



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 2 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during August 2002 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.34 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the amount certified in August 2001. Updated totals for July 2002 show that 3.37 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during August 2002 was 4.50 billion pounds, down 1 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.80 billion pounds, down 1 percent from August 2001, while mature chickens at 81.4 million pounds, were up 5 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 609 million pounds, down 3 percent, and ducks totaled 13.0 million pounds, a 16 percent decrease.

Young chickens slaughtered during August 2002 averaged 5.04 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from August 2001. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.52 pounds per bird, unchanged from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2002 averaged 25.7 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from August 2001.

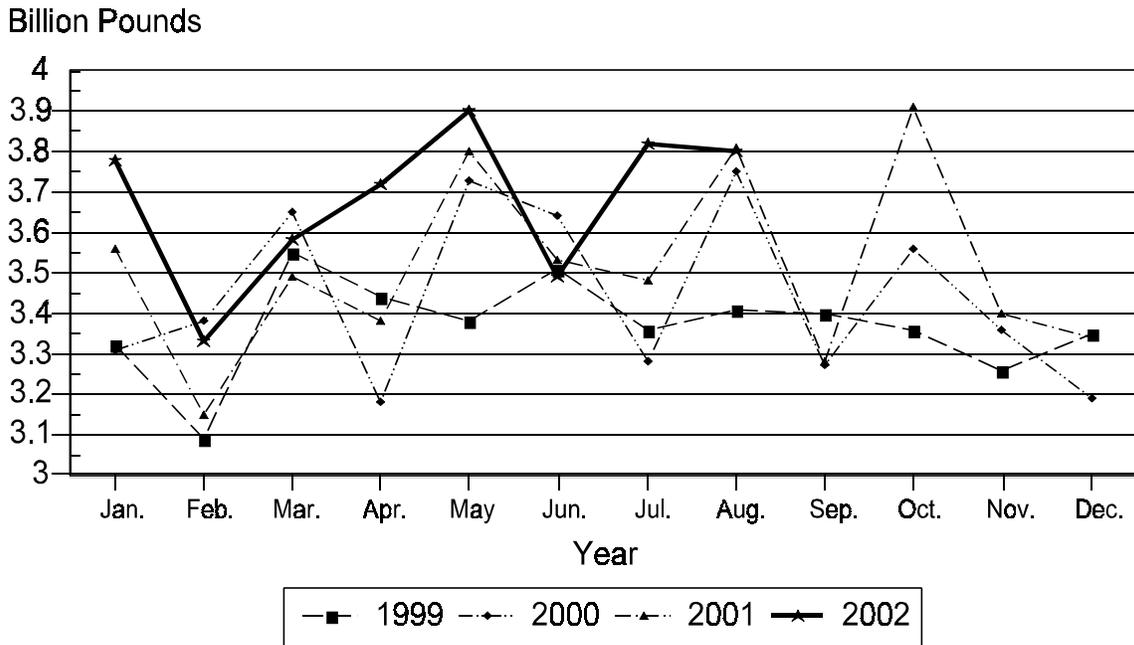
Ante-mortem condemnations during August 2002 totaled 21.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.48 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.50 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 46.4 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.14 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.31 percent a year earlier.

August 2002 contained 22 weekdays and five Saturdays.
August 2001 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays

