



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 10 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during April 2002 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.30 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the amount certified in April 2001. Updated totals for March 2002 show that 3.10 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during April 2002 was 4.43 billion pounds, up 10 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.71 billion pounds, up 9 percent from April 2001, and mature chickens totaled 79.3 million pounds, up 14 percent. Turkey inspections totaled 626 million pounds, up 14 percent, while ducks totaled 12.9 million pounds, a 13 percent decrease.

Young chickens slaughtered during April 2002 averaged 5.08 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from April 2001. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.12 pounds per bird, down 4 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during April 2002 averaged 27.2 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from April 2001.

Ante-mortem condemnations during April 2002 totaled 16.4 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.37 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.36 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 51.1 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.28 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.71 percent a year earlier.

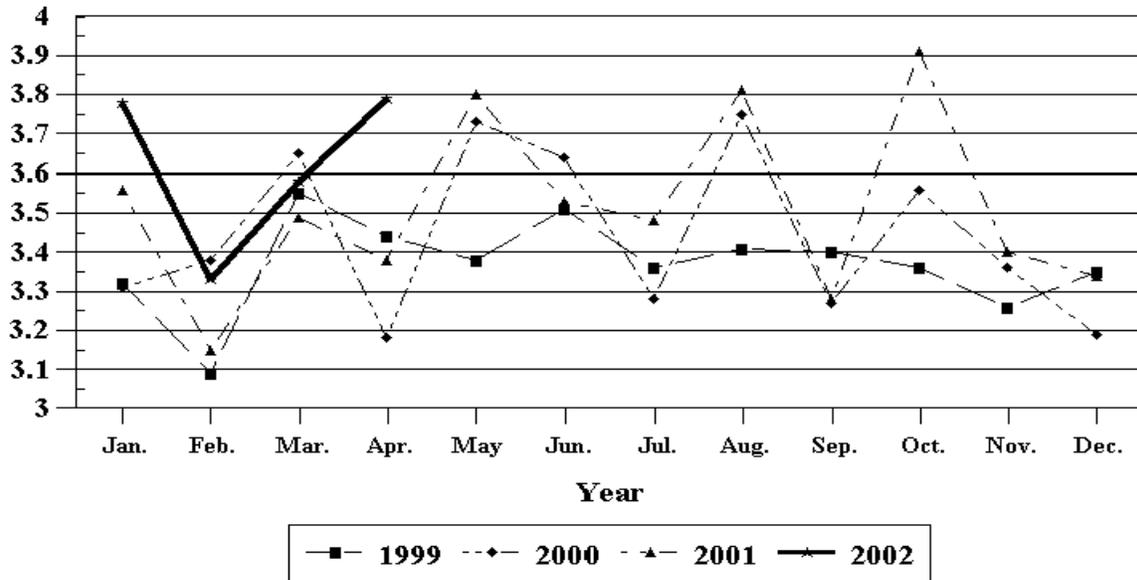
April 2002 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays.
April 2001 contained 21 weekdays and four Saturdays.

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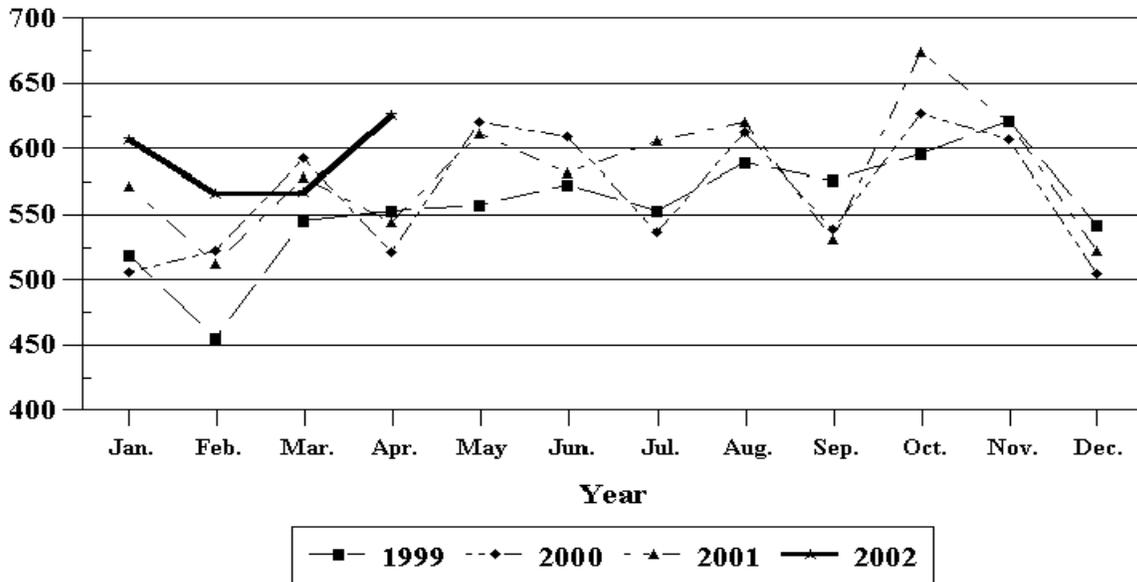
Young Chickens: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 1999-2002

