



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 1 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during October 2002 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.52 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the amount certified in October 2001. Updated totals for September 2002 show that 3.10 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during October 2002 was 4.72 billion pounds, up 1 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.96 billion pounds, up 1 percent from October 2001, and mature chickens at 83.1 million pounds, were up 8 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 668 million pounds, down 2 percent, and ducks totaled 14.4 million pounds, a 4 percent decrease.

Young chickens slaughtered during October 2002 averaged 5.18 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from October 2001. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.41 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during October 2002 averaged 26.8 pounds per bird, up 5 percent from October 2001.

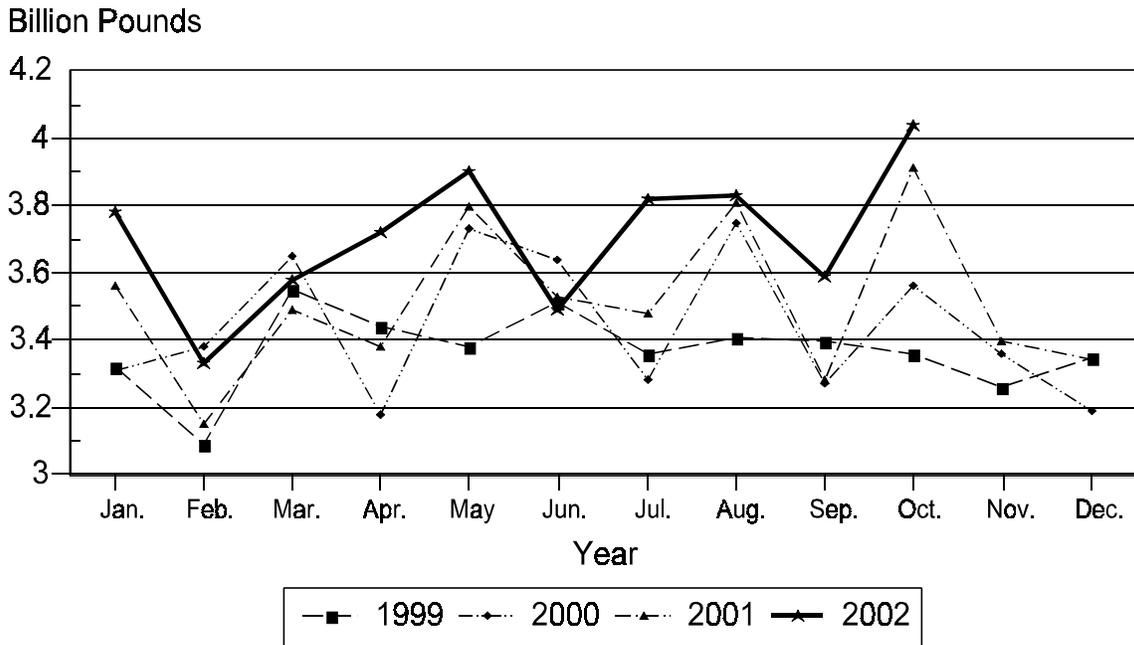
Ante-mortem condemnations during October 2002 totaled 16.8 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.36 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.34 percent from a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 47.9 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.13 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.23 percent a year earlier.

October 2002 contained 23 weekdays and five Saturdays the same as a October a year ago.

