



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 8 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during July 2002 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.36 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the amount certified in July 2001. Updated totals for June 2002 show that 3.09 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during July 2002 was 4.52 billion pounds, up 8 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.82 billion pounds, up 9 percent from July 2001, while mature chickens at 80.0 million pounds, were up 14 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 605 million pounds, up 2 percent, and ducks totaled 12.8 million pounds, a 14 percent decrease.

Young chickens slaughtered during July 2002 averaged 5.07 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from July 2001. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.47 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during July 2002 averaged 26.2 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from July 2001.

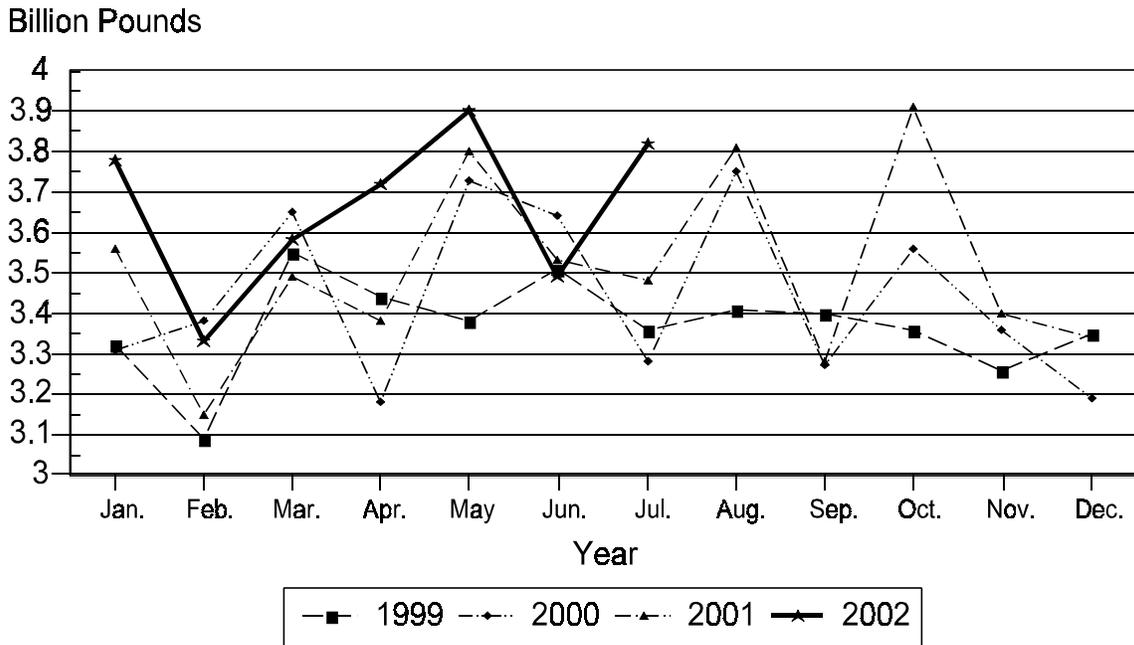
Ante-mortem condemnations during July 2002 totaled 23.8 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.53 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.55 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 46.9 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.15 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.42 percent a year earlier.

July 2002 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays.
July 2001 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays

