



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 3 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during November 2002 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 2.97 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the amount certified in November 2001. Updated totals for October 2002 show that 3.55 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during November 2002 was 3.98 billion pounds, down 3 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.29 billion pounds, down 3 percent from November 2001, and mature chickens at 65.6 million pounds, were up 1 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 610 million pounds, down 2 percent, and ducks totaled 12.0 million pounds, a 13 percent decrease.

Young chickens slaughtered during November 2002 averaged 5.15 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from November 2001. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.62 pounds per bird, up 6 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during November 2002 averaged 26.4 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from November 2001.

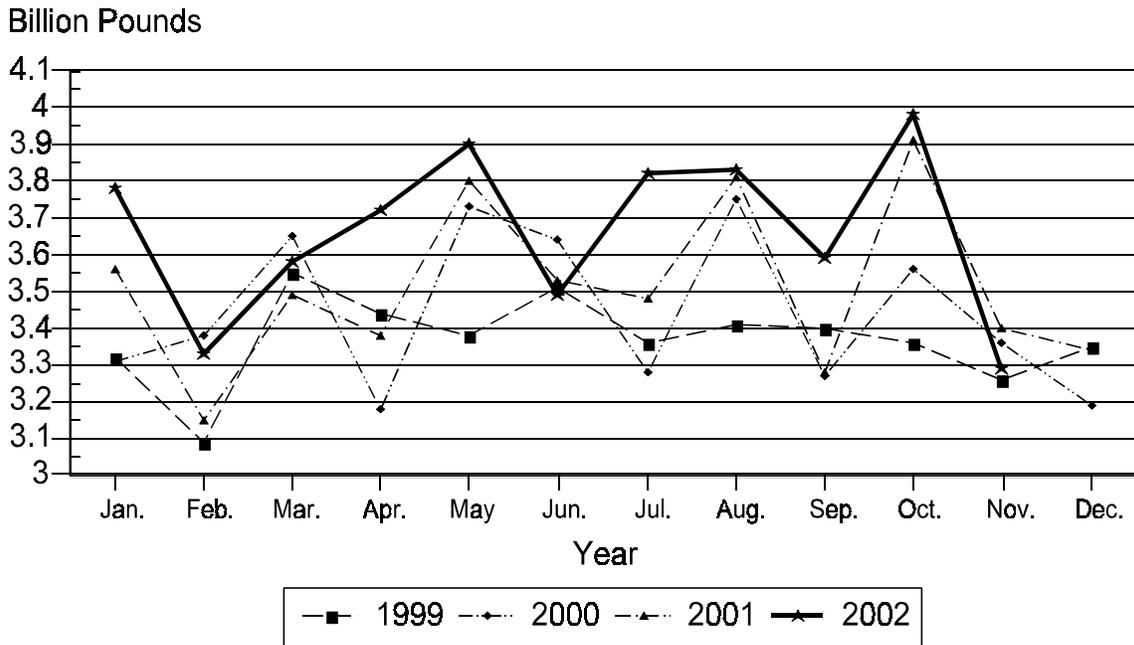
Ante-mortem condemnations during November 2002 totaled 14.1 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.35 percent of the live weight inspected, unchanged from a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 41.4 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.15 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.20 percent a year earlier.

November 2002 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and five Saturdays. November 2001 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