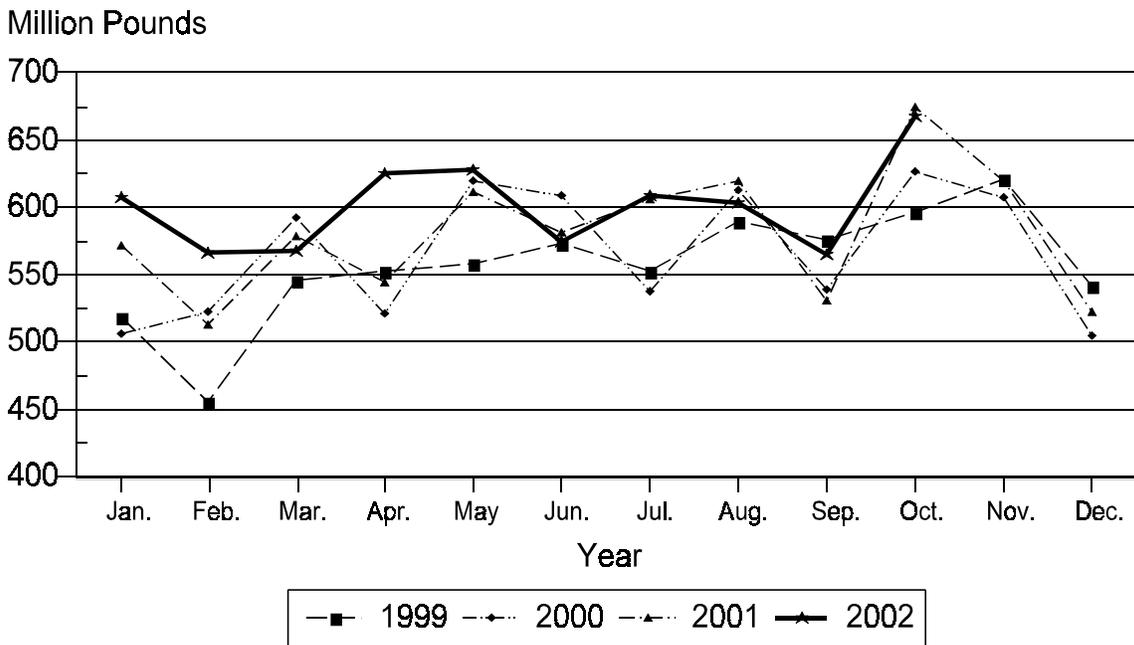
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Young Turkeys: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 1999-2002



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

Commodity	Oct 2001	Sep 2002	Oct 2002	Percent of	
				Oct 2001	Sep 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	769,536	686,737	764,199	99	111
Mature	14,542	13,841	15,350	106	111
Light	8,373	7,512	8,379	100	112
Heavy	6,169	6,329	6,971	113	110
Total	784,078	700,578	779,549	99	111
Turkeys					
Young	26,395	21,503	24,641	93	115
Old	253	284	279	110	98
Total	26,648	21,787	24,920	94	114
Ducks	2,226	2,031	2,134	96	105
	<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	3,912,113	3,513,264	3,955,160	101	113
Mature	77,185	75,787	83,092	108	110
Light	28,351	25,413	27,970	99	110
Heavy	48,834	50,374	55,122	113	109
Total	3,989,298	3,589,051	4,038,252	101	113
Turkeys					
Young	675,685	558,005	660,026	98	118
Old	6,900	7,558	7,482	108	99
Total	682,585	565,563	667,508	98	118
Ducks	14,997	13,544	14,359	96	106
Other Poultry	2,511	1,804	2,152	86	119
Total Poultry	4,689,391	4,169,962	4,722,271	101	113
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.08	5.12	5.18	102	101
Mature	5.31	5.47	5.41	102	99
Light	3.39	3.38	3.34	99	99
Heavy	7.92	7.96	7.91	100	99
Total	5.09	5.12	5.18	102	101
Turkeys					
Young	25.60	25.95	26.79	105	103
Old	27.24	26.52	26.93	99	102
Total	25.61	25.96	26.79	105	103
Ducks	6.74	6.67	6.73	100	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, October 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	6,968,032	7,087,811	7,224,774	104	102
Mature	141,120	134,687	144,880	103	108
Light	80,249	76,612	83,276	104	109
Heavy	60,871	58,075	61,604	101	106
Total	7,109,152	7,222,498	7,369,654	104	102
Turkeys					
Young	221,922	222,779	223,395	101	100
Old	1,837	1,979	2,085	114	105
Total	223,759	224,758	225,480	101	100
Ducks	20,055	22,216	20,051	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	34,745,730	35,601,587	36,856,024	106	104
Mature	750,535	721,076	770,214	103	107
Light	274,005	262,191	283,321	103	108
Heavy	476,530	458,885	486,893	102	106
Total	35,496,265	36,322,663	37,626,238	106	104
Turkeys					
Young	5,687,437	5,821,604	5,983,665	105	103
Old	48,065	52,404	56,633	118	108
Total	5,735,502	5,874,008	6,040,298	105	103
Ducks	132,507	146,807	133,961	101	91
Other Poultry	12,340	11,660	10,568	86	91
Total Poultry	41,376,614	42,355,138	43,811,065	106	103
	<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	5.32	5.35	5.32	100	99
Light	3.41	3.42	3.40	100	99
Heavy	7.83	7.90	7.90	101	100
Total	4.99	5.03	5.11	102	102
Turkeys					
Young	25.63	26.13	26.79	105	103
Old	26.16	26.47	27.16	104	103
Total	25.63	26.13	26.79	105	103
Ducks	6.61	6.61	6.68	101	101