Billion Pounds



Young Turkeys: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 1999-2002

Million Pounds



**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, April 2002¹**

Commodity	Apr 2001	Mar 2002	Apr 2002	Percent of	
				Apr 2001	Mar 2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Number Slaughtered					
Chickens					
Young	675,819	688,128	730,368	108	106
Mature	13,041	13,854	15,487	119	112
Light	7,434	8,378	9,629	130	115
Heavy	5,607	5,476	5,858	104	107
Total	688,860	701,982	745,855	108	106
Turkeys					
Young	20,279	20,725	22,783	112	110
Old	184	138	233	127	169
Total	20,463	20,863	23,016	112	110
Ducks	2,247	2,064	1,919	85	93
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	3,411,201	3,510,434	3,712,712	109	106
Mature	69,674	71,498	79,291	114	111
Light	25,735	28,463	32,990	128	116
Heavy	43,939	43,035	46,301	105	108
Total	3,480,875	3,581,932	3,792,003	109	106
Turkeys					
Young	544,561	564,137	619,472	114	110
Old	4,902	3,867	6,450	132	167
Total	549,463	568,004	625,922	114	110
Ducks	14,843	13,956	12,851	87	92
Other Poultry	611	687	757	124	110
Total Poultry	4,045,792	4,164,579	4,431,533	110	106
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.05	5.10	5.08	101	100
Mature	5.34	5.16	5.12	96	99
Light	3.46	3.40	3.43	99	101
Heavy	7.84	7.86	7.90	101	101
Total	5.05	5.10	5.08	101	100
Turkeys					
Young	26.85	27.22	27.19	101	100
Old	26.69	27.94	27.69	104	99
Total	26.85	27.23	27.19	101	100
Ducks	6.60	6.76	6.70	102	99

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, April 2002 ¹ (continued)**

Commodity	January to Date			Percent of	
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Number Slaughtered					
Chickens					
Young	2,695,221	2,714,698	2,811,443	104	104
Mature	56,414	54,076	58,518	104	108
Light	34,115	31,977	36,008	106	113
Heavy	22,299	22,099	22,510	101	102
Total	2,751,635	2,768,774	2,869,961	104	104
Turkeys					
Young	81,536	82,196	85,573	105	104
Old	596	638	759	127	119
Total	82,132	82,834	86,332	105	104
Ducks	7,871	8,703	7,967	101	92
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	13,517,178	13,644,701	14,329,353	106	105
Mature	289,770	281,754	299,368	103	106
Light	116,042	109,678	122,700	106	112
Heavy	173,728	172,076	176,668	102	103
Total	13,806,948	13,926,455	14,628,721	106	105
Turkeys					
Young	2,143,251	2,215,643	2,356,925	110	106
Old	15,803	17,194	21,251	134	124
Total	2,159,054	2,232,837	2,378,176	110	107
Ducks	52,492	57,516	53,841	103	94
Other Poultry	3,792	3,131	2,842	75	91
Total Poultry	16,022,286	16,219,939	17,063,580	106	105
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.02	5.03	5.10	102	101
Mature	5.14	5.21	5.12	100	98
Light	3.40	3.43	3.41	100	99
Heavy	7.79	7.79	7.85	101	101
Total	5.02	5.03	5.10	102	101
Turkeys					
Young	26.29	26.96	27.54	105	102
Old	26.52	26.96	28.01	106	104
Total	26.29	26.96	27.55	105	102
Ducks	6.67	6.61	6.76	101	102

¹ Federally inspected only.

