



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during May 2002 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.45 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in May 2001. Updated totals for April 2002 show that 3.31 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during May 2002 was 4.61 billion pounds, up 1 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.89 billion pounds, up 1 percent from May 2001, and mature chickens totaled 77.0 million pounds, up 4 percent. Turkey inspections totaled 627 million pounds, up 2 percent, while ducks totaled 14.5 million pounds, a 7 percent decrease.

Young chickens slaughtered during May 2002 averaged 5.12 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from May 2001. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.31 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2002 averaged 26.6 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from May 2001.

Ante-mortem condemnations during May 2002 totaled 16.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.36 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.38 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 50.0 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.21 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.52 percent a year earlier.

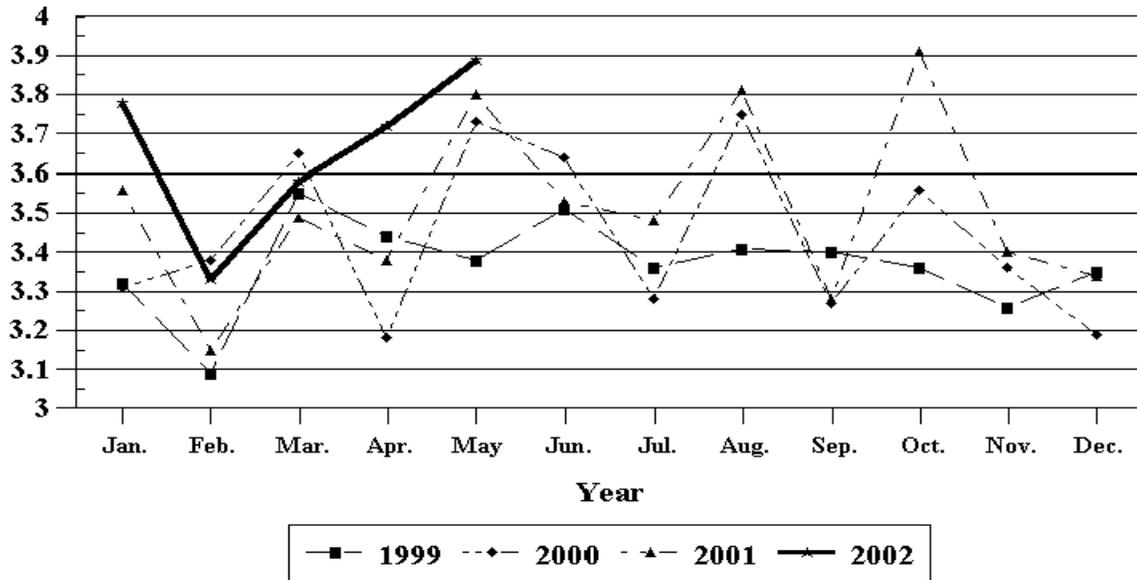
May 2002 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays, the same as May 2001.

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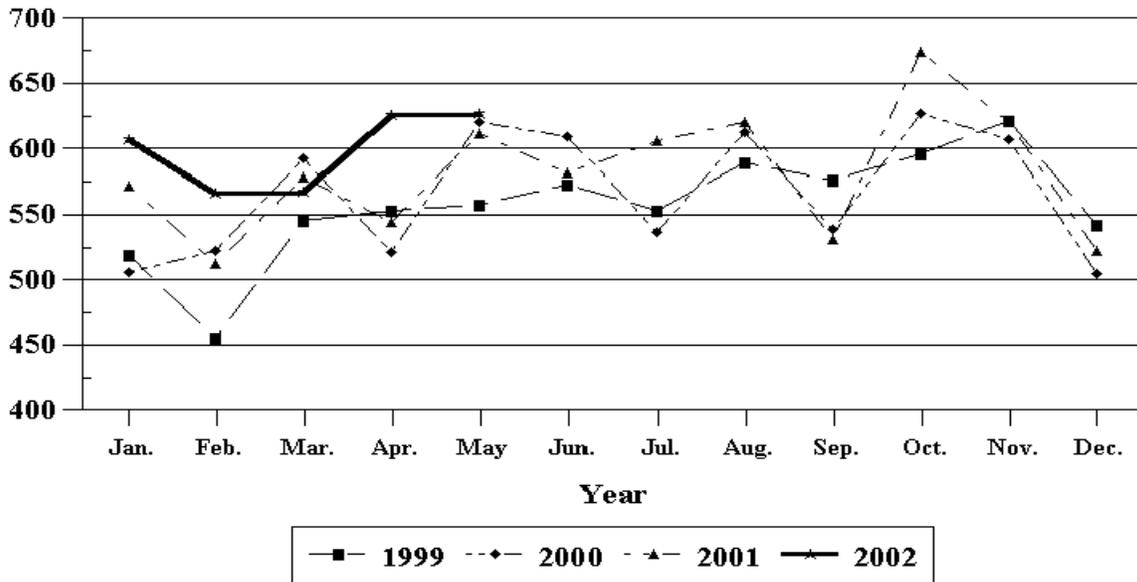
Young Chickens: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 1999-2002