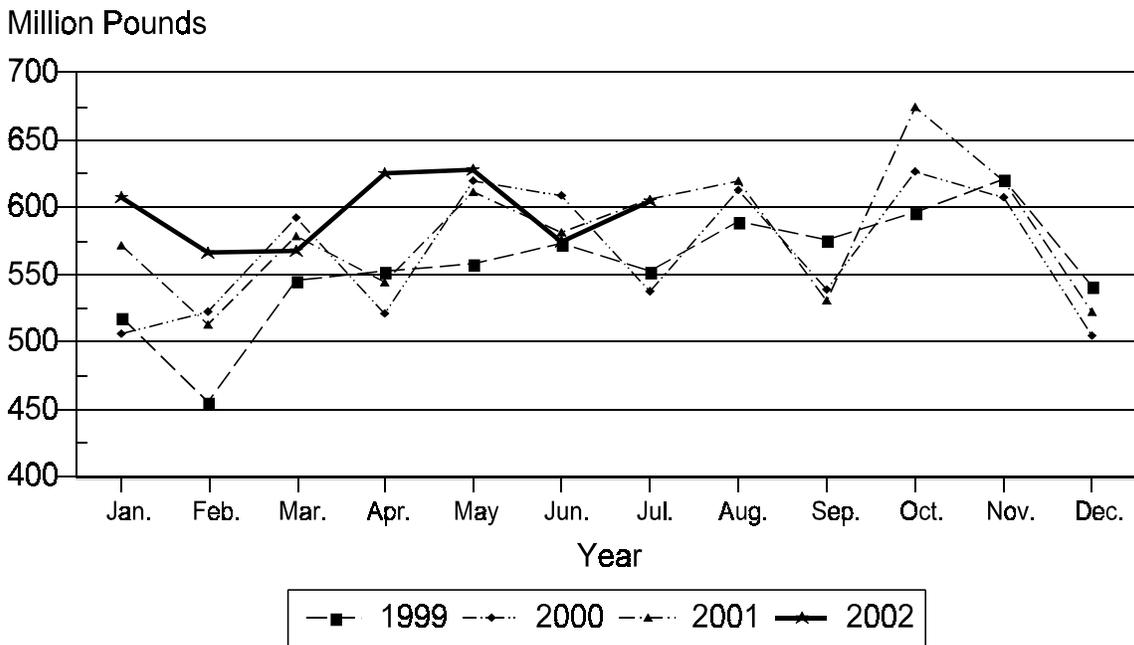
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Young Turkeys: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 1999-2002



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

Commodity	Jul 2001	Jun 2002	Jul 2002	Percent of	
				Jul 2001	Jun 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	709,391	686,052	753,910	106	110
Mature	12,507	13,305	14,635	117	110
Light	6,516	7,273	8,034	123	110
Heavy	5,991	6,032	6,601	110	109
Total	721,898	699,357	768,545	106	110
Turkeys					
Young	22,812	21,283	22,917	100	108
Old	247	170	185	75	109
Total	23,059	21,453	23,102	100	108
Ducks	2,263	1,762	1,964	87	111
	<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	3,509,421	3,487,105	3,820,918	109	110
Mature	70,223	73,283	79,987	114	109
Light	22,622	25,124	27,728	123	110
Heavy	47,601	48,159	52,259	110	109
Total	3,579,644	3,560,388	3,900,905	109	110
Turkeys					
Young	587,064	569,203	600,600	102	106
Old	6,397	4,480	4,841	76	108
Total	593,461	573,683	605,441	102	106
Ducks	14,861	11,725	12,751	86	109
Other Poultry	1,068	640	887	83	139
Total Poultry	4,189,034	4,146,436	4,519,984	108	109
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	4.95	5.08	5.07	102	100
Mature	5.61	5.51	5.47	98	99
Light	3.47	3.45	3.45	99	100
Heavy	7.95	7.98	7.92	100	99
Total	4.96	5.09	5.08	102	100
Turkeys					
Young	25.73	26.74	26.21	102	98
Old	25.89	26.30	26.20	101	100
Total	25.74	26.74	26.21	102	98
Ducks	6.57	6.65	6.49	99	98

