219,211	2,706,045	
Frozen	167	263,101	906	264,174	509,521	
Total	182	479,441	3,763	483,385	3,215,566	
Jun 2001						
Chilled	---	202,122	2,557	204,679	2,626,623	
Frozen	---	258,084	599	258,683	492,652	
Total	---	460,206	3,156	463,361	3,119,275	
Jan-Jun 2000						
Chilled	219	1,280,401	13,241	1,293,861	15,591,905	
Frozen	276	1,377,225	5,228	1,382,728	2,775,044	
Total	495	2,657,626	18,469	2,676,589	18,366,949	
Jan-Jun 2001						
Chilled	---	1,297,665	16,251	1,313,916	15,696,186	
Frozen	---	1,393,228	3,270	1,396,498	2,794,474	
Total	---	2,690,892	19,522	2,710,414	18,490,659	

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 2001 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
----- 1,000 Pounds -----					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
May 2001	14,459	920	15,378	31	1
Jun 2000	14,472	1,375	15,847	28	8
Jun 2001	15,389	1,520	16,909	36	1
Jan-Jun 2000	79,838	6,366	86,204	126	22
Jan-Jun 2001	84,261	7,024	91,286	161	15
Percent 2/					
Jun 2000	0.40	1.68	0.43	0.20	0.72
Jun 2001	0.44	2.09	0.47	0.25	0.12
----- 1,000 Pounds -----					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
May 2001	45,383	3,895	49,279	352	9
Jun 2000	43,534	4,757	48,291	303	12
Jun 2001	37,806	3,871	41,677	317	11
Jan-Jun 2000	292,038	29,390	321,428	1,737	63
Jan-Jun 2001	262,616	22,801	285,417	1,999	51
Percent 3/					
Jun 2000	1.33	6.45	1.44	2.46	1.29
Jun 2001	1.20	5.91	1.29	2.40	1.36

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

		Turkeys			Total
		Fryer-	Young	Old	Poultry
		Roasters			Turkeys
		1,000 Pounds			
Ante-Mortem					
(Live Weight)					
May 2001	---	1,595	82	1,676	17,087
Jun 2000	1	1,773	34	1,808	17,691
Jun 2001	---	1,874	63	1,936	18,883
Jan-Jun 2000	17	9,034	260	9,311	95,664
Jan-Jun 2001	---	11,436	362	11,798	103,259
Percent 2/					
Jun 2000	0.25	0.29	0.70	0.29	0.41
Jun 2001	---	0.32	1.49	0.33	0.45
Post-Mortem					
(N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
May 2001	---	11,918	335	12,253	61,892
Jun 2000	3	11,930	305	12,238	60,845
Jun 2001	---	13,355	295	13,650	55,655
Jan-Jun 2000	9	70,153	1,706	71,869	395,096
Jan-Jun 2001	---	74,252	1,811	76,063	363,530
Percent 3/					
Jun 2000	1.27	2.18	6.86	2.21	1.55
Jun 2001	---	2.55	7.81	2.59	1.48

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 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	85,777	82,567	430,891	422,404	5.02	5.12	
AR	103,290	97,491	501,372	470,668	4.85	4.83	
DE	23,171	21,938	136,495	129,437	5.89	5.90	
FL	10,805	10,288	57,898	55,859	5.36	5.43	
GA	101,788	101,159	502,925	500,658	4.94	4.95	
LA	17,203	14,653	74,731	68,815	4.34	4.70	
MD	19,116	16,441	87,356	77,341	4.57	4.70	
MS	64,376	62,627	313,375	312,719	4.87	4.99	
MO	31,869	30,241	140,585	138,241	4.41	4.57	
NC	60,293	54,886	350,267	321,543	5.81	5.86	
PA	9,601	9,219	50,246	47,960	5.23	5.20	
SC	20,599	19,561	102,852	101,303	4.99	5.18	
TN	20,329	20,160	95,401	95,758	4.69	4.75	
TX	51,576	50,153	243,178	238,447	4.71	4.75	
VA	31,611	30,235	156,391	148,597	4.95	4.91	
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---	
US	733,604	699,065	3,641,755	3,508,880	4.96	5.02	