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, May 2002¹**

Commodity	May 2001	Apr 2002	May 2002	Percent of	
				May 2001	Apr 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	755,640	732,238	758,571	100	104
Mature	13,722	15,488	14,504	106	94
Light	7,499	9,630	8,340	111	87
Heavy	6,223	5,858	6,164	99	105
Total	769,362	747,726	773,075	100	103
Turkeys					
Young	23,254	22,860	23,480	101	103
Old	158	233	108	68	46
Total	23,412	23,093	23,588	101	102
Ducks	2,361	1,926	2,171	92	113
	<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	3,832,893	3,723,619	3,886,530	101	104
Mature	73,943	79,289	76,990	104	97
Light	25,017	32,995	28,364	113	86
Heavy	48,926	46,294	48,626	99	105
Total	3,906,836	3,802,908	3,963,520	101	104
Turkeys					
Young	612,804	619,760	624,323	102	101
Old	4,203	6,450	2,997	71	46
Total	617,007	626,210	627,320	102	100
Ducks	15,526	12,901	14,496	93	112
Other Poultry	908	873	812	89	93
Total Poultry	4,540,277	4,442,892	4,606,148	101	104
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.07	5.09	5.12	101	101
Mature	5.39	5.12	5.31	99	104
Light	3.34	3.43	3.40	102	99
Heavy	7.86	7.90	7.89	100	100
Total	5.08	5.09	5.13	101	101
Turkeys					
Young	26.35	27.11	26.59	101	98
Old	26.57	27.69	27.68	104	100
Total	26.35	27.12	26.59	101	98
Ducks	6.58	6.70	6.68	102	100

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, May 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	3,446,998	3,470,338	3,571,884	104	103
Mature	71,937	67,798	73,023	102	108
Light	43,059	39,476	44,349	103	112
Heavy	28,878	28,322	28,674	99	101
Total	3,518,935	3,538,136	3,644,907	104	103
Turkeys					
Young	105,258	105,450	109,130	104	103
Old	745	796	867	116	109
Total	106,003	106,246	109,997	104	104
Ducks	9,824	11,064	10,145	103	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	17,250,101	17,477,594	18,226,790	106	104
Mature	371,888	355,697	376,356	101	106
Light	146,452	134,695	151,069	103	112
Heavy	225,436	221,002	225,287	100	102
Total	17,621,989	17,833,291	18,603,146	106	104
Turkeys					
Young	2,763,069	2,828,447	2,981,536	108	105
Old	19,852	21,397	24,248	122	113
Total	2,782,921	2,849,844	3,005,784	108	105
Ducks	65,394	73,042	68,387	105	94
Other Poultry	4,817	4,039	3,770	78	93
Total Poultry	20,475,121	20,760,216	21,681,087	106	104
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.00	5.04	5.10	102	101
Mature	5.17	5.25	5.15	100	98
Light	3.40	3.41	3.41	100	100
Heavy	7.81	7.80	7.86	101	101
Total	5.01	5.04	5.10	102	101
Turkeys					
Young	26.25	26.82	27.32	104	102
Old	26.65	26.88	27.97	105	104
Total	26.25	26.82	27.33	104	102
Ducks	6.66	6.60	6.74	101	102