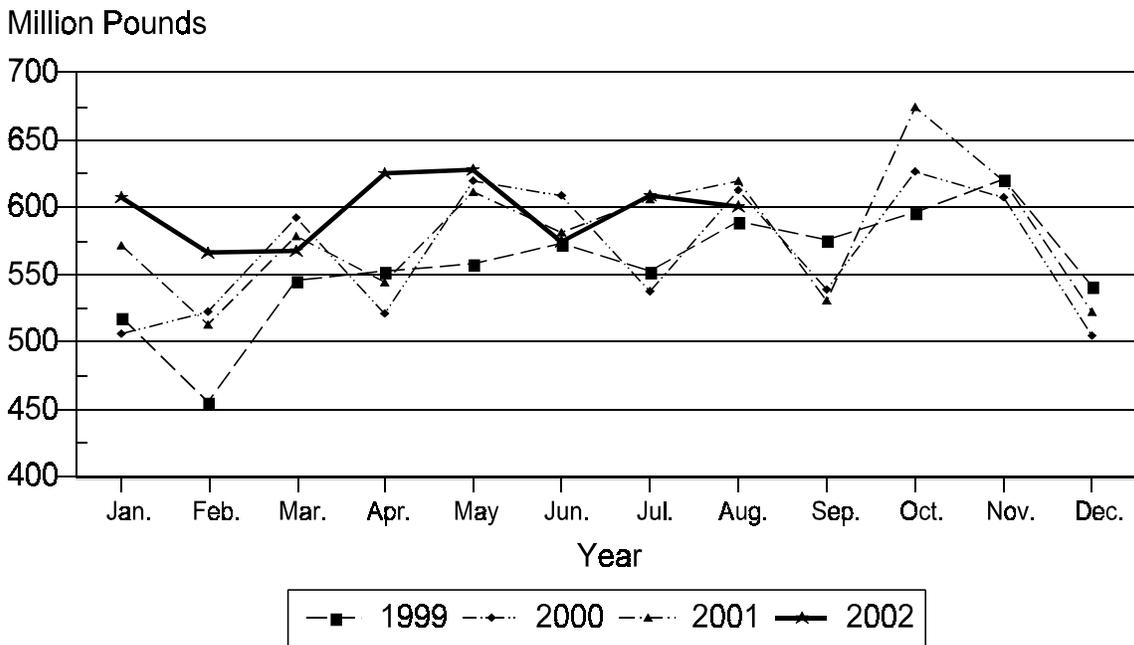
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Young Turkeys: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 1999-2002



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

Commodity	Aug 2001	Jul 2002	Aug 2002	Percent of	
				Aug 2001	Jul 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	776,218	755,229	752,774	97	100
Mature	14,051	14,645	14,747	105	101
Light	7,682	8,038	7,770	101	97
Heavy	6,369	6,607	6,977	110	106
Total	790,269	769,874	767,521	97	100
Turkeys					
Young	24,780	23,177	23,446	95	101
Old	258	195	289	112	148
Total	25,038	23,372	23,735	95	102
Ducks	2,391	1,964	1,985	83	101
	<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	3,840,728	3,823,285	3,797,171	99	99
Mature	77,593	80,116	81,425	105	102
Light	26,252	27,742	26,150	100	94
Heavy	51,341	52,374	55,275	108	106
Total	3,918,321	3,903,401	3,878,596	99	99
Turkeys					
Young	619,621	609,375	601,275	97	99
Old	6,779	5,086	7,777	115	153
Total	626,400	614,461	609,052	97	99
Ducks	15,492	12,751	12,995	84	102
Other Poultry	1,837	907	1,244	68	137
Total Poultry	4,562,050	4,531,520	4,501,887	99	99
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	4.95	5.06	5.04	102	100
Mature	5.52	5.47	5.52	100	101
Light	3.42	3.45	3.37	99	98
Heavy	8.06	7.93	7.92	98	100
Total	4.96	5.07	5.05	102	100
Turkeys					
Young	25.01	26.29	25.64	103	98
Old	26.25	26.05	26.92	103	103
Total	25.02	26.29	25.66	103	98
Ducks	6.48	6.49	6.55	101	101

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, August 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	5,603,549	5,665,000	5,768,492	103	102
Mature	115,530	107,878	115,721	100	107
Light	66,345	61,350	67,431	102	110
Heavy	49,185	46,528	48,290	98	104
Total	5,719,079	5,772,878	5,884,213	103	102
Turkeys					
Young	175,123	175,456	177,143	101	101
Old	1,357	1,461	1,521	112	104
Total	176,480	176,917	178,664	101	101
Ducks	15,920	17,934	15,883	100	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	27,917,167	28,388,113	29,355,110	105	103
Mature	611,248	576,556	611,182	100	106
Light	226,844	210,256	230,087	101	109
Heavy	384,404	366,300	381,095	99	104
Total	28,528,415	28,964,669	29,966,292	105	103
Turkeys					
Young	4,521,874	4,617,591	4,764,005	105	103
Old	35,330	38,775	41,591	118	107
Total	4,557,204	4,656,366	4,805,596	105	103
Ducks	105,320	118,047	106,045	101	90
Other Poultry	8,077	7,829	6,561	81	84
Total Poultry	33,199,016	33,746,911	34,884,494	105	103
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	4.98	5.01	5.09	102	102
Mature	5.29	5.34	5.28	100	99
Light	3.42	3.43	3.41	100	99
Heavy	7.82	7.87	7.89	101	100
Total	4.99	5.02	5.09	102	101
Turkeys					
Young	25.82	26.32	26.89	104	102
Old	26.04	26.54	27.34	105	103
Total	25.82	26.32	26.90	104	102
Ducks	6.62	6.58	6.68	101	102

