



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 6 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during September 2002 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.10 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the amount certified in September 2001. Updated totals for August 2002 show that 3.37 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during September 2002 was 4.17 billion pounds, up 6 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.51 billion pounds, up 6 percent from September 2001, and mature chickens at 75.8 million pounds, were up 13 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 565 million pounds, up 6 percent, and ducks totaled 13.5 million pounds, a 2 percent decrease.

Young chickens slaughtered during September 2002 averaged 5.12 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from September 2001. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.47 pounds per bird, down slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during September 2002 averaged 26.0 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from September 2001.

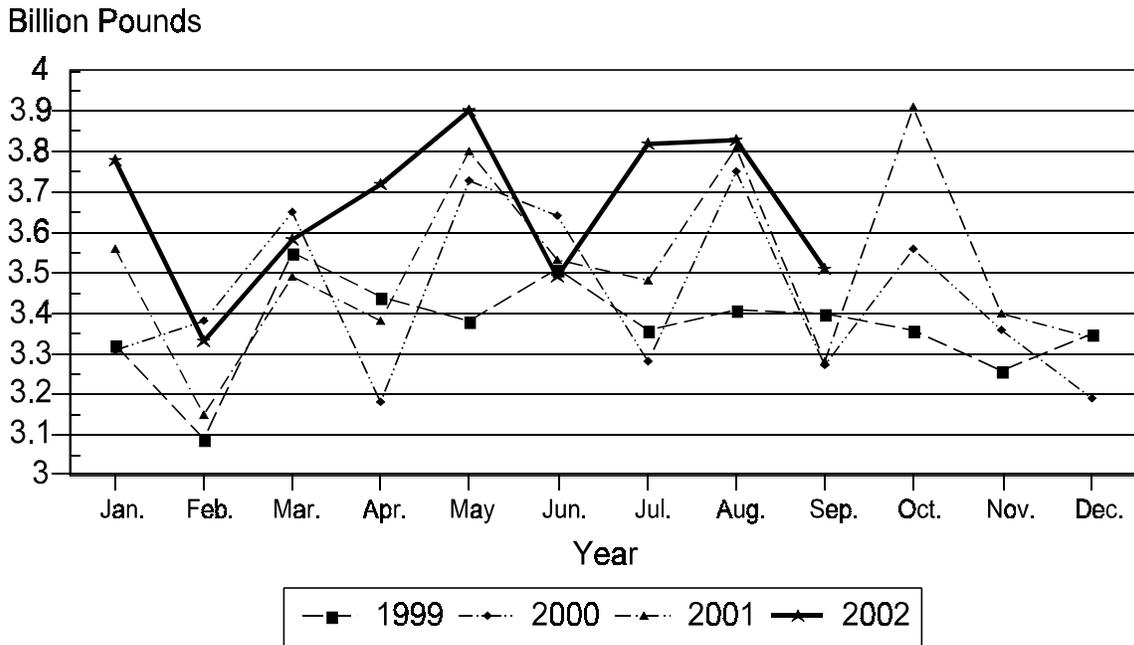
Ante-mortem condemnations during September 2002 totaled 17.4 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.42 percent of the live weight inspected, unchanged from a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 43.4 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.16 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.24 percent a year earlier.

September 2002 contained 21 weekdays and four Saturdays.
September 2001 contained 20 weekdays and five Saturdays