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

Commodity	Oct 2001	Sep 2002	Oct 2002	Percent of	
				Oct 2001	Sep 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	2,641,339	2,338,038	2,626,101	99	112
Mature	45,312	44,637	48,691	107	109
Light	13,483	11,793	12,746	95	108
Heavy	31,829	32,844	35,945	113	109
Total	2,686,651	2,382,675	2,674,792	100	112
Turkeys					
Young	264,169	234,965	294,026	111	125
Old	3,407	4,447	3,877	114	87
Total	267,576	239,412	297,903	111	124
Ducks	4,028	3,324	3,707	92	112
Other Poultry	318	249	238	75	96
Total Poultry	2,958,573	2,625,660	2,976,640	101	113
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	255,832	261,953	304,046	119	116
Mature	1,649	1,792	1,912	116	107
Light	1,423	1,233	1,590	112	129
Heavy	226	559	322	142	58
Total	257,481	263,745	305,958	119	116
Turkeys					
Young	271,942	204,399	224,975	83	110
Old	1,801	1,370	1,729	96	126
Total	273,743	205,769	226,704	83	110
Ducks	6,547	6,480	6,565	100	101
Other Poultry	1,256	842	1,078	86	128
Total Poultry	539,027	476,836	540,305	100	113
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,897,171	2,599,991	2,930,147	101	113
Mature	46,961	46,429	50,603	108	109
Light	14,906	13,026	14,336	96	110
Heavy	32,055	33,403	36,267	113	109
Total	2,944,132	2,646,420	2,980,750	101	113
Turkeys					
Young	536,111	439,364	519,001	97	118
Old	5,208	5,817	5,606	108	96
Total	541,319	445,181	524,607	97	118
Ducks	10,575	9,804	10,272	97	105
Other Poultry	1,574	1,091	1,316	84	121
Total Poultry	3,497,600	3,102,496	3,516,945	101	113

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, October 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	23,381,075	24,012,075	24,676,979	106	103
Mature	421,495	422,693	447,772	106	106
Light	126,514	124,823	132,521	105	106
Heavy	294,981	297,870	315,251	107	106
Total	23,802,570	24,434,768	25,124,751	106	103
Turkeys					
Young	2,139,481	2,220,959	2,404,842	112	108
Old	24,101	31,119	34,392	143	111
Total	2,163,582	2,252,078	2,439,234	113	108
Ducks	36,825	40,461	35,023	95	87
Other Poultry	3,041	2,663	2,154	71	81
Total Poultry	26,006,018	26,729,970	27,601,162	106	103
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,203,082	2,288,220	2,614,234	119	114
Mature	31,351	12,875	16,153	52	125
Light	15,041	10,728	13,110	87	122
Heavy	16,310	2,147	3,043	19	142
Total	2,234,433	2,301,095	2,630,387	118	114
Turkeys					
Young	2,340,741	2,387,824	2,322,265	99	97
Old	12,159	9,027	8,777	72	97
Total	2,352,900	2,396,851	2,331,042	99	97
Ducks	58,324	64,543	62,668	107	97
Other Poultry	4,474	4,406	4,313	96	98
Total Poultry	4,650,131	4,766,895	5,028,410	108	105
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	25,584,157	26,300,295	27,291,213	107	104
Mature	452,846	435,568	463,925	102	107
Light	141,555	135,551	145,631	103	107
Heavy	311,291	300,017	318,294	102	106
Total	26,037,003	26,735,863	27,755,138	107	104
Turkeys					
Young	4,480,222	4,608,783	4,727,107	106	103
Old	36,260	40,146	43,169	119	108
Total	4,516,482	4,648,929	4,770,276	106	103
Ducks	95,149	105,004	97,691	103	93
Other Poultry	7,515	7,069	6,467	86	91
Total Poultry	30,656,149	31,496,865	32,629,572	106	104

