



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 10 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during October 2001 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.49 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the amount certified in October 2000. Updated totals for September 2001 show that 2.90 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during October 2001 was 4.68 billion pounds, up 9 percent from a year ago. Inspections included 3.90 billion pounds of young chickens, up 10 percent from last year; 76.6 million pounds of mature chickens, up 6 percent; 683 million pounds of turkeys, up 8 percent; and 14.6 million pounds of ducks, up 7 percent from October 2000.

Young chickens slaughtered during October 2001 averaged 5.07 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from October 2000. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.31 pounds per bird, down 4 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during October 2001 averaged 25.6 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from October 2000.

Ante-mortem condemnations during October 2001 totaled 15.8 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.34 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.33 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 51.9 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.23 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.53 percent a year earlier.

October 2001 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays.
October 2000 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		

	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Sep 2001	650,706	12,070	662,775	2,046	-----
Oct 2000	706,499	13,155	719,654	2,069	-----
Oct 2001	769,741	14,427	784,168	2,171	-----
Jan-Oct 2000	6,968,041	141,118	7,109,159	20,057	-----
Jan-Oct 2001	7,059,064	134,375	7,193,438	22,140	-----

	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Sep 2001	3,279,506	66,480	3,345,985	13,673	1,316
Oct 2000	3,555,861	72,508	3,628,368	13,659	2,348
Oct 2001	3,904,241	76,612	3,980,854	14,606	2,488
Jan-Oct 2000	34,745,725	750,538	35,496,263	132,507	12,339
Jan-Oct 2001	35,412,973	719,649	36,132,622	146,540	11,616

	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Sep 2001	5.04	5.51	5.05	6.68	-----
Oct 2000	5.03	5.51	5.04	6.60	-----
Oct 2001	5.07	5.31	5.08	6.73	-----
Jan-Oct 2000	4.99	5.32	4.99	6.61	-----
Jan-Oct 2001	5.02	5.36	5.02	6.62	-----

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

		Turkeys				Total
		Fryer-	Young 3/	Old	Total	Poultry
		Roasters	Young	Old	Turkeys	
		1,000 Head				
Number Inspected						
Sep 2001	7	21,151	259	21,417	-----	
Oct 2000	---	25,173	245	25,418	-----	
Oct 2001	---	26,411	253	26,664	-----	
Jan-Oct 2000	81	221,843	1,836	223,760	-----	
Jan-Oct 2001	19	223,011	1,973	225,003	-----	
		1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight						
Sep 2001	63	531,191	6,552	537,807	3,898,781	
Oct 2000	---	627,042	6,411	633,453	4,277,828	
Oct 2001	---	675,801	6,900	682,702	4,680,649	
Jan-Oct 2000	657	5,686,779	48,065	5,735,500	41,376,610	
Jan-Oct 2001	157	5,824,493	52,227	5,876,877	42,167,654	
		Pounds				
Average Live Weight						
Sep 2001	8.59	25.11	25.31	25.11	-----	
Oct 2000	---	24.91	26.15	24.92	-----	
Oct 2001	---	25.59	27.24	25.60	-----	
Jan-Oct 2000	8.13	25.63	26.18	25.63	-----	
Jan-Oct 2001	8.19	26.12	26.47	26.12	-----	

- 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: October 2000: 6,259, October 2001: 6,142.
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: October 2000: 49, October 2001: 64.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Sep 2001					
Chilled	2,226,506	38,953	2,265,459	3,519	282
Frozen	201,386	1,498	202,884	6,126	515
Total	2,427,892	40,452	2,468,344	9,645	797
Oct 2000					
Chilled	2,406,482	41,407	2,447,889	3,731	422
Frozen	226,047	2,727	228,773	6,132	1,014
Total	2,632,529	44,133	2,676,662	9,863	1,436
Oct 2001					
Chilled	2,635,758	44,981	2,680,739	4,011	317
Frozen	256,083	1,642	257,725	6,260	1,245
Total	2,891,841	46,623	2,938,464	10,271	1,562
Jan-Oct 2000					
Chilled	23,381,076	421,489	23,802,565	36,822	3,048
Frozen	2,203,080	31,350	2,234,430	58,323	4,477
Total	25,584,156	452,839	26,036,994	95,144	7,524
Jan-Oct 2001					
Chilled	23,912,091	421,869	24,333,960	40,359	2,651
Frozen	2,284,874	12,870	2,297,744	64,245	4,396
Total	26,196,964	434,740	26,631,704	104,604	7,046

