



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 3 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during November 2001 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 2.99 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the amount certified in November 2000. Updated totals for October 2001 show that 3.49 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during November 2001 was 4.04 billion pounds, down slightly from a year ago. Inspections included 3.35 billion pounds of young chickens, down slightly from last year; 63.4 million pounds of mature chickens, down 8 percent; 613 million pounds of turkeys, up slightly; and 13.6 million pounds of ducks, down 6 percent from November 2000.

Young chickens slaughtered during November 2001 averaged 5.07 pounds per bird, unchanged from November 2000. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.28 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during November 2001 averaged 25.4 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from November 2000.

Ante-mortem condemnations during November 2001 totaled 14.1 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.35 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.37 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 43.6 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.20 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.62 percent a year earlier.

November 2001 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and four Saturdays. November 2000 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and four Saturdays.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Oct 2001	768,580	14,445	783,025	2,213	-----
Nov 2000	662,168	12,757	674,925	2,192	-----
Nov 2001	660,016	11,996	672,011	2,015	-----
Jan-Nov 2000	7,630,209	153,875	7,784,084	22,249	-----
Jan-Nov 2001	7,717,918	146,389	7,864,307	24,196	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Oct 2001	3,906,520	76,784	3,983,304	14,907	2,509
Nov 2000	3,357,190	68,754	3,425,943	14,371	1,103
Nov 2001	3,345,804	63,381	3,409,185	13,550	999
Jan-Nov 2000	38,102,915	819,291	38,922,206	146,879	13,442
Jan-Nov 2001	38,761,056	783,200	39,544,257	160,391	12,635
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Oct 2001	5.08	5.32	5.09	6.74	-----
Nov 2000	5.07	5.39	5.08	6.56	-----
Nov 2001	5.07	5.28	5.07	6.72	-----
Jan-Nov 2000	4.99	5.32	5.00	6.60	-----
Jan-Nov 2001	5.02	5.35	5.03	6.63	-----

See footnotes at end of table.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Oct 2001					
Chilled	2,639,100	45,090	2,684,190	4,025	317
Frozen	254,092	1,649	255,741	6,481	1,256
Total	2,893,192	46,739	2,939,931	10,505	1,573
Nov 2000					
Chilled	2,341,372	40,193	2,381,566	4,072	249
Frozen	211,921	1,500	213,421	6,213	434
Total	2,553,293	41,693	2,594,986	10,285	683
Nov 2001					
Chilled	2,241,984	37,594	2,279,578	3,995	155
Frozen	223,036	780	223,816	5,462	453
Total	2,465,020	38,373	2,503,393	9,457	608
Jan-Nov 2000					
Chilled	25,722,448	461,682	26,184,130	40,893	3,297
Frozen	2,415,001	32,850	2,447,850	64,536	4,911
Total	28,137,449	494,532	28,631,981	105,429	8,207
Jan-Nov 2001					
Chilled	26,157,416	459,572	26,616,988	44,367	2,805
Frozen	2,505,918	13,657	2,519,575	69,928	4,859
Total	28,663,335	473,229	29,136,564	114,295	7,665

See footnotes at end of table.

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

		Turkeys			Total Poultry
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys
		1,000 Pounds			
Oct 2001					
Chilled	---	263,920	3,407	267,327	2,955,858
Frozen	---	271,199	1,801	273,000	536,478
Total	---	535,119	5,208	540,327	3,492,336
Nov 2000					
Chilled	---	254,523	2,767	257,290	2,643,176
Frozen	---	223,721	1,319	225,040	445,108
Total	---	478,244	4,086	482,330	3,088,284
Nov 2001					
Chilled	---	241,923	2,483	244,409	2,528,136
Frozen	---	235,811	837	236,648	466,378
Total	---	477,733	3,319	481,056	2,994,514
Jan-Nov 2000					
Chilled	219	2,393,784	26,867	2,420,870	28,649,191
Frozen	276	2,564,187	13,477	2,577,940	5,095,237
Total	495	4,957,971	40,345	4,998,811	33,744,428
Jan-Nov 2001					
Chilled	56	2,461,105	33,461	2,494,622	29,158,782
Frozen	61	2,616,237	9,862	2,626,160	5,220,523
Total	117	5,077,342	43,323	5,120,782	34,379,305