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Commodity	Oct 2001	Sep 2002	Oct 2002	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2001
				Oct 2001	Sep 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	12,999	13,649	13,764	106	101	148,529	151,484	102
Mature	1,060	1,702	1,178	111	69	12,985	15,400	119
Light	579	850	496	86	58	5,946	6,867	115
Heavy	481	852	682	142	80	7,039	8,533	121
Total	14,059	15,351	14,942	106	97	161,514	166,884	103
Turkeys								
Young	1,679	1,969	1,800	107	91	19,583	19,470	99
Old	57	81	58	102	72	621	566	91
Total	1,736	2,050	1,858	107	91	20,204	20,036	99
Ducks	35	25	23	66	92	312	287	92
Other Poultry	7	7	15	214	214	44	52	118
Total Poultry	15,837	17,433	16,838	106	97	182,074	187,259	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	0.33	0.39	0.35	106	90	0.42	0.41	98
Mature	1.37	2.24	1.42	104	63	1.80	2.00	111
Light	2.04	3.34	1.77	87	53	2.27	2.42	107
Heavy	0.98	1.69	1.24	127	73	1.53	1.75	114
Total	0.35	0.43	0.37	106	86	0.44	0.44	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.25	0.35	0.27	108	77	0.34	0.33	97
Old	0.82	1.08	0.76	93	70	1.19	1.00	84
Total	0.25	0.36	0.28	112	78	0.34	0.33	97
Ducks	0.23	0.19	0.16	70	84	0.21	0.21	100
Other Poultry	0.29	0.45	0.64	221	142	0.37	0.49	132
Total Poultry	0.34	0.42	0.36	106	86	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, October 2002 ¹**

Commodity	Oct 2001	Sep 2002	Oct 2002	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2001
				Oct 2001	Sep 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	34,974	27,638	30,595	87	111	404,165	324,357	80
Mature	4,176	4,189	4,651	111	111	37,707	39,794	106
Light	2,110	2,114	2,252	107	107	18,493	20,329	110
Heavy	2,066	2,075	2,399	116	116	19,214	19,465	101
Total	39,150	31,827	35,246	90	111	441,872	364,151	82
Turkeys								
Young	12,063	10,970	12,037	100	110	119,210	110,734	93
Old	371	370	364	98	98	3,240	3,431	106
Total	12,434	11,340	12,401	100	109	122,450	114,165	93
Ducks	268	226	268	100	119	3,193	2,462	77
Other Poultry	29	20	29	100	145	129	126	98
Total Poultry	51,881	43,413	47,944	92	110	567,644	480,904	85
	<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	0.87	0.86	87	99	1.26	0.98	78
Mature	6.01	6.14	6.22	103	101	5.81	5.74	99
Light	8.27	9.24	8.95	108	97	7.84	7.97	102
Heavy	4.70	4.58	4.84	103	106	4.65	4.44	95
Total	1.09	0.99	0.97	89	98	1.35	1.08	80
Turkeys								
Young	1.98	2.18	2.03	103	93	2.28	2.06	90
Old	5.97	5.43	5.40	90	99	6.87	6.73	98
Total	2.02	2.23	2.06	102	92	2.32	2.10	91
Ducks	1.98	1.86	2.08	105	112	2.42	2.04	84
Other Poultry	1.30	1.20	1.54	118	128	1.23	1.32	107
Total Poultry	1.23	1.16	1.13	92	97	1.49	1.22	82

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, October 2002**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	80,956	90,780	408,219	463,458	5.04	5.11
AR	96,589	106,326	481,225	533,659	4.98	5.02
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	21,440	23,933	127,822	145,620	5.96	6.08
FL	9,818	11,150	52,084	61,000	5.30	5.47
GA	99,275	113,183	497,293	566,824	5.01	5.01
KY	20,007	19,538	105,388	108,322	5.27	5.54
LA	14,684	16,560	71,325	81,574	4.86	4.93
MD	15,785	18,242	75,360	87,787	4.77	4.81
MS	58,607	66,021	313,096	355,792	5.34	5.39
MO	30,371	34,541	139,834	162,804	4.60	4.71
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	54,319	57,788	325,234	354,612	5.99	6.14
OH	3,403	4,194	18,397	22,557	5.41	5.38
PA	8,932	10,165	47,357	54,502	5.30	5.36
SC	19,489	21,417	107,299	120,699	5.51	5.64
TN	18,782	20,882	89,797	100,881	4.78	4.83
TX	51,051	56,919	248,882	279,210	4.88	4.91
VA	26,208	29,556	128,425	149,115	4.90	5.05
WA	4,429	4,900	23,974	26,410	5.41	5.39
Oth Sts	52,592	58,104	252,253	280,334	4.80	4.82
US	686,737	764,199	3,513,264	3,955,160	5.12	5.18