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, July 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	4,842,846	4,888,782	5,014,399	104	103
Mature	100,301	93,827	100,964	101	108
Light	58,256	53,668	59,657	102	111
Heavy	42,045	40,159	41,307	98	103
Total	4,943,147	4,982,609	5,115,363	103	103
Turkeys					
Young	150,206	150,676	153,437	102	102
Old	1,095	1,203	1,222	112	102
Total	151,301	151,879	154,659	102	102
Ducks	13,772	15,543	13,898	101	89
	<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	24,171,530	24,547,385	25,555,572	106	104
Mature	527,043	498,963	529,628	100	106
Light	198,651	184,004	203,923	103	111
Heavy	328,392	314,959	325,705	99	103
Total	24,698,573	25,046,348	26,085,200	106	104
Turkeys					
Young	3,909,015	3,997,970	4,153,955	106	104
Old	28,771	31,996	33,569	117	105
Total	3,937,786	4,029,966	4,187,524	106	104
Ducks	91,360	102,555	93,050	102	91
Other Poultry	6,769	5,992	5,297	78	88
Total Poultry	28,734,488	29,184,861	30,371,071	106	104
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	4.99	5.02	5.10	102	102
Mature	5.25	5.32	5.25	100	99
Light	3.41	3.43	3.42	100	100
Heavy	7.81	7.84	7.89	101	101
Total	5.00	5.03	5.10	102	101
Turkeys					
Young	26.02	26.53	27.07	104	102
Old	26.27	26.60	27.47	105	103
Total	26.03	26.53	27.08	104	102
Ducks	6.63	6.60	6.70	101	102

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

Commodity	Jul 2001	Jun 2002	Jul 2002	Percent of	
				Jul 2001	Jun 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	2,363,828	2,329,619	2,548,894	108	109
Mature	40,990	42,475	45,687	111	108
Light	10,306	11,627	12,375	120	106
Heavy	30,684	30,848	33,312	109	108
Total	2,404,818	2,372,094	2,594,581	108	109
Turkeys					
Young	205,723	220,185	240,172	117	109
Old	4,115	3,089	2,990	73	97
Total	209,838	223,274	243,162	116	109
Ducks	4,117	3,009	3,227	78	107
Other Poultry	321	177	192	60	108
Total Poultry	2,619,094	2,598,554	2,841,162	108	109
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	228,976	255,614	278,265	122	109
Mature	1,488	1,557	1,796	121	115
Light	1,282	1,103	1,311	102	119
Heavy	206	454	485	235	107
Total	230,464	257,171	280,061	122	109
Turkeys					
Young	259,402	230,092	234,513	90	102
Old	878	379	714	81	188
Total	260,280	230,471	235,227	90	102
Ducks	6,470	5,328	5,905	91	111
Other Poultry	327	231	323	99	140
Total Poultry	497,541	493,201	521,516	105	106
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,592,804	2,585,233	2,827,159	109	109
Mature	42,478	44,032	47,483	112	108
Light	11,588	12,730	13,686	118	108
Heavy	30,890	31,302	33,797	109	108
Total	2,635,282	2,629,265	2,874,642	109	109
Turkeys					
Young	465,125	450,277	474,685	102	105
Old	4,993	3,468	3,704	74	107
Total	470,118	453,745	478,389	102	105
Ducks	10,587	8,337	9,132	86	110
Other Poultry	648	408	515	79	126
Total Poultry	3,116,635	3,091,755	3,362,678	108	109

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, July 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	16,229,701	16,535,599	17,170,659	106	104
Mature	294,879	292,737	306,027	104	105
Light	91,864	88,200	95,394	104	108
Heavy	203,015	204,537	210,633	104	103
Total	16,524,580	16,828,336	17,476,686	106	104
Turkeys					
Young	1,474,412	1,507,972	1,618,178	110	107
Old	15,065	20,366	21,468	143	105
Total	1,489,477	1,528,338	1,639,646	110	107
Ducks	25,285	28,562	24,854	98	87
Other Poultry	2,001	1,586	1,411	71	89
Total Poultry	18,041,343	18,386,822	19,142,597	106	104
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	1,545,719	1,578,123	1,761,029	114	112
Mature	22,363	8,371	10,927	49	131
Light	10,684	6,800	8,896	83	131
Heavy	11,679	1,571	2,031	17	129
Total	1,568,082	1,586,494	1,771,956	113	112
Turkeys					
Young	1,606,549	1,651,087	1,667,660	104	101
Old	6,470	4,150	4,083	63	98
Total	1,613,019	1,655,237	1,671,743	104	101
Ducks	40,040	45,188	43,489	109	96
Other Poultry	2,135	1,970	1,850	87	94
Total Poultry	3,223,276	3,288,889	3,489,038	108	106
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	17,775,420	18,113,722	18,931,688	107	105
Mature	317,242	301,108	316,954	100	105
Light	102,548	95,000	104,290	102	110
Heavy	214,694	206,108	212,664	99	103
Total	18,092,662	18,414,830	19,248,642	106	105
Turkeys					
Young	3,080,961	3,159,059	3,285,838	107	104
Old	21,535	24,516	25,551	119	104
Total	3,102,496	3,183,575	3,311,389	107	104
Ducks	65,325	73,750	68,343	105	93
Other Poultry	4,136	3,556	3,261	79	92
Total Poultry	21,264,619	21,675,711	22,631,635	106	104