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

		Turkeys			Total
		Fryer-	Young	Old	Poultry
		Roasters		Turkeys	
		1,000 Pounds			
Sep 2001					
Chilled	45	211,588	3,484	215,117	2,484,377
Frozen	---	206,757	1,561	208,318	417,843
Total	45	418,345	5,044	423,434	2,902,220
Oct 2000					
Chilled	---	246,626	3,105	249,730	2,701,772
Frozen	---	248,073	1,812	249,885	485,804
Total	---	494,699	4,916	499,615	3,187,576
Oct 2001					
Chilled	---	262,560	3,407	265,967	2,951,034
Frozen	---	273,632	1,801	275,432	540,663
Total	---	536,192	5,208	541,400	3,491,697
Jan-Oct 2000					
Chilled	219	2,139,261	24,100	2,163,580	26,006,015
Frozen	276	2,340,466	12,159	2,352,900	4,650,129
Total	495	4,479,727	36,259	4,516,481	30,656,144
Jan-Oct 2001					
Chilled	53	2,217,822	30,978	2,248,853	26,625,823
Frozen	61	2,382,859	9,025	2,391,945	4,758,330
Total	113	4,600,682	40,004	4,640,799	31,384,152

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

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, October 2001 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Sep 2001	13,857	1,020	14,877	30	19
Oct 2000	11,746	948	12,694	23	12
Oct 2001	12,909	1,071	13,980	35	7
Jan-Oct 2000	139,953	13,210	153,163	228	48
Jan-Oct 2001	147,813	12,987	160,800	312	59
Percent 2/					
Oct 2000	0.33	1.31	0.35	0.17	0.50
Oct 2001	0.33	1.40	0.35	0.24	0.29
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Sep 2001	29,018	3,308	32,325	321	211
Oct 2000	42,874	3,877	46,751	347	21
Oct 2001	35,059	4,161	39,220	265	29
Jan-Oct 2000	456,433	45,781	502,214	3,027	125
Jan-Oct 2001	402,327	37,659	439,986	3,187	325
Percent 3/					
Oct 2000	1.34	5.94	1.43	2.82	1.01
Oct 2001	1.00	6.03	1.09	2.02	1.28

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

		Turkeys			Total
		Fryer-			Poultry
		Roasters	Young	Old	Turkeys
		1,000 Pounds			
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Sep 2001	1	1,517	40	1,558	16,484
Oct 2000	---	1,417	35	1,452	14,181
Oct 2001	---	1,679	57	1,735	15,757
Jan-Oct 2000	17	16,110	448	16,575	170,014
Jan-Oct 2001	2	19,526	620	20,148	181,319
Percent 2/					
Oct 2000	---	0.23	0.55	0.23	0.33
Oct 2001	---	0.25	0.82	0.25	0.34
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Sep 2001	2	10,625	336	10,963	43,820
Oct 2000	---	11,507	304	11,811	58,929
Oct 2001	---	11,982	371	12,353	51,866
Jan-Oct 2000	9	115,617	2,963	118,590	623,957
Jan-Oct 2001	3	119,189	3,236	122,427	565,925
Percent 3/					
Oct 2000	---	2.04	5.27	2.07	1.53
Oct 2001	---	1.97	5.97	2.01	1.23

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, October 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	82,290	91,220	417,437	468,067	5.07	5.13	
AR	100,824	106,317	493,909	527,015	4.90	4.96	
DE	22,509	23,429	133,567	135,561	5.93	5.79	
FL	10,771	10,836	57,874	60,654	5.37	5.60	
GA	95,706	112,306	475,725	554,808	4.97	4.94	
LA	15,347	15,341	72,803	71,572	4.74	4.67	
MD	17,489	17,429	83,974	83,307	4.80	4.78	
MS	61,562	70,305	313,485	350,843	5.09	4.99	
MO	30,665	33,114	137,996	154,163	4.50	4.66	
NC	58,415	59,521	339,972	352,402	5.82	5.92	
PA	8,872	10,282	46,860	56,113	5.28	5.46	
SC	19,172	19,614	102,530	104,354	5.35	5.32	
TN	19,375	21,319	89,087	101,962	4.60	4.78	
TX	51,345	55,337	235,187	273,869	4.58	4.95	
VA	30,404	31,730	151,623	154,965	4.99	4.88	
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---	
US	706,499	769,741	3,555,860	3,904,241	5.03	5.07	

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, October 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	303,806	343,345	5,609	5,255	1.49	1.25
AR	359,868	381,443	5,503	4,799	1.24	1.01
DE	96,495	99,504	1,964	1,589	1.63	1.30
FL	44,655	42,549	993	798	1.91	1.46
GA	349,114	394,683	6,368	5,316	1.49	1.06
LA	51,287	51,709	521	388	0.80	0.60
MD	59,787	59,345	1,028	841	1.36	1.12
MS	243,616	272,083	3,229	2,241	1.14	0.71
MO	101,423	112,899	1,684	996	1.36	0.72
NC	258,632	273,709	4,641	3,529	1.52	1.11
PA	32,929	39,263	1,096	1,170	2.60	2.32
SC	73,686	76,253	1,251	822	1.36	0.88
TN	64,585	73,990	664	769	0.83	0.84
TX	183,524	218,065	2,842	1,863	1.34	0.76
VA	109,892	112,984	1,466	996	1.07	0.71
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	2,632,529	2,891,841	42,874	35,059	1.34	1.00