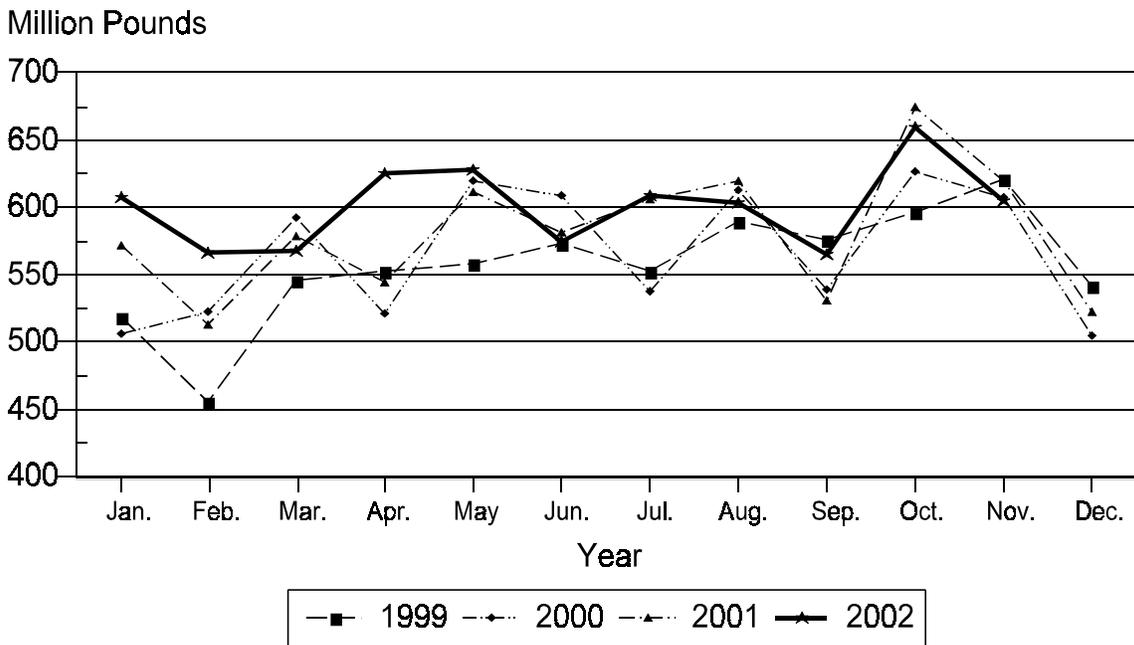
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Young Turkeys: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 1999-2002



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

Commodity	Nov 2001	Oct 2002	Nov 2002	Percent of	
				Nov 2001	Oct 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	667,540	771,005	639,754	96	83
Mature	12,321	15,373	11,657	95	76
Light	7,190	8,389	6,011	84	72
Heavy	5,131	6,984	5,646	110	81
Total	679,861	786,378	651,411	96	83
Turkeys					
Young	24,518	24,641	22,954	94	93
Old	159	279	210	132	75
Total	24,677	24,920	23,164	94	93
Ducks	2,046	2,134	1,779	87	83
	<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	3,395,215	3,986,666	3,292,170	97	83
Mature	65,067	83,237	65,555	101	79
Light	24,687	28,011	20,939	85	75
Heavy	40,380	55,226	44,616	110	81
Total	3,460,282	4,069,903	3,357,725	97	83
Turkeys					
Young	620,393	660,026	604,773	97	92
Old	4,319	7,482	5,696	132	76
Total	624,712	667,508	610,469	98	91
Ducks	13,772	14,359	11,973	87	83
Other Poultry	1,161	2,152	908	78	42
Total Poultry	4,099,927	4,753,922	3,981,075	97	84
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.09	5.17	5.15	101	100
Mature	5.28	5.41	5.62	106	104
Light	3.43	3.34	3.48	101	104
Heavy	7.87	7.91	7.90	100	100
Total	5.09	5.18	5.15	101	99
Turkeys					
Young	25.31	26.79	26.35	104	98
Old	27.14	26.93	27.05	100	100
Total	25.32	26.79	26.35	104	98
Ducks	6.73	6.73	6.73	100	100

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, November 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	7,630,202	7,755,351	7,871,334	103	101
Mature	153,878	147,008	156,560	102	106
Light	87,407	83,802	89,297	102	107
Heavy	66,471	63,206	67,263	101	106
Total	7,784,080	7,902,359	8,027,894	103	102
Turkeys					
Young	246,274	247,297	246,349	100	100
Old	2,041	2,138	2,295	112	107
Total	248,315	249,435	248,644	100	100
Ducks	22,246	24,262	21,830	98	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	38,102,919	38,996,802	40,179,700	105	103
Mature	819,289	786,143	835,914	102	106
Light	298,710	286,878	304,301	102	106
Heavy	520,579	499,265	531,613	102	106
Total	38,922,208	39,782,945	41,015,614	105	103
Turkeys					
Young	6,294,074	6,441,997	6,588,438	105	102
Old	53,471	56,723	62,329	117	110
Total	6,347,545	6,498,720	6,650,767	105	102
Ducks	146,879	160,579	145,934	99	91
Other Poultry	13,446	12,821	11,476	85	90
Total Poultry	45,430,078	46,455,065	47,823,791	105	103
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	4.99	5.03	5.10	102	101
Mature	5.32	5.35	5.34	100	100
Light	3.42	3.42	3.41	100	100
Heavy	7.83	7.90	7.90	101	100
Total	5.00	5.03	5.11	102	102
Turkeys					
Young	25.56	26.05	26.74	105	103
Old	26.20	26.52	27.16	104	102
Total	25.56	26.05	26.75	105	103
Ducks	6.60	6.62	6.69	101	101