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, April 2002 ¹**

Commodity	Apr 2001	Mar 2002	Apr 2002	Percent of	
				Apr 2001	Mar 2002
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Chilled					
Chickens					
Young	2,282,941	2,369,809	2,507,644	110	106
Mature	40,983	41,303	45,784	112	111
Light	12,222	13,263	15,665	128	118
Heavy	28,761	28,040	30,119	105	107
Total	2,323,924	2,411,112	2,553,428	110	106
Turkeys					
Young	211,287	224,419	232,369	110	104
Old	3,170	2,325	4,284	135	184
Total	214,457	226,744	236,653	110	104
Ducks	4,268	3,852	3,354	79	87
Other Poultry	149	200	198	133	99
Total Poultry	2,542,798	2,641,908	2,793,633	110	106
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	232,721	223,834	244,322	105	109
Mature	1,264	1,516	1,556	123	103
Light	1,060	1,395	1,350	127	97
Heavy	204	121	206	101	170
Total	233,985	225,350	245,878	105	109
Turkeys					
Young	213,845	222,484	254,804	119	115
Old	504	636	623	124	98
Total	214,349	223,120	255,427	119	114
Ducks	6,543	6,555	5,973	91	91
Other Poultry	215	223	263	122	118
Total Poultry	455,092	455,248	507,541	112	111
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,515,662	2,593,643	2,751,966	109	106
Mature	42,247	42,819	47,340	112	111
Light	13,282	14,658	17,015	128	116
Heavy	28,965	28,161	30,325	105	108
Total	2,557,909	2,636,462	2,799,306	109	106
Turkeys					
Young	425,132	446,903	487,173	115	109
Old	3,674	2,961	4,907	134	166
Total	428,806	449,864	492,080	115	109
Ducks	10,811	10,407	9,327	86	90
Other Poultry	364	423	461	127	109
Total Poultry	2,997,890	3,097,156	3,301,174	110	107

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, April 2002¹ (continued)**

Commodity	January to Date			Percent of	
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Chilled					
Chickens					
Young	9,073,461	9,162,632	9,663,787	107	105
Mature	161,922	165,337	173,407	107	105
Light	53,789	53,210	58,643	109	110
Heavy	108,133	112,127	114,764	106	102
Total	9,235,383	9,327,969	9,837,194	107	105
Turkeys					
Young	834,375	869,296	911,968	109	105
Old	8,323	11,005	13,484	162	123
Total	842,698	880,301	925,452	110	105
Ducks	14,497	16,011	14,898	103	93
Other Poultry	1,131	754	766	68	102
Total Poultry	10,093,709	10,225,035	10,778,310	107	105
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	870,282	886,023	943,462	108	106
Mature	11,769	3,656	5,535	47	151
Light	6,259	3,003	4,730	76	158
Heavy	5,510	653	805	15	123
Total	882,051	889,679	948,997	108	107
Turkeys					
Young	854,864	878,802	949,436	111	108
Old	3,384	2,191	2,629	78	120
Total	858,248	880,993	952,065	111	108
Ducks	22,879	25,561	25,407	111	99
Other Poultry	1,202	1,068	984	82	92
Total Poultry	1,764,380	1,797,301	1,927,453	109	107
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	9,943,743	10,048,655	10,607,249	107	106
Mature	173,691	168,993	178,942	103	106
Light	60,048	56,213	63,373	106	113
Heavy	113,643	112,780	115,569	102	102
Total	10,117,434	10,217,648	10,786,191	107	106
Turkeys					
Young	1,689,239	1,748,098	1,861,404	110	106
Old	11,707	13,196	16,113	138	122
Total	1,700,946	1,761,294	1,877,517	110	107
Ducks	37,376	41,572	40,305	108	97
Other Poultry	2,333	1,822	1,750	75	96
Total Poultry	11,858,089	12,022,336	12,705,763	107	106