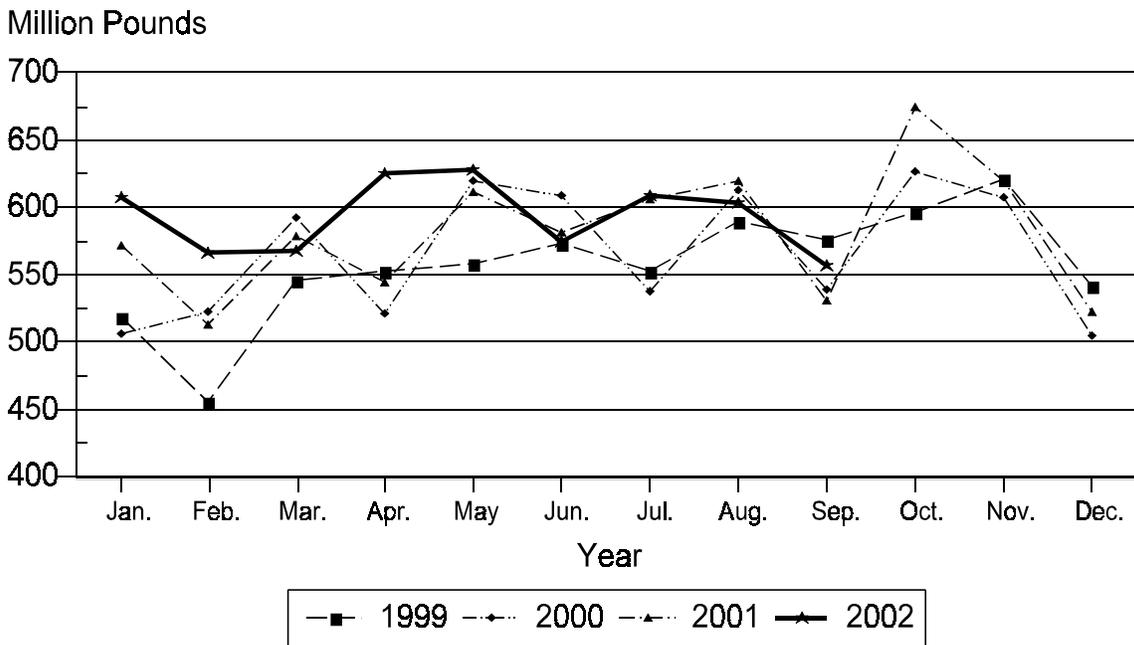
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Young Turkeys: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 1999-2002



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

Commodity	Sep 2001	Aug 2002	Sep 2002	Percent of	
				Sep 2001	Aug 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	653,275	758,120	686,022	105	90
Mature	12,267	14,715	13,839	113	94
Light	6,889	7,724	7,512	109	97
Heavy	5,378	6,991	6,327	118	91
Total	665,542	772,835	699,861	105	91
Turkeys					
Young	20,928	23,554	21,467	103	91
Old	265	290	284	107	98
Total	21,193	23,844	21,751	103	91
Ducks	2,056	1,988	2,029	99	102
	<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	3,301,361	3,829,661	3,509,202	106	92
Mature	67,335	81,578	75,771	113	93
Light	23,584	26,001	25,413	108	98
Heavy	43,751	55,577	50,358	115	91
Total	3,368,696	3,911,239	3,584,973	106	92
Turkeys					
Young	528,328	602,904	557,479	106	92
Old	6,729	7,779	7,558	112	97
Total	535,057	610,683	565,037	106	93
Ducks	13,763	13,008	13,539	98	104
Other Poultry	1,320	1,295	1,803	137	139
Total Poultry	3,918,836	4,536,225	4,165,352	106	92
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.05	5.05	5.12	101	101
Mature	5.49	5.54	5.47	100	99
Light	3.42	3.37	3.38	99	100
Heavy	8.13	7.95	7.96	98	100
Total	5.06	5.06	5.12	101	101
Turkeys					
Young	25.24	25.59	25.97	103	101
Old	25.35	26.92	26.52	105	99
Total	25.24	25.61	25.97	103	101
Ducks	6.69	6.55	6.67	100	102