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

Commodity	May 2001	Apr 2002	May 2002	Percent of	
				May 2001	Apr 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	2,597,530	2,514,078	2,614,052	101	104
Mature	44,007	45,785	44,455	101	97
Light	12,220	15,669	12,743	104	81
Heavy	31,787	30,116	31,712	100	105
Total	2,641,537	2,559,863	2,658,507	101	104
Turkeys					
Young	227,950	232,501	244,366	107	105
Old	2,689	4,284	1,905	71	44
Total	230,639	236,785	246,271	107	104
Ducks	4,420	3,357	3,709	84	110
Other Poultry	246	254	220	89	87
Total Poultry	2,876,842	2,800,259	2,908,707	101	104
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	238,105	246,216	278,816	117	113
Mature	1,611	1,556	2,039	127	131
Light	1,095	1,350	1,752	160	130
Heavy	516	206	287	56	139
Total	239,716	247,772	280,855	117	113
Turkeys					
Young	257,166	255,494	252,309	98	99
Old	482	623	361	75	58
Total	257,648	256,117	252,670	98	99
Ducks	6,757	6,010	6,667	99	111
Other Poultry	303	291	284	94	98
Total Poultry	504,424	510,190	540,476	107	106
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,835,635	2,760,294	2,892,868	102	105
Mature	45,618	47,341	46,494	102	98
Light	13,315	17,019	14,495	109	85
Heavy	32,303	30,322	31,999	99	106
Total	2,881,253	2,807,635	2,939,362	102	105
Turkeys					
Young	485,116	487,995	496,675	102	102
Old	3,171	4,907	2,266	71	46
Total	488,287	492,902	498,941	102	101
Ducks	11,177	9,367	10,376	93	111
Other Poultry	549	545	504	92	92
Total Poultry	3,381,266	3,310,449	3,449,183	102	104

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, May 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	11,583,518	11,760,162	12,284,273	106	104
Mature	208,151	209,344	217,863	105	104
Light	67,915	65,430	71,390	105	109
Heavy	140,236	143,914	146,473	104	102
Total	11,791,669	11,969,506	12,502,136	106	104
Turkeys					
Young	1,064,263	1,097,246	1,156,466	109	105
Old	10,387	13,694	15,389	148	112
Total	1,074,650	1,110,940	1,171,855	109	105
Ducks	18,146	20,431	18,610	103	91
Other Poultry	1,392	1,000	1,042	75	104
Total Poultry	12,885,857	13,101,877	13,693,643	106	105
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	1,101,974	1,124,128	1,224,172	111	109
Mature	15,078	5,267	7,574	50	144
Light	7,794	4,098	6,482	83	158
Heavy	7,284	1,169	1,092	15	93
Total	1,117,052	1,129,395	1,231,746	110	109
Turkeys					
Young	1,114,232	1,135,968	1,202,435	108	106
Old	4,323	2,673	2,990	69	112
Total	1,118,555	1,138,641	1,205,425	108	106
Ducks	28,357	32,318	32,111	113	99
Other Poultry	1,560	1,371	1,296	83	95
Total Poultry	2,265,524	2,301,725	2,470,578	109	107
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	12,685,492	12,884,290	13,508,445	106	105
Mature	223,229	214,611	225,437	101	105
Light	75,709	69,528	77,872	103	112
Heavy	147,520	145,083	147,565	100	102
Total	12,908,721	13,098,901	13,733,882	106	105
Turkeys					
Young	2,178,495	2,233,214	2,358,901	108	106
Old	14,710	16,367	18,379	125	112
Total	2,193,205	2,249,581	2,377,280	108	106
Ducks	46,503	52,749	50,721	109	96
Other Poultry	2,952	2,371	2,338	79	99
Total Poultry	15,151,381	15,403,602	16,164,221	107	105

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Commodity	May 2001	Apr 2002	May 2002	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2001
				May 2001	Apr 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	14,477	13,162	13,185	91	100	69,021	72,602	105
Mature	920	1,433	1,207	131	84	5,513	6,292	114
Light	399	766	552	138	72	2,518	2,901	115
Heavy	521	667	655	126	98	2,995	3,391	113
Total	15,397	14,595	14,392	93	99	74,534	78,894	106
Turkeys								
Young	1,594	1,767	2,172	136	123	9,559	9,160	96
Old	82	70	35	43	50	299	262	88
Total	1,676	1,837	2,207	132	120	9,858	9,422	96
Ducks	31	17	17	55	100	124	172	139
Other Poultry	1	5	10	1,000	200	14	21	150
Total Poultry	17,105	16,454	16,626	97	101	84,530	88,509	105
	<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	0.38	0.35	0.34	89	97	0.39	0.40	103
Mature	1.24	1.81	1.57	127	87	1.55	1.67	108
Light	1.59	2.32	1.95	123	84	1.87	1.92	103
Heavy	1.06	1.44	1.35	127	94	1.35	1.51	112
Total	0.39	0.38	0.36	92	95	0.42	0.42	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.26	0.28	0.35	135	125	0.34	0.31	91
Old	1.95	1.09	1.15	59	106	1.40	1.08	77
Total	0.27	0.29	0.35	130	121	0.35	0.31	89
Ducks	0.20	0.13	0.12	60	92	0.17	0.25	147
Other Poultry	0.12	0.61	1.18	983	193	0.35	0.56	160
Total Poultry	0.38	0.37	0.36	95	97	0.41	0.41	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, May 2002 ¹**