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, April 2002 ¹**

Commodity	Apr 2001	Mar 2002	Apr 2002	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2001
				Apr 2001	Mar 2002	2001	2002	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>				
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	11,632	16,010	13,133	113	82	54,544	59,388	109
Mature	1,093	1,234	1,438	132	117	4,593	5,090	111
Light	471	477	765	162	160	2,119	2,348	111
Heavy	622	757	673	108	89	2,474	2,742	111
Total	12,725	17,244	14,571	115	84	59,137	64,478	109
Turkeys								
Young	1,577	1,617	1,770	112	109	7,965	6,991	88
Old	59	50	70	119	140	217	227	105
Total	1,636	1,667	1,840	112	110	8,182	7,218	88
Ducks	31	50	17	55	34	93	155	167
Other Poultry	2	3	2	100	67	13	8	62
Total Poultry	14,394	18,964	16,430	114	87	67,425	71,859	107
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Percent of Total Weight Condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.34	0.46	0.35	103	76	0.40	0.41	103
Mature	1.57	1.73	1.81	115	105	1.63	1.70	104
Light	1.83	1.68	2.32	127	138	1.93	1.91	99
Heavy	1.42	1.76	1.45	102	82	1.44	1.55	108
Total	0.37	0.48	0.38	103	79	0.42	0.44	105
Turkeys								
Young	0.29	0.29	0.29	100	100	0.36	0.30	83
Old	1.21	1.28	1.09	90	85	1.26	1.07	85
Total	0.30	0.29	0.29	97	100	0.37	0.30	81
Ducks	0.21	0.36	0.13	62	36	0.16	0.28	175
Other Poultry	0.25	0.48	0.31	124	65	0.42	0.30	71
Total Poultry	0.36	0.46	0.37	103	80	0.42	0.42	100

¹ Federally inspected only.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

**Poultry Slaughter: Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, April 2002 ¹**

Commodity	Apr 2001	Mar 2002	Apr 2002	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2001
				Apr 2001	Mar 2002	2001	2002	
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
N.Y. Dressed Weight								
Chickens								
Young	46,695	35,275	35,078	75	99	179,927	140,749	78
Mature	3,659	3,252	3,915	107	120	15,041	15,025	100
Light	1,789	1,811	2,178	122	120	8,126	8,514	105
Heavy	1,870	1,441	1,737	93	121	6,915	6,511	94
Total	50,354	38,527	38,993	77	101	194,968	155,774	80
Turkeys								
Young	11,196	10,537	11,420	102	108	48,985	43,882	90
Old	357	295	425	119	144	1,182	1,462	124
Total	11,553	10,832	11,845	103	109	50,167	45,344	90
Ducks	324	255	243	75	95	1,331	994	75
Other Poultry	7	8	9	129	113	32	33	103
Total Poultry	62,238	49,622	51,090	82	103	246,498	202,145	82
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Percent of Total Weight Condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	1.52	1.12	1.05	69	94	1.47	1.09	74
Mature	5.84	5.05	5.49	94	109	5.93	5.58	94
Light	7.73	7.07	7.33	95	104	8.23	7.71	94
Heavy	4.73	3.72	4.17	88	112	4.46	4.09	92
Total	1.61	1.20	1.14	71	95	1.56	1.18	76
Turkeys								
Young	2.28	2.08	2.05	90	99	2.46	2.07	84
Old	8.09	8.47	7.33	91	87	7.63	7.65	100
Total	2.34	2.12	2.10	90	99	2.50	2.12	85
Ducks	2.42	2.03	2.10	87	103	2.57	2.05	80
Other Poultry	1.27	1.36	1.34	106	99	1.11	1.35	122
Total Poultry	1.71	1.32	1.28	75	97	1.69	1.32	78

¹ Federally inspected only.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected.