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

Commodity	Aug 2001	Jul 2002	Aug 2002	Percent of	
				Aug 2001	Jul 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	2,602,410	2,547,407	2,517,379	97	99
Mature	45,198	46,511	47,692	106	103
Light	12,489	13,084	11,987	96	92
Heavy	32,709	33,427	35,705	109	107
Total	2,647,608	2,593,918	2,565,071	97	99
Turkeys					
Young	237,413	246,978	250,704	106	102
Old	3,721	3,186	4,401	118	138
Total	241,134	250,164	255,105	106	102
Ducks	4,293	3,227	3,139	73	97
Other Poultry	473	193	219	46	113
Total Poultry	2,893,508	2,847,502	2,823,534	98	99
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	248,254	279,850	283,136	114	101
Mature	1,357	1,751	1,561	115	89
Light	1,124	1,311	1,391	124	106
Heavy	233	440	170	73	39
Total	249,611	281,601	284,697	114	101
Turkeys					
Young	252,268	234,707	223,718	89	95
Old	1,515	714	1,596	105	224
Total	253,783	235,421	225,314	89	96
Ducks	6,682	5,905	6,124	92	104
Other Poultry	665	333	533	80	160
Total Poultry	510,741	523,260	516,668	101	99
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,850,664	2,827,257	2,800,515	98	99
Mature	46,555	48,262	49,253	106	102
Light	13,613	14,395	13,378	98	93
Heavy	32,942	33,867	35,875	109	106
Total	2,897,219	2,875,519	2,849,768	98	99
Turkeys					
Young	489,681	481,685	474,422	97	98
Old	5,236	3,900	5,997	115	154
Total	494,917	485,585	480,419	97	99
Ducks	10,975	9,132	9,263	84	101
Other Poultry	1,138	526	752	66	143
Total Poultry	3,404,249	3,370,762	3,340,202	98	99

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, August 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	18,750,982	19,138,009	19,686,551	105	103
Mature	342,405	337,935	354,543	104	105
Light	104,639	100,689	108,090	103	107
Heavy	237,766	237,246	246,453	104	104
Total	19,093,387	19,475,944	20,041,094	105	103
Turkeys					
Young	1,691,740	1,745,385	1,875,688	111	107
Old	18,170	24,087	26,065	143	108
Total	1,709,910	1,769,472	1,901,753	111	107
Ducks	29,300	32,855	27,993	96	85
Other Poultry	2,264	2,059	1,631	72	79
Total Poultry	20,834,861	21,280,330	21,972,471	105	103
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	1,778,832	1,826,377	2,045,750	115	112
Mature	26,193	9,728	12,443	48	128
Light	12,384	7,924	10,287	83	130
Heavy	13,809	1,804	2,156	16	120
Total	1,805,025	1,836,105	2,058,193	114	112
Turkeys					
Young	1,870,796	1,903,355	1,891,572	101	99
Old	8,346	5,665	5,679	68	100
Total	1,879,142	1,909,020	1,897,251	101	99
Ducks	46,158	51,870	49,613	107	96
Other Poultry	2,658	2,635	2,393	90	91
Total Poultry	3,732,983	3,799,630	4,007,450	107	105
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	20,529,814	20,964,386	21,732,301	106	104
Mature	368,598	347,663	366,986	100	106
Light	117,023	108,613	118,377	101	109
Heavy	251,575	239,050	248,609	99	104
Total	20,898,412	21,312,049	22,099,287	106	104
Turkeys					
Young	3,562,536	3,648,740	3,767,260	106	103
Old	26,516	29,752	31,744	120	107
Total	3,589,052	3,678,492	3,799,004	106	103
Ducks	75,458	84,725	77,606	103	92
Other Poultry	4,922	4,694	4,024	82	86
Total Poultry	24,567,844	25,079,960	25,979,921	106	104