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, September 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	6,261,537	6,318,275	6,459,860	103	102
Mature	127,967	120,145	129,528	101	108
Light	73,355	68,239	74,897	102	110
Heavy	54,612	51,906	54,631	100	105
Total	6,389,504	6,438,420	6,589,388	103	102
Turkeys					
Young	196,749	196,384	198,718	101	101
Old	1,592	1,726	1,806	113	105
Total	198,341	198,110	200,524	101	101
Ducks	17,987	19,990	17,915	100	90
	<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	31,189,870	31,689,474	32,896,802	105	104
Mature	678,027	643,891	687,106	101	107
Light	250,579	233,840	255,351	102	109
Heavy	427,448	410,051	431,755	101	105
Total	31,867,897	32,333,365	33,583,908	105	104
Turkeys					
Young	5,060,394	5,145,919	5,323,113	105	103
Old	41,654	45,504	49,151	118	108
Total	5,102,048	5,191,423	5,372,264	105	103
Ducks	118,848	131,810	119,597	101	91
Other Poultry	9,992	9,149	8,415	84	92
Total Poultry	37,098,785	37,665,747	39,084,184	105	104
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	4.98	5.02	5.09	102	101
Mature	5.30	5.36	5.30	100	99
Light	3.42	3.43	3.41	100	99
Heavy	7.83	7.90	7.90	101	100
Total	4.99	5.02	5.10	102	102
Turkeys					
Young	25.72	26.20	26.79	104	102
Old	26.16	26.36	27.22	104	103
Total	25.72	26.20	26.79	104	102
Ducks	6.61	6.59	6.68	101	101

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

Commodity	Sep 2001	Aug 2002	Sep 2002	Percent of	
				Sep 2001	Aug 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	2,232,727	2,543,668	2,335,619	105	92
Mature	39,446	47,593	44,610	113	94
Light	10,651	11,879	11,793	111	99
Heavy	28,795	35,714	32,817	114	92
Total	2,272,173	2,591,261	2,380,229	105	92
Turkeys					
Young	211,405	250,867	235,037	111	94
Old	3,625	4,404	4,447	123	101
Total	215,030	255,271	239,484	111	94
Ducks	3,578	3,138	3,322	93	106
Other Poultry	286	255	248	87	97
Total Poultry	2,491,067	2,849,925	2,623,283	105	92
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	206,011	285,621	261,364	127	92
Mature	1,498	1,567	1,791	120	114
Light	1,381	1,391	1,233	89	89
Heavy	117	176	558	477	317
Total	207,509	287,188	263,155	127	92
Turkeys					
Young	212,527	225,037	203,911	96	91
Old	1,561	1,595	1,370	88	86
Total	214,088	226,632	205,281	96	91
Ducks	6,126	6,134	6,478	106	106
Other Poultry	515	533	842	163	158
Total Poultry	428,238	520,487	475,756	111	91
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,438,738	2,829,289	2,596,983	106	92
Mature	40,944	49,160	46,401	113	94
Light	12,032	13,270	13,026	108	98
Heavy	28,912	35,890	33,375	115	93
Total	2,479,682	2,878,449	2,643,384	107	92
Turkeys					
Young	423,932	475,904	438,948	104	92
Old	5,186	5,999	5,817	112	97
Total	429,118	481,903	444,765	104	92
Ducks	9,704	9,272	9,800	101	106
Other Poultry	801	788	1,090	136	138
Total Poultry	2,919,305	3,370,412	3,099,039	106	92