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

Commodity	Nov 2001	Oct 2002	Nov 2002	Percent of	
				Nov 2001	Oct 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	2,276,176	2,653,161	2,197,145	97	83
Mature	38,567	48,775	39,500	102	81
Light	12,058	12,771	10,388	86	81
Heavy	26,509	36,004	29,112	110	81
Total	2,314,743	2,701,936	2,236,645	97	83
Turkeys					
Young	247,887	294,026	266,545	108	91
Old	2,504	3,877	3,468	138	89
Total	250,391	297,903	270,013	108	91
Ducks	4,007	3,707	3,092	77	83
Other Poultry	242	238	186	77	78
Total Poultry	2,569,383	3,003,784	2,509,936	98	84
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	224,533	305,996	238,737	106	78
Mature	795	1,904	490	62	26
Light	731	1,590	310	42	19
Heavy	64	314	180	281	57
Total	225,328	307,900	239,227	106	78
Turkeys					
Young	241,782	224,975	210,004	87	93
Old	837	1,729	889	106	51
Total	242,619	226,704	210,893	87	93
Ducks	5,624	6,565	5,529	98	84
Other Poultry	481	1,078	365	76	34
Total Poultry	474,052	542,247	456,014	96	84
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,500,709	2,959,157	2,435,882	97	82
Mature	39,362	50,679	39,990	102	79
Light	12,789	14,361	10,698	84	74
Heavy	26,573	36,318	29,292	110	81
Total	2,540,071	3,009,836	2,475,872	97	82
Turkeys					
Young	489,669	519,001	476,549	97	92
Old	3,341	5,606	4,357	130	78
Total	493,010	524,607	480,906	98	92
Ducks	9,631	10,272	8,621	90	84
Other Poultry	723	1,316	551	76	42
Total Poultry	3,043,435	3,546,031	2,965,950	97	84

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, November 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	25,722,447	26,288,251	26,901,184	105	102
Mature	461,689	461,260	487,356	106	106
Light	138,638	136,881	142,934	103	104
Heavy	323,051	324,379	344,422	107	106
Total	26,184,136	26,749,511	27,388,540	105	102
Turkeys					
Young	2,394,004	2,468,846	2,671,387	112	108
Old	26,868	33,623	37,860	141	113
Total	2,420,872	2,502,469	2,709,247	112	108
Ducks	40,896	44,468	38,115	93	86
Other Poultry	3,291	2,905	2,340	71	81
Total Poultry	28,649,195	29,299,353	30,138,242	105	103
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,415,004	2,512,753	2,854,921	118	114
Mature	32,851	13,670	16,635	51	122
Light	15,686	11,459	13,420	86	117
Heavy	17,165	2,211	3,215	19	145
Total	2,447,855	2,526,423	2,871,556	117	114
Turkeys					
Young	2,564,462	2,629,606	2,532,269	99	96
Old	13,478	9,864	9,666	72	98
Total	2,577,940	2,639,470	2,541,935	99	96
Ducks	64,538	70,167	68,197	106	97
Other Poultry	4,907	4,887	4,678	95	96
Total Poultry	5,095,240	5,240,947	5,486,366	108	105
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	28,137,451	28,801,004	29,756,105	106	103
Mature	494,540	474,930	503,991	102	106
Light	154,324	148,340	156,354	101	105
Heavy	340,216	326,590	347,637	102	106
Total	28,631,991	29,275,934	30,260,096	106	103
Turkeys					
Young	4,958,466	5,098,452	5,203,656	105	102
Old	40,346	43,487	47,526	118	109
Total	4,998,812	5,141,939	5,251,182	105	102
Ducks	105,434	114,635	106,312	101	93
Other Poultry	8,198	7,792	7,018	86	90
Total Poultry	33,744,435	34,540,300	35,624,608	106	103