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

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
----- 1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Oct 2001	12,948	1,046	13,995	35	7
Nov 2000	12,794	838	13,632	28	6
Nov 2001	11,837	858	12,695	30	2
Jan-Nov 2000	152,746	14,048	166,794	255	54
Jan-Nov 2001	159,690	13,820	173,510	342	61
Percent 2/					
Nov 2000	0.38	1.22	0.40	0.19	0.58
Nov 2001	0.35	1.35	0.37	0.22	0.19
----- 1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Oct 2001	34,937	4,162	39,099	267	29
Nov 2000	43,271	3,684	46,955	422	9
Nov 2001	29,585	3,479	33,064	256	11
Jan-Nov 2000	499,704	49,465	549,169	3,449	134
Jan-Nov 2001	431,790	41,139	472,929	3,445	337
Percent 3/					
Nov 2000	1.43	5.95	1.52	3.26	0.88
Nov 2001	0.98	6.10	1.08	2.10	1.27

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

		Turkeys			
		-----			Total
		Fryer-		Total	Poultry
		Roasters	Young	Old	Turkeys

		1,000 Pounds			
Ante-Mortem					
(Live Weight)					
Oct 2001	---	1,675	57	1,732	15,769
Nov 2000	---	1,514	20	1,534	15,200
Nov 2001	---	1,310	34	1,344	14,071
Jan-Nov 2000	17	17,624	468	18,110	185,214
Jan-Nov 2001	2	20,833	654	21,489	195,402
Percent 2/					
Nov 2000	---	0.25	0.37	0.25	0.37
Nov 2001	---	0.22	0.79	0.22	0.35
Post-Mortem					
(N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Oct 2001	---	12,050	371	12,421	51,816
Nov 2000	---	11,421	295	11,716	59,102
Nov 2001	---	10,052	218	10,270	43,601
Jan-Nov 2000	9	127,038	3,258	130,306	683,059
Jan-Nov 2001	3	129,309	3,454	132,766	609,476
Percent 3/					
Nov 2000	---	2.09	6.06	2.13	1.62
Nov 2001	---	1.83	5.65	1.86	1.20

- 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, November 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	77,023	80,966	391,401	416,757	5.08	5.15	
AR	93,085	95,058	460,073	471,027	4.94	4.96	
DE	21,099	20,663	124,730	120,471	5.91	5.83	
FL	9,648	8,626	52,058	49,263	5.40	5.71	
GA	93,226	99,022	466,541	484,434	5.00	4.89	
LA	14,726	12,855	69,886	59,799	4.75	4.65	
MD	15,721	15,549	74,063	73,000	4.71	4.69	
MS	56,176	60,515	284,229	305,481	5.06	5.05	
MO	29,252	29,945	135,823	137,815	4.64	4.60	
NC	56,413	47,556	334,476	288,044	5.93	6.06	
PA	8,838	7,927	46,236	41,830	5.23	5.28	
SC	17,753	16,068	93,306	80,816	5.26	5.03	
TN	18,628	19,703	87,527	96,720	4.70	4.91	
TX	47,770	50,061	228,525	239,620	4.78	4.79	
VA	28,581	28,024	136,419	140,871	4.77	5.03	
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---	
US	662,168	660,016	3,357,190	3,345,804	5.07	5.07	

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, November 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	287,348	305,605	5,960	4,151	1.69	1.11
AR	335,853	342,463	5,551	4,726	1.34	1.11
DE	91,073	87,696	1,782	1,550	1.59	1.43
FL	42,136	34,622	750	550	1.60	1.24
GA	341,369	346,244	4,540	3,635	1.08	0.83
LA	49,315	44,225	970	316	1.54	0.59
MD	52,982	50,601	954	739	1.43	1.12
MS	220,732	235,862	2,373	1,709	0.93	0.62
MO	99,210	100,259	1,615	1,045	1.32	0.84
NC	248,796	219,484	4,637	3,044	1.54	1.17
PA	32,357	29,409	1,150	1,070	2.76	2.84
SC	67,949	59,585	1,206	774	1.44	1.06
TN	62,379	68,396	634	651	0.80	0.75
TX	179,578	190,034	6,140	1,892	2.99	0.88
VA	97,175	99,964	1,229	989	1.00	0.78
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	2,553,293	2,465,020	43,271	29,585	1.43	0.98