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

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	301,172	347,092	3,558	3,940	0.97	0.94
AR	349,240	385,908	3,909	4,056	0.90	0.84
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	91,953	106,256	1,559	1,810	1.36	1.38
FL	37,247	43,070	492	725	1.05	1.32
GA	365,858	417,864	3,313	3,509	0.74	0.69
KY	76,550	79,714	700	814	0.74	0.84
LA	51,613	59,074	310	336	0.48	0.46
MD	54,563	64,729	700	874	1.03	1.11
MS	233,463	266,840	1,930	2,104	0.68	0.66
MO	102,976	119,584	992	953	0.79	0.65
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	252,301	276,825	2,980	3,268	1.02	1.02
OH	12,874	16,382	224	337	1.35	1.66
PA	32,501	37,478	988	1,053	2.32	2.15
SC	78,059	89,237	705	744	0.73	0.68
TN	64,797	69,053	579	645	0.72	0.71
TX	195,684	217,397	1,607	1,774	0.72	0.71
VA	93,139	107,177	977	1,298	0.85	0.97
WA	17,952	19,751	288	271	1.33	1.14
Oth Sts	188,049	206,716	1,827	2,084	0.80	0.83
US	2,599,991	2,930,147	27,638	30,595	0.87	0.86

* 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, September 2002**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	111,809	35,624	1,569	*
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	86,960	49,915	439	5,046
IN		*	3,598	*	*	*
KY		*	29,247	*	*	1,704
LA		*	13,476	4,736	*	300
MD		1,270	41,410	10,730	43	*
MS		342	56,334	18,915	406	1,467
MO		1,282	59,353	*	678	*
NJ		10	*	*	*	*
NY		171	*	*	199	*
NC		806	91,427	29,067	*	*
OH		722	14,280	1,542	*	283
PA		*	26,418	11,507	172	*
SC		150	*	*	*	1,255
TN		*	40,858	10,995	353	478
TX		*	103,528	44,960	344	1,425
VA		*	41,538	*	*	*
WA		32	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		36,411	175,513	74,061	3,300	36,490
US		48,608	1,154,763	361,745	12,677	51,664
Mature Birds						
Light		1,190	211,071	14,856	151	99,338
Heavy		2,464	73,349	3,647	244	10,647
US		3,654	284,420	18,503	395	109,985

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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	5,559	24,984	24,918	5,490	63,395	279,035
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	5,428	34,788	21,145	5,695	93,711	303,639
IN	*	*	*	*	*	8,228
KY	205	13,270	3,264	*	6,512	73,741
LA	536	4,737	3,586	*	*	32,158
MD	1,523	15,150	*	564	13,096	108,861
MS	2,905	11,635	8,935	927	39,303	141,169
MO	1,221	11,223	10,659	578	39,958	138,760
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	756	*	*	318	*	*
NC	4,140	21,441	24,514	8,065	56,013	246,866
OH	251	*	736	138	*	25,148
PA	1,378	4,335	6,668	283	55,840	107,733
SC	*	7,261	2,726	5,052	4,822	*
TN	1,175	8,976	4,565	*	7,844	76,472
TX	1,250	7,480	11,361	*	11,274	217,183
VA	1,571	9,561	*	2,719	12,234	97,681
WA	*	*	*	*	*	22,541
Oth Sts	4,212	12,660	70,006	8,356	81,798	181,926
US	43,242	229,880	238,838	43,791	538,337	2,723,545
Mature Birds						
Light	11,887	28,743	158,693	1,228	43,754	570,911
Heavy	1,787	15,355	20,331	1,586	58,431	187,841
US	13,674	44,098	179,024	2,814	102,185	758,752

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	121,245	39,656	1,311	*
AR		*	193,192	64,737	4,398	2,609
CA		4,274	*	3,907	198	790
DE		982	92,754	15,549	*	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		767	99,693	59,000	384	5,502
IN		*	5,430	*	*	187
KY		*	33,103	*	*	1,752
LA		*	14,547	5,204	*	297
MD		1,571	57,520	15,027	50	*
MS		321	66,570	21,478	461	1,451
MO		1,590	69,304	*	686	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		734	99,205	28,883	*	*
OH		*	20,596	1,996	*	*
PA		211	31,563	16,887	259	*
SC		*	23,861	*	*	1,112
TN		161	39,145	9,333	310	596
TX		*	100,773	47,857	270	1,565
VA		*	57,978	*	58	*
WA		*	*	761	11	*
Oth Sts		7,677	189,634	110,903	3,649	41,866
US		18,288	1,316,113	441,178	12,045	57,727
Mature Birds						
Light		1,849	230,366	19,247	172	117,796
Heavy	1	1,191	87,703	3,736	404	11,872
US	1	3,040	318,069	22,983	576	129,668