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Commodity	Nov 2001	Oct 2002	Nov 2002	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2001
				Nov 2001	Oct 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	12,028	13,827	11,637	97	84	160,557	163,184	102
Mature	763	1,181	824	108	70	13,748	16,227	118
Light	372	497	381	102	77	6,318	7,249	115
Heavy	391	684	443	113	65	7,430	8,978	121
Total	12,791	15,008	12,461	97	83	174,305	179,411	103
Turkeys								
Young	1,348	1,800	1,562	116	87	20,931	21,032	100
Old	34	58	53	156	91	655	619	95
Total	1,382	1,858	1,615	117	87	21,586	21,651	100
Ducks	30	23	16	53	70	342	303	89
Other Poultry	4	15	3	75	20	48	55	115
Total Poultry	14,207	16,904	14,095	99	83	196,281	201,420	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	0.35	0.35	0.35	100	100	0.41	0.41	100
Mature	1.17	1.42	1.26	108	89	1.75	1.94	111
Light	1.51	1.78	1.82	121	102	2.20	2.38	108
Heavy	0.97	1.24	1.00	103	81	1.49	1.69	113
Total	0.37	0.37	0.37	100	100	0.44	0.44	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.22	0.27	0.26	118	96	0.32	0.32	100
Old	0.79	0.76	0.93	118	122	1.15	0.99	86
Total	0.22	0.28	0.26	118	93	0.33	0.33	100
Ducks	0.22	0.16	0.14	64	88	0.21	0.21	100
Other Poultry	0.38	0.64	0.39	103	61	0.37	0.48	130
Total Poultry	0.35	0.36	0.35	100	97	0.42	0.42	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, November 2002 ¹**

Commodity	Nov 2001	Oct 2002	Nov 2002	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2001
				Nov 2001	Oct 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	29,771	30,665	26,707	90	87	433,936	351,134	81
Mature	3,534	4,651	3,631	103	78	41,241	43,425	105
Light	1,875	2,252	1,631	87	72	20,368	21,960	108
Heavy	1,659	2,399	2,000	121	83	20,873	21,465	103
Total	33,305	35,316	30,338	91	86	475,177	394,559	83
Turkeys								
Young	10,300	12,037	10,465	102	87	129,510	121,199	94
Old	219	364	324	148	89	3,459	3,755	109
Total	10,519	12,401	10,789	103	87	132,969	124,954	94
Ducks	258	268	238	92	89	3,451	2,700	78
Other Poultry	12	29	15	125	52	141	141	100
Total Poultry	44,094	48,014	41,380	94	86	611,738	522,354	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	0.97	0.85	0.90	93	106	1.24	0.97	78
Mature	6.03	6.21	6.15	102	99	5.83	5.77	99
Light	8.44	8.94	8.65	102	97	7.89	8.02	102
Heavy	4.56	4.83	4.98	109	103	4.64	4.49	97
Total	1.07	0.96	1.00	93	104	1.33	1.07	80
Turkeys								
Young	1.84	2.03	1.92	104	95	2.23	2.04	91
Old	5.64	5.40	6.33	112	117	6.77	6.69	99
Total	1.87	2.06	1.96	105	95	2.27	2.09	92
Ducks	2.08	2.08	2.22	107	107	2.39	2.06	86
Other Poultry	1.19	1.54	1.71	144	111	1.23	1.37	111
Total Poultry	1.20	1.12	1.15	96	103	1.46	1.21	83

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, November 2002**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<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	90,701	78,452	463,237	402,621	5.11	5.13
AR	106,326	86,009	533,659	425,351	5.02	4.95
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	23,933	19,832	145,620	121,590	6.08	6.13
FL	10,330	8,866	55,645	46,051	5.39	5.19
GA	112,937	94,812	565,763	478,627	5.01	5.05
KY	22,974	19,168	121,525	101,292	5.29	5.28
LA	16,560	14,030	81,574	71,534	4.93	5.10
MD	18,242	15,210	87,787	72,104	4.81	4.74
MS	66,710	55,141	359,303	296,396	5.39	5.38
MO	34,803	29,659	163,745	138,704	4.70	4.68
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	61,151	48,905	374,081	295,339	6.12	6.04
OH	4,194	3,530	22,557	19,442	5.38	5.51
PA	10,165	8,561	54,504	45,406	5.36	5.30
SC	21,417	19,012	120,699	107,318	5.64	5.64
TN	20,882	17,553	100,881	84,698	4.83	4.83
TX	56,919	47,891	279,210	233,339	4.91	4.87
VA	29,556	23,788	149,115	117,968	5.05	4.96
WA	4,900	3,666	26,410	19,752	5.39	5.39
Oth Sts	58,305	45,669	281,351	214,638	4.83	4.70
US	771,005	639,754	3,986,666	3,292,170	5.17	5.15