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Commodity	Jul 2001	Jun 2002	Jul 2002	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2001
				Jul 2001	Jun 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>
Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	18,546	15,024	18,894	102	126	103,149	106,618	103
Mature	2,022	1,684	2,434	120	145	9,056	10,410	115
Light	783	761	1,180	151	155	3,995	4,842	121
Heavy	1,239	923	1,254	101	136	5,061	5,568	110
Total	20,568	16,708	21,328	104	128	112,205	117,028	104
Turkeys								
Young	2,427	1,974	2,355	97	119	13,858	13,498	97
Old	73	57	51	70	89	435	370	85
Total	2,500	2,031	2,406	96	118	14,293	13,868	97
Ducks	45	19	26	58	137	205	217	106
Other Poultry	4	5	2	50	40	19	28	147
Total Poultry	23,117	18,763	23,762	103	127	126,722	131,141	103
	<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	0.53	0.43	0.49	92	114	0.42	0.42	100
Mature	2.88	2.30	3.04	106	132	1.81	1.97	109
Light	3.46	3.03	4.25	123	140	2.17	2.37	109
Heavy	2.60	1.92	2.40	92	125	1.61	1.71	106
Total	0.57	0.47	0.55	96	117	0.45	0.45	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.41	0.35	0.39	95	111	0.35	0.32	91
Old	1.14	1.28	1.05	92	82	1.36	1.10	81
Total	0.42	0.35	0.40	95	114	0.35	0.33	94
Ducks	0.30	0.16	0.21	70	131	0.20	0.23	115
Other Poultry	0.37	0.80	0.22	59	28	0.32	0.53	166
Total Poultry	0.55	0.45	0.53	96	118	0.43	0.43	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, July 2002 ¹**

Commodity	Jul 2001	Jun 2002	Jul 2002	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2001
				Jul 2001	Jun 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	38,535	29,035	31,577	82	109	302,038	235,899	78
Mature	3,564	3,667	4,031	113	110	26,379	26,833	102
Light	1,417	1,663	1,977	140	119	13,027	14,239	109
Heavy	2,147	2,004	2,054	96	102	13,352	12,594	94
Total	42,099	32,702	35,608	85	109	328,417	262,732	80
Turkeys								
Young	10,884	10,101	10,767	99	107	85,143	75,862	89
Old	348	291	280	80	96	2,160	2,313	107
Total	11,232	10,392	11,047	98	106	87,303	78,175	90
Ducks	288	211	242	84	115	2,287	1,737	76
Other Poultry	13	8	11	85	138	65	65	100
Total Poultry	53,632	43,313	46,908	87	108	418,072	342,709	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	1.22	0.93	0.92	75	99	1.37	1.03	75
Mature	5.64	5.56	5.60	99	101	5.87	5.63	96
Light	6.96	7.36	7.92	114	108	7.87	7.76	99
Heavy	5.01	4.63	4.37	87	94	4.71	4.30	91
Total	1.31	1.02	1.01	77	99	1.46	1.12	77
Turkeys								
Young	2.06	1.97	1.99	97	101	2.37	2.03	86
Old	6.05	7.22	6.43	106	89	7.50	7.66	102
Total	2.10	2.01	2.03	97	101	2.41	2.07	86
Ducks	2.16	2.00	2.11	98	106	2.48	2.07	83
Other Poultry	1.44	1.37	1.33	92	97	1.20	1.38	115
Total Poultry	1.42	1.16	1.15	81	99	1.59	1.25	79