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
by State and United States, April 2002**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AL	78,068	85,773	398,331	435,102	5.10	5.07
AR	95,272	101,490	460,072	496,936	4.83	4.90
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	20,427	21,901	117,984	131,650	5.78	6.01
FL	9,926	10,586	55,020	58,113	5.54	5.49
GA	95,722	106,245	473,135	525,036	4.94	4.94
KY	18,970	21,332	97,850	108,185	5.16	5.07
LA	13,965	15,256	65,167	71,665	4.67	4.70
MD	15,645	17,683	72,808	82,769	4.65	4.68
MS	56,416	64,129	284,701	336,928	5.05	5.25
MO	28,576	30,387	130,703	139,059	4.57	4.58
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	55,696	57,833	331,531	350,112	5.95	6.05
OH	2,683	3,951	15,495	21,591	5.77	5.46
PA	8,880	8,378	46,564	45,232	5.24	5.40
SC	17,527	20,742	92,285	115,711	5.27	5.58
TN	19,018	19,852	90,457	92,620	4.76	4.67
TX	48,452	53,306	232,272	260,467	4.79	4.89
VA	28,767	31,238	141,319	145,704	4.91	4.66
WA	*	4,935	*	26,663	*	5.40
Oth Sts	61,809	55,351	305,507	269,169	4.94	4.86
US	675,819	730,368	3,411,201	3,712,712	5.05	5.08

* Included in "Other States" to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by State and United States, April 2002**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	291,224	321,498	5,807	4,132	1.62	1.06
AR	332,805	360,389	8,137	5,254	1.97	1.17
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	84,693	95,385	2,364	1,992	2.23	1.68
FL	39,567	40,509	743	555	1.50	1.06
GA	349,974	382,812	6,623	4,758	1.56	1.01
KY	73,817	79,650	683	765	0.78	0.79
LA	46,518	51,238	530	439	0.90	0.68
MD	51,709	59,448	1,080	1,025	1.65	1.38
MS	217,636	258,862	2,259	2,069	0.88	0.68
MO	95,958	100,934	1,885	1,597	1.60	1.28
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	249,197	275,499	4,550	3,499	1.52	1.11
OH	11,280	15,675	298	439	2.14	2.26
PA	33,259	31,949	939	941	2.24	2.31
SC	66,747	83,262	993	1,101	1.20	1.06
TN	65,072	66,630	796	651	0.98	0.78
TX	180,320	205,201	3,546	1,906	1.70	0.81
VA	100,434	105,437	1,387	1,407	1.09	1.07
WA	*	19,943	*	431	*	1.80
Oth Sts	225,452	197,645	4,075	2,117	1.48	0.87
US	2,515,662	2,751,966	46,695	35,078	1.52	1.05

* Included in "Other States" to avoid disclosing individual operations.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected.

**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, April 2002**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		932	123,224	63,859	2,178	5,909
AR		2,741	257,763	118,936	4,652	2,751
CA		5,968	*	*	144	1,233
DE		4,357	97,728	42,827	42	4,607
FL		177	*	*	*	*
GA		815	103,783	94,939	291	8,660
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		*	29,029	*	*	*
LA		*	22,410	12,454	230	731
MD		8,247	61,112	31,333	78	*
MS		417	67,569	36,338	515	1,208
MO		1,519	74,075	27,119	1,737	2,941
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		297	*	*	*	*
NC		1,782	109,321	57,461	40	16,805
OH		*	27,493	*	*	554
PA		*	27,753	20,885	202	*
SC		154	21,893	18,306	*	1,310
TN		258	43,237	13,536	338	666
TX		*	110,057	60,381	345	1,558
VA		*	63,473	48,650	51	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		3,573	206,508	51,050	2,542	16,077
US		31,237	1,446,428	698,074	13,385	65,010
Mature Birds						
Light	2	3,034	243,489	14,641	2,773	133,893
Heavy		1,081	83,367	3,382	288	10,792
US	2	4,115	326,856	18,023	3,061	144,685