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

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	October	November	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
			October	November	October	November
	<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	346,889	295,608	3,940	3,632	0.94	1.00
AR	385,908	305,700	4,056	3,568	0.84	0.93
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	106,256	88,862	1,810	1,635	1.38	1.49
FL	39,322	33,764	656	449	1.31	1.08
GA	417,584	357,446	3,506	3,190	0.69	0.74
KY	90,365	74,811	829	647	0.76	0.71
LA	59,074	51,609	336	308	0.46	0.48
MD	64,729	51,368	874	935	1.11	1.44
MS	269,749	222,666	2,108	1,714	0.65	0.64
MO	120,261	103,321	966	891	0.66	0.71
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	295,080	231,944	3,371	2,663	1.00	1.00
OH	16,382	14,160	337	386	1.66	2.20
PA	37,479	31,757	1,054	911	2.15	2.23
SC	89,237	79,096	744	707	0.68	0.73
TN	69,053	58,083	645	530	0.71	0.69
TX	217,397	178,057	1,774	1,583	0.71	0.75
VA	107,177	84,000	1,298	1,207	0.97	1.14
WA	19,751	14,717	271	225	1.14	1.26
Oth Sts	207,464	158,913	2,090	1,526	0.83	0.79
US	2,959,157	2,435,882	30,665	26,707	0.85	0.90

* 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, October 2002**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	121,949	40,370	1,309	*
AR		*	193,192	64,737	4,398	2,609
CA		4,274	*	3,914	198	798
DE		982	92,754	15,549	*	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		765	99,932	58,941	384	5,527
IN		*	5,430	*	*	187
KY		*	33,977	*	*	1,799
LA		*	14,547	5,204	*	297
MD		1,571	57,520	15,027	50	*
MS		321	66,798	21,630	461	1,453
MO		1,633	70,239	*	694	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		755	101,885	30,867	*	*
OH		*	20,596	1,996	*	*
PA		211	31,634	16,889	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		7,641	188,780	107,145	3,563	42,060
US		18,314	1,320,990	440,220	11,965	58,003
Mature Birds						
Light		1,849	230,425	19,247	172	117,797
Heavy	1	1,201	87,762	3,736	399	12,061
US	1	3,050	318,187	22,983	571	129,858

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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	5,676	24,107	27,642	7,312	74,349	308,614
AR	8,240	25,031	30,305	*	36,087	371,048
CA	358	*	1,504	*	*	134,039
DE	2,854	9,585	11,296	1,746	17,783	158,608
FL	*	4,275	*	*	6,857	46,208
GA	5,518	38,574	25,087	5,771	106,353	346,852
IN	53	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	14,492	3,137	732	10,510	89,311
LA	539	4,996	3,503	*	*	32,965
MD	1,950	18,248	*	*	15,273	141,807
MS	3,268	14,707	11,036	293	45,286	165,253
MO	1,316	12,254	11,741	*	41,188	161,948
NJ	793	*	*	*	*	17,106
NY	882	*	3,825	286	*	*
NC	4,736	24,362	22,686	4,914	56,907	259,078
OH	390	*	*	*	*	35,333
PA	1,624	4,863	7,148	779	*	129,743
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	2,576	13,051	81,636	13,854	148,996	224,094
US	46,557	246,675	257,374	40,895	596,502	3,037,495
Mature Birds						
Light	14,487	30,995	165,769	1,564	50,335	632,640
Heavy	2,219	17,135	22,404	2,608	60,251	209,777
US	16,706	48,130	188,173	4,172	110,586	842,417