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, November 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	861	123,542	65,500	1,300	6,477
AR	---	3,247	232,363	117,939	5,803	2,865
DE	---	1,543	85,777	27,052	46	4,975
FL	---	116	19,837	7,297	622	---
GA	---	1,098	102,554	83,591	391	5,107
LA	---	55	12,815	9,637	---	745
MD	---	---	46,545	20,793	---	---
MS	---	503	56,860	21,712	653	1,538
MO	---	2,343	71,346	17,077	1,515	3,575
NC	---	928	99,216	45,648	---	14,082
PA	---	775	29,837	20,823	233	954
SC	---	131	17,789	21,860	20	1,907
TN	---	249	43,680	15,716	400	835
TX	---	166	101,096	42,514	323	1,897
VA	---	---	51,055	23,319	57	---
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	20,647	1,261,574	573,977	13,996	59,968
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	6,147	26,380	36,410	4,264	112,355	383,236
AR	7,211	32,709	32,045	2,794	59,608	496,584
DE	2,271	8,569	11,227	1,578	20,787	163,825
FL	---	4,159	---	---	7,998	40,029
GA	6,100	31,795	26,340	5,305	118,980	381,261
LA	570	---	---	158	---	23,980
MD	---	---	---	995	19,352	87,685
MS	2,888	10,632	9,228	500	35,766	140,280
MO	1,395	10,106	7,975	782	20,193	136,307
NC	4,723	23,842	17,687	6,731	57,552	270,409
PA	1,456	4,546	5,206	---	42,608	106,438
SC	---	5,438	3,788	3,355	10,140	64,428
TN	1,453	7,677	5,185	---	9,456	84,651
TX	1,141	11,023	---	2,495	10,794	171,449
VA	1,459	7,948	---	1,413	16,160	101,411
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	43,520	221,631	244,877	38,238	639,117	3,117,545

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, November 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	480	356	1,643	1,247	3.42	3.51
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	12,757	11,996	68,754	63,381	5.39	5.28

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	2000	2001	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		2000	2001	2000	2001
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-----		-- Percent --	
CA	866	656	75	45	5.08	4.04
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	41,693	38,373	3,684	3,479	5.95	6.10

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, November 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
CA	---	---	4,750	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	2,613	281,782	14,374	315	101,984
State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Number						
CA	---	---	282	---	139	5,171
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	31,559	32,437	172,710	1,691	56,048	695,513

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, November 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	2,268	2,882	37,552	49,800	16.56	17.28
CA	2,194	2,086	52,347	48,687	23.86	23.34
IA	1,428	1,413	41,975	40,560	29.39	28.70
MN	3,774	3,328	91,100	82,098	24.14	24.67
MO	2,209	1,857	56,989	51,298	25.80	27.63
NC	3,308	3,267	82,343	82,610	24.89	25.28
PA	1,124	1,075	24,476	27,465	21.78	25.55
VA	3,107	3,252	64,962	67,503	20.91	20.76
US	24,354	23,988	606,638	608,695	24.91	25.37

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	2000	2001	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	30,801	40,362	485	730	1.43	1.63
CA	41,827	42,141	765	718	1.62	1.64
IA	32,564	31,460	936	952	2.48	2.61
MN	71,811	65,368	2,133	1,484	2.60	2.01
MO	45,782	39,722	1,342	970	2.62	2.10
NC	64,585	65,211	1,508	1,170	2.03	1.57
PA	19,313	18,906	378	330	1.71	1.33
VA	50,494	52,578	770	734	1.32	1.21
US	478,244	477,733	11,421	10,052	2.09	1.83

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, November 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AR	---	---	8,079	756	---	---
CA	---	---	7,677	580	---	---
IA	---	---	6,987	2,180	2,184	---
MN	---	---	15,132	1,573	---	15
MO	---	---	10,393	---	---	---
NC	---	---	---	---	---	---
PA	---	---	3,093	1,009	51	5
VA	---	---	4,189	146	---	23
US	---	81	83,208	11,049	5,455	74
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AR	47	808	---	---	1,968	11,658
CA	34	1,031	238	365	176	10,101
IA	35	128	324	---	570	12,408
MN	203	886	772	---	1,327	19,908
MO	---	395	801	---	---	11,589
NC	119	1,701	3,924	---	1,068	6,812
PA	102	878	270	---	---	5,408
VA	---	1,993	323	---	---	6,674
US	857	10,361	9,237	3,282	14,581	138,185

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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