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, July 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	82,079	89,309	409,772	449,594	4.99	5.03
AR	96,882	103,826	455,980	516,180	4.71	4.97
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	21,349	22,511	126,422	134,741	5.92	5.99
FL	10,305	11,139	55,315	58,109	5.37	5.22
GA	104,147	109,387	507,099	546,661	4.87	5.00
KY	19,904	22,383	104,640	113,670	5.26	5.08
LA	15,066	16,388	69,509	78,044	4.61	4.76
MD	16,808	16,957	80,347	78,020	4.78	4.60
MS	63,368	64,476	311,885	340,107	4.92	5.27
MO	30,629	32,301	136,608	144,900	4.46	4.49
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	58,491	61,009	337,192	361,932	5.76	5.93
OH	3,039	3,789	15,523	19,701	5.11	5.20
PA	9,277	9,468	48,007	49,083	5.17	5.18
SC	19,835	20,987	105,174	114,450	5.30	5.45
TN	19,759	20,327	91,426	95,734	4.63	4.71
TX	51,843	56,037	243,612	272,119	4.70	4.86
VA	29,268	29,621	141,173	142,966	4.82	4.83
WA	*	5,004	*	26,343	*	5.26
Oth Sts	57,342	58,991	269,737	278,564	4.70	4.72
US	709,391	753,910	3,509,421	3,820,918	4.95	5.07

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

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by State and United States, July 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	300,640	328,927	4,974	3,959	1.35	0.98
AR	329,512	376,649	5,579	4,835	1.36	1.04
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	91,714	97,406	1,838	1,875	1.62	1.55
FL	40,034	40,788	705	580	1.42	1.11
GA	372,599	402,673	4,303	3,741	0.94	0.76
KY	77,138	83,717	867	804	0.92	0.79
LA	49,647	56,465	597	319	0.95	0.45
MD	57,120	56,344	790	732	1.09	1.04
MS	238,353	255,574	3,584	2,004	1.28	0.65
MO	99,242	106,857	1,579	905	1.28	0.69
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	262,159	276,521	3,708	3,221	1.22	0.99
OH	11,245	14,402	215	297	1.54	1.68
PA	33,751	34,356	1,166	1,062	2.70	2.40
SC	74,553	83,982	888	859	0.94	0.83
TN	66,055	69,527	991	635	1.20	0.74
TX	190,224	214,857	2,962	2,464	1.35	1.01
VA	101,009	102,449	1,136	1,143	0.89	0.89
WA	*	19,689	*	328	*	1.38
Oth Sts	197,809	205,976	2,653	1,814	1.09	0.72
US	2,592,804	2,827,159	38,535	31,577	1.22	0.92

* 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, July 2002**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		556	121,840	47,159	1,815	4,290
AR		3,187	226,109	68,134	*	*
CA		4,990	*	3,616	*	784
DE		1,563	88,468	15,552	*	4,656
FL		*	*	5,878	*	*
GA		745	100,273	59,731	239	5,971
IN		40	4,855	*	*	*
KY		*	32,658	*	*	*
LA		80	13,890	6,780	*	268
MD		7,075	44,357	11,409	26	*
MS		*	72,508	18,423	469	*
MO		1,514	64,221	*	956	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	199	*
NC		1,243	107,178	43,095	*	*
OH		*	19,420	2,048	75	*
PA		326	25,847	8,690	*	*
SC		*	23,016	*	*	1,196
TN		*	42,276	9,540	*	588
TX		*	126,962	69,731	346	1,509
VA		*	52,092	*	35	*
WA		*	*	*	*	80
Oth Sts		4,992	157,633	85,046	10,949	36,011
US		26,311	1,323,603	454,832	15,109	55,353
Mature Birds						
Light	15,046	1,628	200,770	17,615	1,917	104,272
Heavy		922	80,682	2,921	355	14,744
US	15,046	2,550	281,452	20,536	2,272	119,016