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	5,680	24,354	27,627	7,382	75,192	308,341
AR	8,240	25,031	30,305	*	36,087	371,048
CA	357	*	1,498	*	*	133,629
DE	2,854	9,585	11,296	1,746	17,783	158,608
FL	*	4,650	*	217	7,068	48,963
GA	5,684	37,324	25,146	5,668	107,232	346,400
IN	46	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	14,216	2,889	576	9,857	91,354
LA	539	4,996	3,503	*	*	32,965
MD	1,950	18,248	*	*	15,273	141,807
MS	3,249	14,723	11,025	274	45,143	164,695
MO	1,302	12,206	11,565	*	40,613	159,057
NJ	793	*	*	*	*	17,106
NY	882	*	3,825	286	*	*
NC	4,574	23,264	21,355	4,478	55,662	250,006
OH	390	*	*	*	*	35,333
PA	1,624	4,863	7,147	779	*	129,655
SC	1,387	5,556	1,972	4,332	4,696	*
TN	1,280	12,897	5,245	876	6,702	76,545
TX	1,102	6,654	9,611	*	9,532	181,039
VA	2,015	13,023	*	*	15,983	137,847
WA	*	*	*	*	*	20,057
Oth Sts	2,602	13,039	81,699	13,653	148,753	223,626
US	46,550	244,629	255,708	40,267	595,576	3,028,081
Mature Birds						
Light	14,483	30,988	165,747	1,564	50,335	632,547
Heavy	2,187	16,980	22,420	2,552	60,254	209,300
US	16,670	47,968	188,167	4,116	110,589	841,847

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	2,867	3,005	48,955	54,314	17.08	18.07
CA	*	1,838	*	45,763	*	24.90
IA	1,486	1,708	45,154	53,670	30.38	31.42
MN	2,996	3,296	76,601	87,926	25.57	26.68
MO	1,634	1,801	49,406	56,633	30.23	31.44
NC	3,349	*	78,851	*	23.55	*
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	2,610	3,140	57,100	68,224	21.88	21.73
Oth Sts	6,561	9,853	201,938	293,496	30.78	29.79
US	21,503	24,641	558,005	660,026	25.95	26.79

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	40,876	44,288	767	908	1.74	1.86
CA	*	36,871	*	838	*	2.04
IA	35,083	41,428	1,209	1,361	2.97	2.82
MN	60,763	70,401	1,567	1,789	2.27	2.26
MO	38,494	44,136	1,294	1,401	2.91	2.75
NC	61,244	*	1,208	*	1.70	*
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	44,292	52,850	1,056	1,014	2.06	1.65
Oth Sts	158,612	229,027	3,869	4,726	2.13	1.79
US	439,364	519,001	10,970	12,037	2.18	2.03

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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, 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			6,586	*	*	3
CA		*	6,824	*		4
IA			6,645	1,882	*	*
MN		*	16,629	1,299	*	*
MO			15,553	*		
NC		*	*	*	*	*
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA		*	*	687	9	2
VA		6	2,320	*	*	*
Other States		191	37,096	13,731	5,723	140
US		197	91,653	17,599	5,732	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	206	1,075	839	*	1,767	22,950
MO	*	*	*	*	*	21,156
NC	71	1,178	*	*	1,159	14,764
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	70	*	*	*	*	7,393
VA	*	*	*	*	*	5,404
Other States	492	8,382	7,227	1,627	15,122	60,721
US	856	11,933	8,588	1,627	18,048	156,382
Old (Breeders)						
US	18	187	152	112	650	8,091

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**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, October 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		*	9,153	*	*	4
IA			6,346	1,614	*	4
MN		*	20,475	1,346	*	*
MO			14,837	*	*	*
NC		6	*	*	*	4
OH		*	*	204	*	
PA		*	*	*	11	4
VA		*	*	*	*	5
Other States		24	49,267	9,843	7,409	50
US		30	100,078	13,007	7,420	71
Old (Breeders)						
US		1	4,259	1,186	11	359
	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	*	821	*	*	*	*
CA	30	*	*	*	*	12,295
IA	155	285	762	*	1,110	13,487
MN	187	1,243	1,023	*	2,329	28,185
MO	*	*	490	*	*	21,046
NC	88	1,174	*	134	1,470	*
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	55	*	149	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	2,904	8,257
Other States	260	9,096	5,098	2,065	11,001	79,265
US	775	12,619	7,522	2,199	18,814	162,535
Old (Breeders)						
US	18	274	149	82	992	7,331

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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.

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.

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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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