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Commodity	Aug 2001	Jul 2002	Aug 2002	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2001
				Aug 2001	Jul 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	18,478	18,922	17,361	94	92	121,627	124,007	102
Mature	1,841	2,442	2,042	111	84	10,897	12,460	114
Light	877	1,180	654	75	55	4,872	5,496	113
Heavy	964	1,262	1,388	144	110	6,025	6,964	116
Total	20,319	21,364	19,403	95	91	132,524	136,467	103
Turkeys								
Young	2,474	2,387	2,189	88	92	16,332	15,719	96
Old	89	51	56	63	110	524	426	81
Total	2,563	2,438	2,245	88	92	16,856	16,145	96
Ducks	41	26	22	54	85	246	239	97
Other Poultry	14	2	3	21	150	33	31	94
Total Poultry	22,937	23,830	21,673	94	91	149,659	152,882	102
	<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	0.48	0.49	0.46	96	94	0.43	0.42	98
Mature	2.37	3.05	2.51	106	82	1.89	2.04	108
Light	3.34	4.25	2.50	75	59	2.32	2.39	103
Heavy	1.88	2.41	2.51	134	104	1.64	1.83	112
Total	0.52	0.55	0.50	96	91	0.46	0.46	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.40	0.39	0.36	90	92	0.35	0.33	94
Old	1.32	1.01	0.72	55	71	1.35	1.02	76
Total	0.41	0.40	0.37	90	93	0.36	0.34	94
Ducks	0.27	0.21	0.17	63	81	0.21	0.22	105
Other Poultry	0.74	0.22	0.25	34	114	0.42	0.48	114
Total Poultry	0.50	0.53	0.48	96	91	0.44	0.44	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, August 2002 ¹**

Commodity	Aug 2001	Jul 2002	Aug 2002	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2001
				Aug 2001	Jul 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	37,875	31,619	30,004	79	95	339,913	265,945	78
Mature	3,811	4,040	4,092	107	101	30,190	30,934	102
Light	1,683	1,979	1,731	103	87	14,710	15,972	109
Heavy	2,128	2,061	2,361	111	115	15,480	14,962	97
Total	41,686	35,659	34,096	82	96	370,103	296,879	80
Turkeys								
Young	11,446	10,924	11,668	102	107	96,589	87,687	91
Old	370	286	377	102	132	2,530	2,696	107
Total	11,816	11,210	12,045	102	107	99,119	90,383	91
Ducks	316	242	230	73	95	2,603	1,967	76
Other Poultry	20	11	13	65	118	85	78	92
Total Poultry	53,838	47,122	46,384	86	98	471,910	389,307	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	1.10	0.92	0.88	80	96	1.33	1.01	76
Mature	5.46	5.60	5.58	102	100	5.82	5.62	97
Light	7.13	7.93	7.36	103	93	7.77	7.71	99
Heavy	4.61	4.37	4.75	103	109	4.70	4.36	93
Total	1.18	1.02	0.98	83	96	1.42	1.10	77
Turkeys								
Young	2.05	1.99	2.16	105	109	2.32	2.05	88
Old	6.06	6.23	5.39	89	87	7.25	7.20	99
Total	2.10	2.03	2.20	105	108	2.37	2.09	88
Ducks	2.27	2.11	1.97	87	93	2.45	2.06	84
Other Poultry	1.23	1.35	1.19	97	88	1.21	1.34	111
Total Poultry	1.31	1.16	1.14	87	98	1.55	1.24	80

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, August 2002**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	89,893	88,872	449,365	445,450	5.00	5.01
AR	103,826	102,875	516,180	505,603	4.97	4.91
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	22,511	22,586	134,741	131,968	5.99	5.84
FL	11,139	11,127	58,109	59,759	5.22	5.37
GA	109,104	110,509	545,250	542,243	5.00	4.91
KY	22,383	20,494	113,670	107,013	5.08	5.22
LA	16,103	14,979	75,104	70,398	4.66	4.70
MD	16,957	17,471	78,020	80,718	4.60	4.62
MS	64,945	64,083	342,728	334,203	5.28	5.22
MO	32,778	32,800	146,832	146,839	4.48	4.48
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	61,365	57,987	364,318	347,582	5.94	5.99
OH	3,789	3,934	19,701	20,371	5.20	5.18
PA	9,468	9,989	49,083	51,504	5.18	5.16
SC	20,987	21,051	114,450	113,437	5.45	5.39
TN	20,326	18,732	95,731	87,710	4.71	4.68
TX	56,037	54,319	272,119	261,406	4.86	4.81
VA	29,621	30,246	142,966	145,891	4.83	4.82
WA	5,004	4,850	26,343	25,978	5.26	5.36
Oth Sts	58,993	65,870	278,575	319,098	4.72	4.84
US	755,229	752,774	3,823,285	3,797,171	5.06	5.04