Commodity	May 2001	Apr 2002	May 2002	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2001
				May 2001	Apr 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	45,658	35,153	34,194	75	97	225,585	175,018	78
Mature	3,896	3,917	4,108	105	105	18,937	19,135	101
Light	1,602	2,178	2,085	130	96	9,728	10,599	109
Heavy	2,294	1,739	2,023	88	116	9,209	8,536	93
Total	49,554	39,070	38,302	77	98	244,522	194,153	79
Turkeys								
Young	11,918	11,327	11,131	93	98	60,903	54,920	90
Old	335	425	280	84	66	1,517	1,742	115
Total	12,253	11,752	11,411	93	97	62,420	56,662	91
Ducks	352	243	289	82	119	1,683	1,283	76
Other Poultry	9	11	11	122	100	41	46	112
Total Poultry	62,168	51,076	50,013	80	98	308,666	252,144	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	1.32	1.05	0.98	74	93	1.43	1.07	75
Mature	5.85	5.49	5.93	101	108	5.92	5.65	95
Light	7.11	7.33	8.17	115	111	8.03	7.80	97
Heavy	5.21	4.17	4.62	89	111	4.63	4.21	91
Total	1.41	1.14	1.07	76	94	1.52	1.16	76
Turkeys								
Young	2.16	2.03	1.98	92	98	2.39	2.05	86
Old	8.85	7.33	10.40	118	142	7.87	7.99	102
Total	2.21	2.09	2.02	91	97	2.43	2.09	86
Ducks	2.52	2.09	2.21	88	106	2.56	2.08	81
Other Poultry	1.09	1.35	1.54	141	114	1.11	1.39	125
Total Poultry	1.52	1.28	1.21	80	95	1.65	1.29	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, May 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	91,202	90,555	454,311	462,652	4.98	5.11
AR	102,487	102,056	503,442	498,485	4.91	4.88
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	23,558	23,591	138,075	142,609	5.86	6.04
FL	11,186	11,356	61,972	60,931	5.54	5.37
GA	106,300	108,165	529,477	538,878	4.98	4.98
KY	21,431	20,313	111,696	107,091	5.21	5.27
LA	15,644	16,500	73,551	79,710	4.70	4.83
MD	17,327	17,849	81,203	83,848	4.69	4.70
MS	66,735	65,036	345,299	344,077	5.17	5.29
MO	32,675	33,539	149,994	158,305	4.59	4.72
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	62,086	62,641	369,950	378,347	5.96	6.04
OH	3,046	4,262	16,926	23,567	5.56	5.53
PA	9,864	9,977	52,035	52,911	5.28	5.30
SC	20,792	21,655	109,033	118,941	5.24	5.49
TN	21,767	20,715	103,097	100,410	4.74	4.85
TX	54,149	57,080	263,356	284,648	4.86	4.99
VA	32,556	31,421	162,134	150,501	4.98	4.79
WA	*	5,544	*	29,072	*	5.24
Oth Sts	62,835	56,316	307,342	271,547	4.89	4.82
US	755,640	758,571	3,832,893	3,886,530	5.07	5.12

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

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by State and United States, May 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	333,603	341,340	6,685	4,158	1.63	1.00
AR	365,455	365,909	6,482	4,565	1.43	1.02
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	99,577	103,329	2,346	1,953	1.89	1.52
FL	44,744	42,628	883	662	1.58	1.21
GA	390,588	393,297	5,077	3,911	1.07	0.81
KY	83,070	79,864	717	771	0.71	0.80
LA	51,211	57,311	643	575	0.97	0.80
MD	58,742	60,188	1,092	1,019	1.49	1.35
MS	263,495	264,860	2,907	2,161	0.94	0.70
MO	109,425	113,870	2,074	1,295	1.54	0.91
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	283,779	297,654	5,098	3,700	1.53	1.09
OH	12,238	17,141	302	474	1.98	2.23
PA	36,627	36,680	1,020	1,195	2.18	2.51
SC	77,645	87,737	1,069	1,217	1.09	1.14
TN	75,169	72,859	850	672	0.92	0.74
TX	204,662	224,876	3,095	1,993	1.31	0.78
VA	117,038	110,059	1,512	1,309	1.04	0.97
WA	*	21,725	*	403	*	1.54
Oth Sts	228,567	201,541	3,806	2,161	1.38	0.88
US	2,835,635	2,892,868	45,658	34,194	1.32	0.98