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, June 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	308,812	311,357	6,638	5,021	1.71	1.32
AR	365,063	341,982	5,565	5,870	1.23	1.39
DE	99,461	94,455	2,301	2,013	1.87	1.73
FL	41,357	40,759	889	731	1.71	1.45
GA	367,953	373,370	5,898	4,222	1.30	0.94
LA	53,483	49,539	645	509	0.96	0.82
MD	60,995	55,497	1,169	926	1.49	1.33
MS	241,015	237,825	2,344	2,339	0.83	0.83
MO	103,943	100,106	1,510	2,010	1.19	1.62
NC	265,779	247,995	4,897	4,157	1.55	1.44
PA	34,537	35,629	1,086	975	2.40	2.26
SC	74,575	72,381	1,861	842	2.01	0.92
TN	68,953	68,767	750	731	0.87	0.85
TX	190,568	184,759	2,413	2,406	1.10	1.12
VA	103,619	106,264	1,346	1,484	0.96	1.11
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	2,672,180	2,601,077	43,534	37,806	1.33	1.20

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 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	---	140,591	64,415	1,145	---
AR	---	2,900	270,874	98,224	---	4,149
DE	---	---	92,925	32,878	72	---
FL	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	911	116,486	93,097	---	10,255
LA	---	---	21,308	---	---	1,198
MD	---	---	56,420	---	33	---
MS	---	---	84,820	26,042	---	2,533
MO	---	2,232	97,961	---	1,684	---
NC	---	2,098	119,360	46,722	156	20,666
PA	---	---	---	12,084	168	---
SC	---	441	18,703	12,243	---	---
TN	---	250	43,730	11,777	629	1,529
TX	---	---	137,652	55,285	558	---
VA	---	---	62,442	22,923	---	---
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	57,869	1,544,541	624,096	16,067	95,247
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	7,292	31,750	41,293	8,611	95,664	390,761
AR	8,333	34,382	41,768	3,311	94,922	558,863
DE	2,334	11,345	10,004	4,191	19,950	173,699
FL	---	3,523	---	---	---	3,523
GA	7,710	35,088	25,105	6,187	126,574	421,413
LA	655	---	3,599	---	7,292	34,052
MD	---	---	---	---	---	56,453
MS	3,531	11,214	---	---	77,529	205,669
MO	2,345	14,515	16,750	1,136	---	136,623
NC	6,540	34,648	28,981	8,538	59,873	327,582
PA	2,030	3,740	8,466	396	---	26,884
SC	---	---	---	---	9,159	40,546
TN	2,207	---	8,647	441	---	69,210
TX	1,823	16,149	---	1,124	12,685	225,276
VA	---	9,760	---	1,937	16,518	113,580
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	55,237	285,656	307,644	52,425	836,628	3,875,410

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, June 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	15,118	13,495	81,946	72,841	5.42	5.40

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	2000	2001	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	49,430	43,889	4,757	3,871	6.45	5.91

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 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	6,380	256,844	12,755	918	142,775

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	18,018	32,680	148,596	4,917	71,300	695,183

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, June 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	2,233	2,346	40,003	40,303	17.91	17.18
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
IA	---	---	---	---	---	---
MN	3,790	3,640	89,309	89,668	23.57	24.63
MO	---	---	---	---	---	---
NC	---	---	---	---	---	---
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	23,664	22,370	608,965	581,815	25.73	26.01

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemns			
	2000	2001	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	33,237	32,521	717	560	1.99	1.54
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
IA	---	---	---	---	---	---
MN	71,254	70,815	1,984	2,174	2.47	2.69
MO	---	---	---	---	---	---
NC	---	---	---	---	---	---
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	479,441	460,206	11,930	13,355	2.18	2.55

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 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AR	---	---	4,672	---	---	---
CA	---	---	4,416	---	---	---
IA	---	---	---	---	---	---
MN	---	---	---	---	---	---
MO	---	---	---	---	---	---
NC	---	---	---	---	---	---
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	190	72,939	9,188	4,837	39
	Number					
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AR	---	291	---	---	1,962	6,925
CA	---	---	---	---	---	4,416
IA	---	---	---	---	---	---
MN	---	1,093	796	---	---	1,889
MO	---	---	---	---	---	---
NC	---	1,159	---	---	1,230	2,389
PA	---	---	---	---	1,085	1,085
VA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	938	7,647	11,697	2,672	18,199	128,346

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

		Tuber-			Airsac-		
State		culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
		Number					
US	---	146	4,131	1,250	79	144	
		Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-		Other	Total
		Number					
US		12	137	141	20	703	6,763

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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