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, September 2002 ¹ (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	20,974,594	21,370,736	22,048,459	105	103
Mature	380,088	377,381	399,054	105	106
Light	115,200	111,340	119,775	104	108
Heavy	264,888	266,041	279,279	105	105
Total	21,354,682	21,748,117	22,447,513	105	103
Turkeys					
Young	1,892,854	1,956,790	2,110,888	112	108
Old	20,997	27,712	30,515	145	110
Total	1,913,851	1,984,502	2,141,403	112	108
Ducks	33,094	36,433	31,314	95	86
Other Poultry	2,617	2,345	1,915	73	82
Total Poultry	23,304,244	23,771,397	24,622,145	106	104
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	1,977,035	2,032,388	2,309,599	117	114
Mature	28,624	11,226	14,240	50	127
Light	14,122	9,305	11,520	82	124
Heavy	14,502	1,921	2,720	19	142
Total	2,005,659	2,043,614	2,323,839	116	114
Turkeys					
Young	2,092,667	2,115,882	2,096,802	100	99
Old	10,347	7,226	7,048	68	98
Total	2,103,014	2,123,108	2,103,850	100	99
Ducks	52,193	57,996	56,101	107	97
Other Poultry	3,461	3,150	3,235	93	103
Total Poultry	4,164,327	4,227,868	4,487,025	108	106
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	22,951,629	23,403,124	24,358,058	106	104
Mature	408,712	388,607	413,294	101	106
Light	129,322	120,645	131,295	102	109
Heavy	279,390	267,962	281,999	101	105
Total	23,360,341	23,791,731	24,771,352	106	104
Turkeys					
Young	3,985,521	4,072,672	4,207,690	106	103
Old	31,344	34,938	37,563	120	108
Total	4,016,865	4,107,610	4,245,253	106	103
Ducks	85,287	94,429	87,415	102	93
Other Poultry	6,078	5,495	5,150	85	94
Total Poultry	27,468,571	27,999,265	29,109,170	106	104

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Commodity	Sep 2001	Aug 2002	Sep 2002	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2001
				Sep 2001	Aug 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	13,903	17,425	13,637	98	78	135,530	137,708	102
Mature	1,028	2,102	1,712	167	81	11,925	14,232	119
Light	495	679	850	172	125	5,367	6,371	119
Heavy	533	1,423	862	162	61	6,558	7,861	120
Total	14,931	19,527	15,349	103	79	147,455	151,940	103
Turkeys								
Young	1,572	2,171	1,972	125	91	17,904	17,673	99
Old	40	57	81	203	142	564	508	90
Total	1,612	2,228	2,053	127	92	18,468	18,181	98
Ducks	31	22	25	81	114	277	264	95
Other Poultry	4	2	7	175	350	37	37	100
Total Poultry	16,578	21,779	17,434	105	80	166,237	170,422	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	0.42	0.45	0.39	93	87	0.43	0.42	98
Mature	1.53	2.58	2.26	148	88	1.85	2.07	112
Light	2.10	2.61	3.34	159	128	2.29	2.49	109
Heavy	1.22	2.56	1.71	140	67	1.60	1.82	114
Total	0.44	0.50	0.43	98	86	0.46	0.45	98
Turkeys								
Young	0.30	0.36	0.35	117	97	0.35	0.33	94
Old	0.60	0.72	1.08	180	150	1.24	1.03	83
Total	0.30	0.36	0.36	120	100	0.36	0.34	94
Ducks	0.22	0.17	0.19	86	112	0.21	0.22	105
Other Poultry	0.29	0.26	0.45	155	173	0.40	0.44	110
Total Poultry	0.42	0.48	0.42	100	88	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, September 2002 ¹**