* 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, November 2002**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	109,523	50,000	943	*
AR		3,457	178,686	79,841	3,457	2,398
CA		*	*	2,774	114	529
DE		1,735	86,218	16,087	67	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		952	90,180	67,163	232	5,008
IN		*	4,434	*	*	228
KY		97	28,036	*	*	1,496
LA		*	12,218	5,087	*	250
MD		1,247	53,709	23,553	37	*
MS		254	55,141	24,773	320	1,167
MO		1,362	66,931	*	633	*
NJ		9	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	221	*
NC		545	81,969	37,543	*	*
OH		*	19,111	1,829	*	*
PA		*	30,377	17,591	169	*
SC		92	22,637	*	*	*
TN		*	32,912	7,343	273	713
TX		218	92,067	53,686	289	1,689
VA		306	47,036	*	19	*
WA		23	*	1,094	*	*
Oth Sts		10,887	147,486	128,682	2,334	40,013
US		21,222	1,158,671	517,046	9,108	53,491
Mature Birds						
Light		1,377	163,573	11,206	87	72,995
Heavy		991	72,868	3,665	314	9,701
US		2,368	236,441	14,871	401	82,696

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	4,732	20,391	24,795	5,741	89,517	311,050
AR	6,488	19,735	25,881	3,502	36,457	359,902
CA	210	*	980	478	*	*
DE	2,706	7,878	9,060	*	15,103	149,643
FL	*	2,325	*	121	6,553	35,069
GA	4,367	34,870	21,630	6,271	87,225	317,898
IN	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	9,199	2,563	*	7,404	68,084
LA	429	4,104	3,417	54	*	30,612
MD	*	15,466	9,339	*	17,072	144,527
MS	2,544	12,053	9,839	563	44,553	151,207
MO	1,196	11,259	11,463	104	34,303	158,009
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	778	*	3,751	300	*	*
NC	3,544	17,978	16,661	4,160	35,293	209,343
OH	243	*	932	57	*	38,050
PA	1,327	4,074	5,672	*	44,743	106,096
SC	*	5,858	2,151	*	*	*
TN	872	10,488	3,713	*	7,767	67,093
TX	959	8,033	10,612	1,012	11,573	180,138
VA	1,673	10,057	*	*	18,459	129,234
WA	*	*	*	*	*	17,753
Oth Sts	5,747	10,726	67,122	17,938	63,282	307,986
US	37,815	204,494	220,242	40,301	519,304	2,781,694
Mature Birds						
Light	12,365	22,950	145,429	1,296	36,482	467,760
Heavy	1,796	20,717	20,378	2,036	52,570	185,036
US	14,161	43,667	165,807	3,332	89,052	652,796

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<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	3,005	2,931	54,314	51,541	18.07	17.58
CA	1,838	*	45,763	*	24.90	*
IA	1,708	1,476	53,670	45,082	31.42	30.55
MN	3,296	3,122	87,926	81,825	26.68	26.21
MO	1,801	1,670	56,633	50,190	31.44	30.06
NC	*	*	*	*	*	*
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	1,240	*	27,826	*	22.44
VA	3,140	*	68,224	*	21.73	*
Oth Sts	9,853	12,494	293,496	347,909	29.79	27.85
US	24,641	22,954	660,026	604,773	26.79	26.35

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<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	44,288	41,363	908	887	1.86	1.91
CA	36,871	*	838	*	2.04	*
IA	41,428	35,122	1,361	1,108	2.82	2.73
MN	70,401	65,294	1,789	1,562	2.26	2.12
MO	44,136	39,392	1,401	1,059	2.75	2.34
NC	*	*	*	*	*	*
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	21,965	*	324	*	1.29
VA	52,850	*	1,014	*	1.65	*
Oth Sts	229,027	273,102	4,726	5,520	1.79	1.76
US	519,001	476,549	12,037	10,465	2.03	1.92

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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, 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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**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, November 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		*	7,601	357	*	18
IA			6,248	1,360	*	*
MN		*	18,354	*	*	*
MO			12,685	*	*	*
NC		*	*	*	*	5
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA		*	*	385	20	*
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States		301	46,536	7,630	5,298	51
US		301	91,424	9,732	5,318	74
Old (Breeders)						
US		2	5,677	469	32	251
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young (Mature)						
AR	*	*	*	*	*	*
CA	25	*	*	*	*	11,558
IA	129	*	647	*	812	12,253
MN	175	1,231	860	*	1,625	24,628
MO	*	*	319	*	*	16,703
NC	*	533	*	*	1,198	*
OH	16	*	39	*	*	*
PA	94	*	179	16	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	330	5,809	3,954	3,075	13,291	76,071
US	776	7,573	5,998	3,091	16,926	141,213
Old (Breeders)						
US	21	113	177	1	585	7,328

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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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