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, July 2002 (continued)**

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	6,677	25,437	30,228	6,572	79,876	324,450
AR	8,053	29,426	32,403	4,489	51,583	432,994
CA	251	*	1,578	*	18,682	118,598
DE	2,607	11,210	12,026	*	17,085	159,084
FL	*	3,827	*	*	7,357	45,892
GA	5,608	40,107	18,456	5,936	110,460	347,526
IN	68	*	*	*	*	*
KY	288	19,551	4,206	1,646	7,000	89,753
LA	568	3,755	*	*	*	32,476
MD	*	16,093	*	*	*	121,958
MS	2,972	12,859	12,643	620	52,046	174,543
MO	1,473	12,703	13,346	2,875	35,881	147,946
NJ	*	*	*	9	*	*
NY	687	*	3,950	*	*	11,382
NC	5,243	24,604	25,049	7,041	70,055	297,472
OH	308	1,962	916	*	*	35,254
PA	1,738	5,087	5,473	344	61,379	109,816
SC	*	4,605	2,385	3,670	6,450	*
TN	1,453	8,627	4,813	828	13,610	82,531
TX	1,244	8,643	14,194	*	13,483	239,101
VA	1,652	10,854	*	*	21,184	127,084
WA	*	*	*	*	*	27,145
Oth Sts	6,523	11,713	67,610	17,222	68,403	183,741
US	47,413	251,063	249,276	51,252	634,534	3,108,746
Mature Birds						
Light	11,381	52,913	140,377	1,420	35,053	582,392
Heavy	1,793	30,398	16,852	1,808	54,152	204,627
US	13,174	83,311	157,229	3,228	89,205	787,019

* 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, July 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	2,421	2,770	42,446	49,340	17.53	17.81
CA	1,376	*	32,434	*	23.57	*
IA	1,431	1,718	43,317	50,532	30.27	29.41
MN	3,682	3,485	89,030	82,503	24.18	23.67
MO	1,871	1,826	51,937	57,154	27.76	31.30
NC	2,954	3,455	79,776	86,161	27.00	24.94
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	3,037	2,615	66,672	58,201	21.95	22.26
Oth Sts	6,040	7,048	181,452	216,709	30.04	30.75
US	22,812	22,917	587,064	600,600	25.73	26.21

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

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, by State and United States, July 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	35,216	41,090	732	743	1.92	1.67
CA	28,491	*	536	*	1.84	*
IA	33,769	39,284	1,065	1,247	2.73	2.74
MN	70,562	65,585	2,303	1,890	2.87	2.55
MO	40,498	44,774	1,042	1,366	2.23	2.66
NC	63,086	67,403	1,110	1,304	1.55	1.68
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	51,254	45,642	723	743	1.21	1.42
Oth Sts	142,249	170,907	3,373	3,474	2.07	1.78
US	465,125	474,685	10,884	10,767	2.06	1.99

* 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, July 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		*	4,825	*	10	*
IA		*	7,149	1,996	*	*
MN		*	19,553	*	661	*
MO			12,373	*	*	2
NC		*	*	*	*	*
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA			*	492	6	*
VA		*	1,478	125	*	*
Other States		975	34,095	10,491	4,787	68
US		975	79,473	13,104	5,464	70
Old (Breeders)						
US		150	3,771	907	7	119
	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	*	794	*	*	*	*
CA	*	*	*	*	*	6,751
IA	73	365	592	*	*	15,412
MN	265	1,031	970	*	2,433	28,904
MO	*	*	294	*	*	16,996
NC	*	*	*	*	1,120	10,048
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	2	*	4,912
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	388	10,195	4,981	2,212	12,123	53,901
US	726	12,385	6,837	2,214	15,676	136,924
Old (Breeders)						
US	53	172	157		409	5,745

* 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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