Commodity	Sep 2001	Aug 2002	Sep 2002	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2001
				Sep 2001	Aug 2002	2001	2002	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
N.Y. Dressed Weight								
Chickens								
Young	29,278	30,183	27,605	94	91	369,191	293,729	80
Mature	3,341	4,112	4,190	125	102	33,531	35,144	105
Light	1,673	1,722	2,114	126	123	16,383	18,077	110
Heavy	1,668	2,390	2,076	124	87	17,148	17,067	100
Total	32,619	34,295	31,795	97	93	402,722	328,873	82
Turkeys								
Young	10,558	11,708	10,962	104	94	107,147	98,689	92
Old	339	378	370	109	98	2,869	3,067	107
Total	10,897	12,086	11,332	104	94	110,016	101,756	92
Ducks	322	231	226	70	98	2,925	2,194	75
Other Poultry	15	12	20	133	167	100	97	97
Total Poultry	43,853	46,624	43,373	99	93	515,763	432,920	84
	<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	0.99	0.88	0.87	88	99	1.29	0.99	77
Mature	5.51	5.61	6.14	111	109	5.79	5.68	98
Light	7.88	7.37	9.24	117	125	7.79	7.87	101
Heavy	4.24	4.78	4.58	108	96	4.65	4.39	94
Total	1.08	0.97	0.99	92	102	1.38	1.09	79
Turkeys								
Young	2.22	2.16	2.18	98	101	2.31	2.06	89
Old	5.59	5.38	5.43	97	101	7.00	6.93	99
Total	2.26	2.20	2.23	99	101	2.35	2.10	89
Ducks	2.60	1.97	1.85	71	94	2.47	2.04	83
Other Poultry	1.31	1.18	1.20	92	102	1.21	1.28	106
Total Poultry	1.24	1.14	1.16	94	102	1.52	1.23	81

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, September 2002**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<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	88,872	80,986	445,450	408,409	5.01	5.04
AR	102,971	96,589	506,106	481,225	4.92	4.98
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	22,586	21,440	131,968	127,822	5.84	5.96
FL	11,261	9,818	60,528	52,084	5.38	5.30
GA	109,843	99,324	544,852	497,782	4.96	5.01
KY	22,053	19,848	113,008	104,750	5.12	5.28
LA	16,539	14,562	78,748	70,680	4.76	4.85
MD	17,648	15,785	81,462	75,360	4.62	4.77
MS	63,879	58,609	333,255	313,116	5.22	5.34
MO	32,801	30,001	146,842	138,282	4.48	4.61
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	59,163	54,051	353,965	323,464	5.98	5.98
OH	3,934	3,403	20,371	18,397	5.18	5.41
PA	9,989	8,932	51,504	47,357	5.16	5.30
SC	21,051	19,451	113,437	107,124	5.39	5.51
TN	19,767	18,782	93,261	89,797	4.72	4.78
TX	54,412	51,053	261,959	248,909	4.81	4.88
VA	30,246	26,208	145,891	128,425	4.82	4.90
WA	5,189	4,429	27,704	23,974	5.34	5.41
Oth Sts	65,916	52,751	319,350	252,245	4.84	4.78
US	758,120	686,022	3,829,661	3,509,202	5.05	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, September 2002**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<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	328,666	301,304	3,826	3,563	0.95	0.97
AR	367,108	349,240	4,400	3,909	0.97	0.90
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	95,787	91,953	1,677	1,559	1.41	1.36
FL	42,616	37,247	621	492	1.14	1.05
GA	400,399	366,147	3,599	3,317	0.73	0.74
KY	83,676	76,014	691	698	0.68	0.74
LA	57,365	51,176	335	307	0.47	0.48
MD	58,255	54,563	750	700	1.02	1.03
MS	246,517	233,481	1,938	1,930	0.65	0.68
MO	107,832	101,950	911	978	0.69	0.79
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	272,795	250,954	3,206	2,962	1.01	1.02
OH	14,737	12,874	318	224	1.73	1.35
PA	35,439	32,501	1,007	988	2.17	2.32
SC	81,017	77,931	715	704	0.70	0.73
TN	68,407	64,797	675	579	0.80	0.72
TX	206,480	195,717	1,879	1,603	0.80	0.72
VA	105,170	93,139	1,188	977	0.90	0.85
WA	20,690	17,952	291	288	1.17	1.33
Oth Sts	236,333	188,043	2,156	1,827	0.75	0.80
US	2,829,289	2,596,983	30,183	27,605	0.88	0.87