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, April 2002 (continued)**

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	5,383	25,306	31,323	5,312	105,234	368,660
AR	7,232	31,250	31,522	3,734	54,331	514,912
CA	424	*	1,472	*	19,331	146,803
DE	2,391	7,213	8,797	3,676	25,971	197,609
FL	*	3,022	*	*	*	49,750
GA	6,114	36,384	18,190	4,830	147,104	421,110
IN	*	*	*	*	*	11,951
KY	270	*	4,156	*	10,102	79,538
LA	660	3,478	3,732	*	*	49,093
MD	2,019	13,819	*	428	24,357	175,226
MS	2,724	16,090	11,485	309	48,507	185,162
MO	1,545	11,574	9,051	1,176	31,741	162,478
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	669	*	4,332	*	*	*
NC	4,444	23,242	21,305	6,928	67,271	308,599
OH	242	1,971	1,263	*	*	52,778
PA	1,583	4,894	5,708	267	33,040	95,640
SC	*	6,097	2,308	3,396	8,962	65,039
TN	1,328	7,180	3,922	2,311	15,275	88,051
TX	1,062	7,031	13,432	*	21,090	217,070
VA	1,583	9,723	*	2,292	23,844	170,109
WA	*	*	*	*	*	37,342
Oth Sts	5,733	29,054	73,020	11,907	48,962	116,654
US	45,406	237,328	245,018	46,566	685,122	3,513,574
Mature Birds						
Light	21,441	27,661	163,651	2,385	41,607	654,577
Heavy	2,140	17,878	18,303	990	44,171	182,392
US	23,581	45,539	181,954	3,375	85,778	836,969

* Included in "Other States" to avoid disclosing individual operations.

¹ The sum of the individual diseases does not add across to the total for "Other States".

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, by State and United States, April 2002

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AR	2,189	2,933	37,306	53,540	17.04	18.25
CA	1,204	1,241	29,699	30,718	24.67	24.74
IA	1,262	1,476	40,381	46,496	31.99	31.49
MN	3,083	3,076	82,476	79,239	26.75	25.76
MO	1,783	1,986	49,089	63,149	27.54	31.80
NC	2,771	3,213	72,917	82,829	26.32	25.78
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	2,826	3,292	64,881	72,557	22.96	22.04
Oth Sts	5,161	5,566	167,812	190,944	32.52	34.31
US	20,279	22,783	544,561	619,472	26.85	27.19

* Included in "Other States" to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemns, by State and United States, April 2002

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemns			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	29,270	45,390	554	885	1.65	1.84
CA	25,072	27,351	551	553	2.06	2.00
IA	31,276	35,971	1,087	1,289	2.99	3.08
MN	64,054	62,860	2,337	1,890	3.15	2.65
MO	38,386	48,930	1,086	1,415	2.46	2.49
NC	57,664	64,499	1,310	1,377	2.00	1.85
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	48,977	52,743	789	959	1.35	1.47
Oth Sts	130,433	149,429	3,482	3,052	2.31	1.78
US	425,132	487,173	11,196	11,420	2.28	2.05

* Included in "Other States" to avoid disclosing individual operations.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected.

**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, April 2002**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young (Mature)						
AR		*	7,444	*	*	*
CA		*	*	108	*	*
IA			7,470	2,532	*	*
MN		*	19,189	2,458	*	*
MO			16,511	*	*	*
NC			3,968	821	*	*
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA			*	*	*	*
VA		*	2,985	*		*
Other States		109	33,074	7,001	5,596	58
US		109	90,641	12,920	5,596	58
Old (Breeders)						
US		191	7,287	1,608	156	165
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young (Mature)						
AR	*	*	*	*	*	*
CA	30	416	*	*	*	*
IA	57	*	329	*	*	15,180
MN	177	538	623	*	1,901	25,964
MO	*	*	509	*	*	21,608
NC	117	*	*	95	1,238	12,047
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	832	*
VA	*	*	375	*	*	7,459
Other States	503	8,267	6,630	2,168	10,704	62,575
US	884	9,221	8,466	2,263	14,675	144,833
Old (Breeders)						
US	24	114	198	17	766	10,526

* Included in "Other States" to avoid disclosing individual operations.

¹ The sum of the individual diseases does not add across to the total for "Other States".

Poultry Slaughter Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for poultry slaughter estimates are obtained from the Poultry Inspection Form (FSIS 6000-21). This form is completed by inspectors of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA for all 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. Data are summarized weekly and accumulated to monthly totals for this release.

Data for 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 is a varying degree of incompleteness from month to month, it has only a minimal impact on the published 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.

State data are published for selected states for young chickens and young turkeys. State data are not 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 live weight for that species. Data for all states not published are included in the "Other States" category. Also included in this category are data for published states that are confidential (denoted by an *). Data for all states are included in the U.S. totals. For 2001, young chickens were killed in 31 states, young turkeys in 21 states.

Definitions

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. Included with young turkeys.

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 USDA 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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