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

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	328,566	328,666	3,923	3,826	0.97	0.95
AR	376,649	366,712	4,835	4,397	1.04	0.97
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	97,406	95,787	1,875	1,677	1.55	1.41
FL	40,788	41,927	580	611	1.11	1.14
GA	400,270	398,546	3,733	3,585	0.76	0.73
KY	83,717	78,942	804	669	0.79	0.69
LA	54,600	51,726	318	294	0.47	0.46
MD	56,344	57,673	732	745	1.04	1.03
MS	257,658	245,188	2,008	1,980	0.65	0.66
MO	108,262	107,830	924	911	0.70	0.69
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	277,752	266,457	3,282	3,141	1.00	1.00
OH	14,402	14,737	297	318	1.68	1.73
PA	34,356	35,439	1,062	1,007	2.40	2.17
SC	83,982	81,017	859	715	0.83	0.70
TN	69,523	64,339	638	632	0.74	0.80
TX	214,857	204,811	2,464	1,880	1.01	0.80
VA	102,449	105,170	1,143	1,188	0.89	0.90
WA	19,689	19,410	328	276	1.38	1.18
Oth Sts	205,987	236,138	1,814	2,152	0.72	0.75
US	2,827,257	2,800,515	31,619	30,004	0.92	0.88

* 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		569	122,343	44,358	1,812	4,321
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	100,227	59,261	239	5,854
IN		40	4,855	*	*	*
KY		*	32,658	*	*	*
LA		104	14,262	6,601	*	281
MD		7,075	44,357	11,409	26	*
MS		*	72,629	18,423	469	*
MO		1,587	64,986	*	977	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	199	*
NC		1,252	108,724	43,501	*	*
OH		*	19,420	2,048	75	*
PA		326	25,847	8,690	*	*
SC		*	23,016	*	*	1,196
TN		*	42,423	9,522	*	595
TX		*	126,962	69,731	346	1,509
VA		*	52,092	*	35	*
WA		*	*	*	*	80
Oth Sts		4,992	157,633	85,360	10,946	36,157
US		26,430	1,327,011	452,084	15,124	55,433
Mature Birds						
Light	15,046	1,642	201,228	17,616	1,917	104,424
Heavy		914	80,410	2,922	374	14,305
US	15,046	2,556	281,638	20,538	2,291	118,729

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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	6,618	25,519	29,143	6,532	75,061	316,276
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	5,661	39,834	18,366	6,596	109,213	345,996
IN	69	*	*	*	*	*
KY	288	19,551	4,206	1,646	7,000	89,753
LA	572	3,804	*	*	*	33,121
MD	*	16,093	*	*	*	121,958
MS	2,972	12,861	12,651	620	52,050	174,681
MO	1,491	12,880	13,852	2,884	36,899	150,913
NJ	*	*	*	9	*	*
NY	687	*	3,950	*	*	11,382
NC	5,331	24,669	25,396	7,966	71,007	301,886
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	1,459	8,631	4,765	826	13,612	82,631
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	67,714	17,424	68,463	183,742
US	47,524	251,169	249,018	53,006	630,508	3,107,307
Mature Birds						
Light	11,390	52,913	140,399	1,420	35,053	583,048
Heavy	1,812	30,408	16,920	1,801	54,299	204,165
US	13,202	83,321	157,319	3,221	89,352	787,213

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	118,461	39,572	*	4,652
AR		1,828	209,248	56,784	5,542	2,391
CA		5,053	*	4,297	*	784
DE		*	83,340	12,104	*	4,543
FL		112	*	*	*	*
GA		684	93,868	53,531	528	4,434
IN		22	3,980	*	*	204
KY		*	27,571	*	*	1,756
LA		74	14,033	6,042	*	309
MD		2,660	46,468	13,632	34	*
MS		332	67,893	16,067	471	1,452
MO		1,405	63,267	10,006	*	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		334	*	1,018	*	*
NC		*	107,786	34,545	*	11,642
OH		*	19,919	1,808	71	341
PA		275	25,107	8,932	268	*
SC		240	19,635	*	*	1,311
TN		*	40,894	*	367	583
TX		188	123,936	60,665	362	1,546
VA		*	55,141	*	38	*
WA		37	*	*	33	35
Oth Sts		5,078	187,169	65,357	6,496	17,752
US		18,322	1,307,716	384,360	14,210	53,735
Mature Birds						
Light		1,763	191,085	17,093	218	82,237
Heavy		846	84,547	3,478	527	11,961
US		2,609	275,632	20,571	745	94,198