* 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, 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		1,834	209,187	56,706	5,546	2,394
CA		5,053	*	4,297	*	784
DE		*	83,340	12,104	*	4,543
FL		112	*	*	*	*
GA		685	94,191	53,713	528	4,440
IN		22	3,980	*	*	204
KY		*	27,956	*	*	1,769
LA		79	15,328	6,212	*	355
MD		2,660	47,050	13,797	35	*
MS		309	66,854	16,150	468	1,451
MO		1,405	63,267	10,006	*	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		369	*	1,094	*	*
NC		*	109,539	35,088	*	11,685
OH		*	19,919	1,808	71	341
PA		275	25,107	8,932	268	*
SC		240	19,635	*	*	1,311
TN		301	43,073	*	367	595
TX		192	124,081	60,665	356	1,533
VA		*	55,141	*	38	*
WA		40	*	*	33	36
Oth Sts		4,992	188,713	66,348	6,534	17,766
US		18,568	1,314,822	386,492	14,244	53,859
Mature Birds						
Light		1,912	188,424	16,769	220	84,907
Heavy		853	85,143	3,478	444	11,748
US		2,765	273,567	20,247	664	96,655

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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	8,333	31,600	35,206	4,401	46,777	401,984
CA	275	*	2,496	*	*	156,242
DE	2,662	11,428	11,655	3,275	14,455	144,683
FL	953	*	3,931	*	6,441	45,805
GA	5,586	35,821	24,358	8,061	100,467	327,850
IN	*	*	*	*	*	8,905
KY	248	15,556	5,103	1,460	5,831	74,888
LA	575	3,390	3,541	*	*	33,367
MD	1,767	15,791	*	*	12,718	117,610
MS	3,222	12,621	10,881	581	40,504	153,041
MO	1,416	14,393	13,130	951	38,674	147,545
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	696	*	3,780	*	*	11,921
NC	4,764	25,841	24,550	9,992	63,318	285,960
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	1,319	7,318	4,775	1,718	*	85,336
TX	1,463	8,538	12,397	955	12,379	222,559
VA	1,877	14,412	*	*	*	132,184
WA	*	*	*	14	*	21,055
Oth Sts	4,053	20,063	64,327	17,710	114,612	114,492
US	47,647	254,641	257,531	55,268	586,316	2,989,388
Mature Birds						
Light	13,851	43,288	102,648	3,077	28,810	483,906
Heavy	2,050	27,191	18,032	2,125	55,607	206,671
US	15,901	70,479	120,680	5,202	84,417	690,577

* 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".

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	111,887	35,668	1,568	*
AR		2,099	180,818	55,197	5,174	2,403
CA		4,064	*	3,832	*	813
DE		665	78,196	10,664	*	*
FL		72	*	*	*	*
GA		512	87,111	49,891	438	5,051
IN		*	3,598	*	*	*
KY		*	29,180	*	*	1,700
LA		*	13,400	4,725	*	294
MD		1,270	41,410	10,730	43	*
MS		341	56,413	18,930	406	1,467
MO		1,241	58,732	*	669	*
NJ		10	*	*	*	*
NY		170	*	*	199	*
NC		805	90,995	29,016	*	*
OH		722	14,280	1,542	*	283
PA		*	26,418	11,507	172	*
SC		148	*	*	*	1,254
TN		*	40,858	10,995	353	478
TX		*	103,105	44,827	345	1,425
VA		*	41,538	*	*	*
WA		32	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		36,410	175,473	73,782	3,299	36,369
US		48,561	1,153,412	361,306	12,666	51,537
Mature Birds						
Light		1,190	211,071	14,856	151	99,338
Heavy		2,462	73,463	3,647	242	10,739
US		3,652	284,534	18,503	393	110,077