* 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, May 2002**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		630	117,289	52,385	2,296	5,708
AR		3,347	238,770	93,575	4,820	2,445
CA		*	*	4,594	179	883
DE		2,970	98,822	30,447	*	5,060
FL		152	*	*	*	*
GA		725	98,490	86,708	287	5,957
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		*	29,842	*	*	*
LA		*	17,478	8,636	*	609
MD		13,155	62,498	29,345	94	*
MS		*	71,079	25,845	601	1,363
MO		1,850	74,282	20,096	*	3,150
NJ		*	*	*	*	43
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		*	118,180	53,491	122	*
OH		*	*	*	99	472
PA		430	32,752	23,089	263	*
SC		188	21,157	*	29	*
TN		*	41,162	10,083	507	703
TX		*	115,851	60,018	451	1,647
VA		*	55,012	37,611	24	*
WA		108	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		44,587	239,469	67,276	4,057	36,238
US		68,142	1,432,133	603,199	13,829	64,278
Mature Birds						
Light		2,237	245,724	13,341	1,725	119,315
Heavy		1,142	87,432	3,150	383	11,529
US		3,379	333,156	16,491	2,108	130,844

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, May 2002 (continued)**

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	5,601	27,375	28,183	10,458	93,373	343,298
AR	6,692	22,860	30,774	2,578	51,682	457,543
CA	291	*	1,365	*	22,777	*
DE	*	8,701	10,659	2,700	24,043	186,044
FL	*	3,172	*	*	8,396	48,378
GA	5,839	37,580	18,566	5,719	138,052	397,923
IN	*	*	*	*	*	10,053
KY	306	*	3,557	*	7,349	80,327
LA	808	3,848	4,156	*	*	41,055
MD	*	16,747	*	*	22,579	181,738
MS	2,991	19,185	12,868	*	43,250	199,484
MO	1,801	10,135	12,142	*	37,239	164,010
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	832	*	4,757	*	*	*
NC	4,516	24,316	22,067	7,238	59,461	321,417
OH	278	2,119	*	32	*	60,603
PA	1,625	5,023	7,112	*	56,295	127,523
SC	*	5,057	2,406	3,516	8,523	61,876
TN	1,238	8,845	4,290	*	15,082	84,690
TX	1,193	7,674	15,770	*	15,774	220,488
VA	1,790	8,083	*	*	25,422	157,358
WA	*	*	*	12	*	34,733
Oth Sts	11,621	29,081	77,365	20,168	52,411	280,429
US	47,422	239,801	256,037	52,421	681,708	3,458,970
Mature Birds						
Light	23,520	18,511	153,847	5,938	36,119	620,277
Heavy	1,880	29,788	17,176	2,553	51,901	206,934
US	25,400	48,299	171,023	8,491	88,020	827,211

* 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, May 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	2,456	2,983	42,522	53,718	17.31	18.01
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
IA	1,504	1,633	46,556	50,691	30.95	31.04
MN	3,578	3,710	94,896	89,069	26.53	24.01
MO	1,893	1,691	52,687	53,994	27.83	31.93
NC	3,039	3,619	81,072	90,282	26.68	24.95
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	3,195	*	73,662	*	23.06	*
Oth Sts	7,589	9,844	221,409	286,569	29.17	29.11
US	23,254	23,480	612,804	624,323	26.35	26.59

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

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, by State and United States, May 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>
AR	34,835	43,984	591	900	1.54	1.86
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
IA	36,264	39,537	1,108	1,328	2.65	2.91
MN	75,646	71,295	2,334	2,027	2.73	2.53
MO	40,928	42,224	1,132	1,103	2.39	2.27
NC	64,185	71,679	1,733	1,332	2.38	1.64
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	57,057	*	820	*	1.24	*
Oth Sts	176,201	227,956	4,200	4,441	2.11	1.72
US	485,116	496,675	11,918	11,131	2.16	1.98

* 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, May 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		*	*	*	*	*
CA		*	*	*	*	12
IA		*	7,823	2,127	*	*
MN		*	18,083	2,764	932	*
MO			11,974	*	*	*
NC		*	4,692	*	*	*
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA		*	*	*	*	*
VA		*	1,693	130	*	5
Other States		194	41,764	5,395	4,327	58
US		194	86,029	10,416	5,259	75
Old (Breeders)						
US		15	3,966	787	49	31
	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	*	*	105	*	*	*
IA	86	*	305	*	*	15,147
MN	251	1,009	672	*	1,842	25,647
MO	*	*	360	*	*	16,070
NC	110	1,556	*	291	1,548	13,879
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	71	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	269	7,252	7,813	2,063	13,184	70,017
US	787	9,817	9,255	2,354	16,574	140,760
Old (Breeders)						
US	9	122	162	32	2,713	7,886

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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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