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, October 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	1,224	146,181	70,414	873	7,441
AR	---	2,702	236,920	90,938	6,209	3,113
DE	---	1,483	88,569	22,132	---	6,855
FL	---	247	---	---	---	---
GA	---	800	116,737	82,662	502	6,583
LA	---	---	16,688	12,415	---	855
MD	---	2,446	46,117	16,065	---	---
MS	---	401	81,429	28,226	515	1,614
MO	---	2,233	73,911	21,113	1,443	4,037
NC	---	2,036	114,302	45,932	---	15,166
PA	---	792	34,048	14,205	279	965
SC	---	158	19,718	---	---	---
TN	---	247	47,570	17,531	351	901
TX	---	209	97,676	45,682	---	1,705
VA	---	685	53,728	15,011	45	---
WA	---	---	21,148	---	---	---
US	---	23,528	1,432,246	555,504	16,552	71,617
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	6,770	28,860	48,201	14,298	137,811	462,073
AR	7,771	39,605	38,446	4,802	57,011	487,517
DE	2,439	11,540	9,127	---	16,731	158,876
FL	---	5,295	4,058	1,935	12,213	23,748
GA	7,176	37,195	25,569	6,945	116,062	400,231
LA	---	3,104	---	---	---	33,062
MD	2,125	15,544	---	1,277	17,848	101,422
MS	3,906	12,956	---	---	65,970	195,017
MO	1,640	12,673	9,265	998	21,062	148,375
NC	5,399	27,570	24,383	6,506	56,927	298,221
PA	1,724	7,307	5,274	---	50,513	115,107
SC	---	---	---	1,940	9,368	31,184
TN	1,965	10,386	6,123	---	15,250	100,324
TX	1,434	10,843	---	656	10,511	168,716
VA	1,749	10,867	---	2,021	13,316	97,422
WA	---	---	---	---	---	21,148
US	51,617	270,946	288,973	52,947	697,807	3,461,737

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, October 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	13,155	14,427	72,508	76,612	5.51	5.31

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemns			
	2000	2001	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	44,133	46,623	3,877	4,161	5.94	6.03

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, October 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	2,910	325,195	18,471	284	126,599
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	42	---	---	---	42
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	31,338	44,526	189,043	1,659	83,017	823,042

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, October 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	2,405	2,913	41,582	51,670	17.29	17.74
CA	2,136	2,196	51,101	50,762	23.93	23.12
IA	1,467	1,621	42,063	47,761	28.68	29.46
MN	4,217	4,086	99,356	97,644	23.56	23.90
MO	2,128	2,111	54,307	59,643	25.52	28.26
NC	3,069	3,412	76,349	88,546	24.88	25.95
PA	990	1,018	23,011	23,903	23.24	23.48
VA	3,402	3,759	72,160	82,296	21.21	21.89
US	25,173	26,411	627,042	675,801	24.91	25.59

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemns			
	2000	2001	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	33,866	42,624	751	818	2.01	1.76
CA	40,299	45,461	755	962	1.64	2.11
IA	32,608	36,705	971	1,333	2.56	3.10
MN	78,675	77,977	2,047	1,730	2.29	1.97
MO	42,671	45,940	1,270	1,131	2.60	2.11
NC	60,185	70,029	1,398	1,275	2.04	1.60
PA	18,365	18,192	328	332	1.58	1.54
VA	57,148	63,151	852	948	1.31	1.28
US	494,699	536,192	11,507	11,982	2.04	1.97

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, October 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AR	---	---	8,618	---	---	---
CA	---	---	11,441	---	---	---
IA	---	---	7,832	2,198	---	---
MN	---	14	16,910	1,879	---	24
MO	---	---	14,406	---	---	---
NC	---	---	---	---	---	---
PA	---	---	---	---	22	---
VA	---	---	4,388	---	---	---
US	---	134	100,751	13,500	5,873	92

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Number						
AR	---	1,205	---	796	---	10,619
CA	50	---	311	---	250	12,052
IA	60	---	415	---	1,000	11,505
MN	194	1,196	1,000	---	1,563	22,780
MO	---	438	700	---	---	15,544
NC	130	1,396	---	---	1,026	2,552
PA	66	---	242	---	---	330
VA	---	2,475	350	257	1,821	9,291
US	872	11,432	10,455	2,582	16,797	162,488

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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