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	5,560	25,008	24,929	5,509	63,517	279,335
AR	8,375	29,522	32,407	3,736	39,988	359,719
CA	295	*	1,683	*	*	128,200
DE	2,462	10,328	11,665	1,870	12,549	132,810
FL	*	2,529	*	*	*	41,675
GA	5,433	34,727	21,140	5,678	93,638	303,619
IN	*	*	*	*	*	8,228
KY	204	13,246	3,247	*	6,480	73,592
LA	534	4,725	3,570	*	*	32,025
MD	1,523	15,150	*	564	13,096	108,861
MS	2,905	11,633	8,934	927	39,348	141,304
MO	1,200	11,109	10,285	577	39,488	136,783
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	755	*	*	310	*	*
NC	4,112	21,351	24,429	8,057	55,770	245,885
OH	251	*	736	138	*	25,148
PA	1,378	4,335	6,668	283	55,840	107,733
SC	*	7,259	2,719	5,052	4,801	*
TN	1,175	8,976	4,565	*	7,844	76,472
TX	1,237	7,450	11,344	*	11,196	216,485
VA	1,571	9,561	*	2,719	12,234	97,681
WA	*	*	*	*	*	22,541
Oth Sts	4,209	12,660	69,998	8,353	81,785	181,800
US	43,179	229,569	238,319	43,773	537,574	2,719,896
Mature Birds						
Light	11,887	28,743	158,693	1,228	43,754	570,911
Heavy	1,796	15,290	20,335	1,583	58,464	188,021
US	13,683	44,033	179,028	2,811	102,218	758,932

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<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	3,077	2,885	53,855	49,328	17.50	17.10
CA	1,482	*	36,786	*	24.82	*
IA	1,554	1,486	46,204	45,154	29.72	30.38
MN	3,720	2,937	89,208	75,638	23.98	25.75
MO	1,808	1,634	54,459	49,406	30.11	30.23
NC	3,453	3,356	81,556	78,947	23.62	23.52
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	2,695	2,610	58,036	57,100	21.53	21.88
Oth Sts	5,765	6,559	182,800	201,906	31.71	30.78
US	23,554	21,467	602,904	557,479	25.59	25.97

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemns			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<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	45,203	41,197	841	772	1.74	1.74
CA	30,247	*	643	*	1.94	*
IA	35,988	35,083	1,275	1,209	3.07	2.97
MN	70,705	59,978	2,175	1,550	2.71	2.28
MO	42,353	38,494	1,329	1,294	2.71	2.91
NC	63,290	61,318	1,393	1,213	1.90	1.71
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	44,536	44,292	778	1,056	1.49	2.06
Oth Sts	143,582	158,586	3,274	3,868	1.99	2.13
US	475,904	438,948	11,708	10,962	2.16	2.18

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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, 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	41,108	11,757	4,308	167
US		205	97,493	16,201	5,361	167
Old (Breeders)						
US		2	5,019	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	*	772	*	*	*	*
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	*	*	*	*	*	6,710
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	268	11,255	7,047	1,268	12,680	62,826
US	697	13,285	8,834	1,585	17,269	161,097
Old (Breeders)						
US	20	276	149	16	891	7,568

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**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, September 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			6,561	*	*	3
CA		*	6,824	*		4
IA			6,645	1,882	*	*
MN		*	16,383	1,275	*	*
MO			15,553	*		
NC		*	*	*	*	*
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA		*	*	687	9	2
VA		6	2,320	*	*	*
Other States		190	37,117	13,739	5,716	140
US		196	91,403	17,583	5,725	149
Old (Breeders)						
US			5,636	1,013	2	321
	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	*	988	*	*	*	*
CA	17	*	*	*	*	9,716
IA	*	310	522	*	*	14,278
MN	204	1,065	833	*	1,731	22,619
MO	*	*	*	*	*	21,156
NC	71	1,184	*	*	1,161	14,921
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	70	*	*	*	*	7,393
VA	*	*	*	*	*	5,404
Other States	492	8,381	7,359	1,589	15,120	60,666
US	854	11,928	8,714	1,589	18,012	156,153
Old (Breeders)						
US	18	187	152	112	650	8,091

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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.

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.

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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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