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	6,353	26,931	28,518	6,150	67,600	300,359
AR	8,339	31,627	35,229	4,397	46,821	402,206
CA	275	*	2,496	*	*	156,241
DE	2,662	11,428	11,655	3,275	14,455	144,683
FL	951	3,447	3,921	*	6,437	45,445
GA	5,562	35,729	24,024	8,058	100,283	326,701
IN	*	*	*	*	*	8,905
KY	245	15,416	4,978	*	5,491	73,656
LA	549	3,027	3,331	*	*	31,213
MD	1,752	15,590	*	*	12,611	116,430
MS	3,265	12,832	11,256	581	41,907	156,056
MO	1,416	14,393	13,130	950	38,673	147,543
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	663	*	3,631	*	*	*
NC	4,698	24,623	23,406	8,486	62,377	278,699
OH	358	*	*	*	*	42,097
PA	1,727	4,726	6,091	*	57,755	105,843
SC	*	6,212	2,792	*	4,785	55,662
TN	1,243	6,804	4,574	1,614	14,975	79,811
TX	1,465	8,541	12,390	961	12,407	222,461
VA	1,877	14,412	*	*	*	132,184
WA	*	*	*	*	*	19,808
Oth Sts	4,033	16,561	64,168	18,915	98,118	125,744
US	47,433	252,299	255,590	53,387	584,695	2,971,747
Mature Birds						
Light	14,717	43,266	103,850	3,025	28,488	485,742
Heavy	2,019	27,056	18,061	2,124	55,300	205,919
US	16,736	70,322	121,911	5,149	83,788	691,661

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	2,770	3,024	49,340	53,507	17.81	17.69
CA	*	1,482	*	36,786	*	24.82
IA	1,718	1,554	50,532	46,204	29.41	29.72
MN	3,703	3,720	90,560	89,208	24.46	23.98
MO	1,826	1,808	57,154	54,459	31.30	30.11
NC	3,430	3,453	85,295	81,556	24.86	23.62
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	2,615	2,695	58,201	58,036	22.26	21.53
Oth Sts	7,115	5,710	218,293	181,519	30.68	31.79
US	23,177	23,446	609,375	601,275	26.29	25.64

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	41,090	44,748	743	819	1.67	1.70
CA	*	30,247	*	643	*	1.94
IA	39,284	35,988	1,247	1,275	2.74	3.07
MN	72,031	70,705	2,021	2,175	2.48	2.71
MO	44,774	42,353	1,366	1,329	2.66	2.71
NC	66,683	63,290	1,317	1,393	1.72	1.90
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	45,642	44,536	743	778	1.42	1.49
Oth Sts	172,181	142,555	3,487	3,256	1.77	1.99
US	481,685	474,422	10,924	11,668	1.99	2.16

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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		*	20,801	*	815	*
MO			12,373	*	*	2
NC		*	3,450	*	*	*
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA			*	501	6	*
VA		*	1,478	125	*	*
Other States		977	31,061	10,668	4,787	80
US		977	81,137	13,290	5,618	82
Old (Breeders)						
US		150	3,920	919	11	147
	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	268	1,159	997	281	2,860	31,048
MO	*	*	294	*	*	16,996
NC	*	1,465	*	*	1,126	10,928
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	2	*	5,253
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	400	8,281	6,018	1,998	12,212	53,901
US	741	12,064	7,901	2,281	16,198	140,289
Old (Breeders)						
US	53	176	158		411	5,945

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**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, August 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		*	6,856	*	15	*
IA		*	6,718	1,859	*	*
MN		*	25,191	2,585	1,038	*
MO			15,649	*	*	*
NC		*	*	*	*	*
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA		*	*	*	*	*
VA		2	1,971	*	*	*
Other States		203	40,395	11,515	4,307	166
US		205	96,780	15,959	5,360	166
Old (Breeders)						
US		2	5,018	879	5	311
	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	*	755	*	*	*	*
CA	*	*	*	*	*	9,228
IA	98	287	486	*	*	14,059
MN	212	971	999	*	2,986	34,356
MO	44	*	302	*	*	20,110
NC	75	*	*	317	1,603	13,808
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	6,180
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	262	11,226	6,945	1,258	12,690	62,245
US	691	13,239	8,732	1,575	17,279	159,986
Old (Breeders)						
US	20	276	149	16	891	7,567

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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.

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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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