



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 3 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during December 2002 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.02 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the amount certified in December 2001. Updated totals for November 2002 show that 3.01 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during December 2002 was 4.10 billion pounds, up 4 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.43 billion pounds, up 3 percent from December 2001, and mature chickens at 69.9 million pounds, were up 3 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 585 million pounds, up 10 percent, and ducks totaled 13.9 million pounds, a 3 percent increase.

Young chickens slaughtered during December 2002 averaged 5.20 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from December 2001. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.37 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during December 2002 averaged 27.5 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from December 2001.

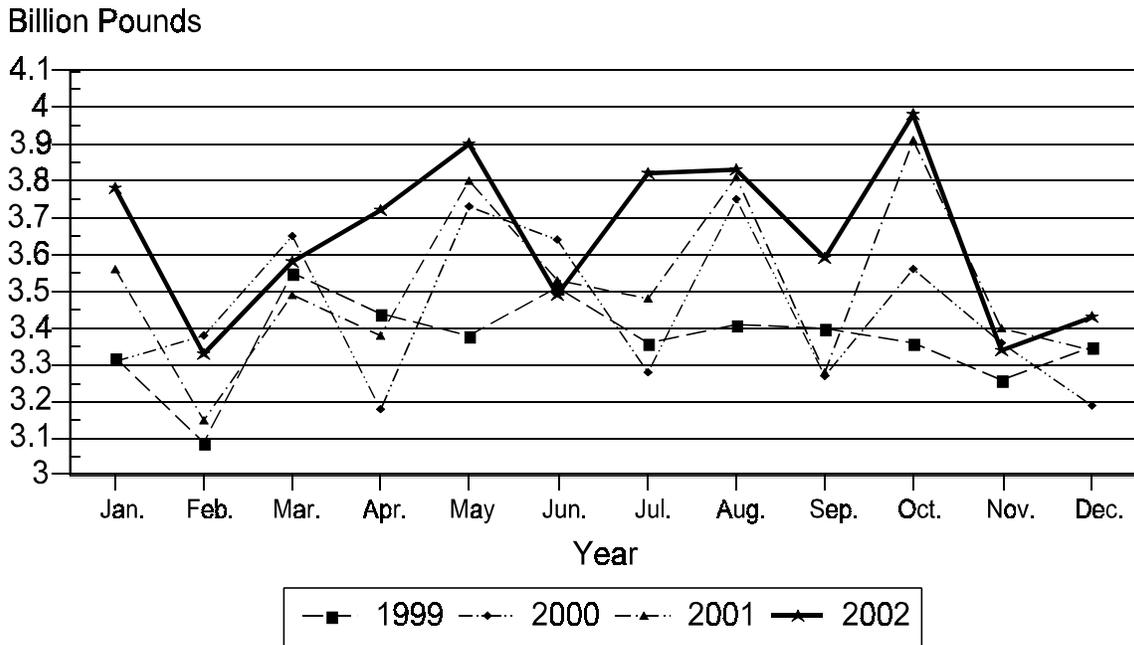
Ante-mortem condemnations during December 2002 totaled 18.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.46 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.37 percent from a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 44.6 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.21 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.26 percent a year earlier.

December 2002 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. December 2001 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

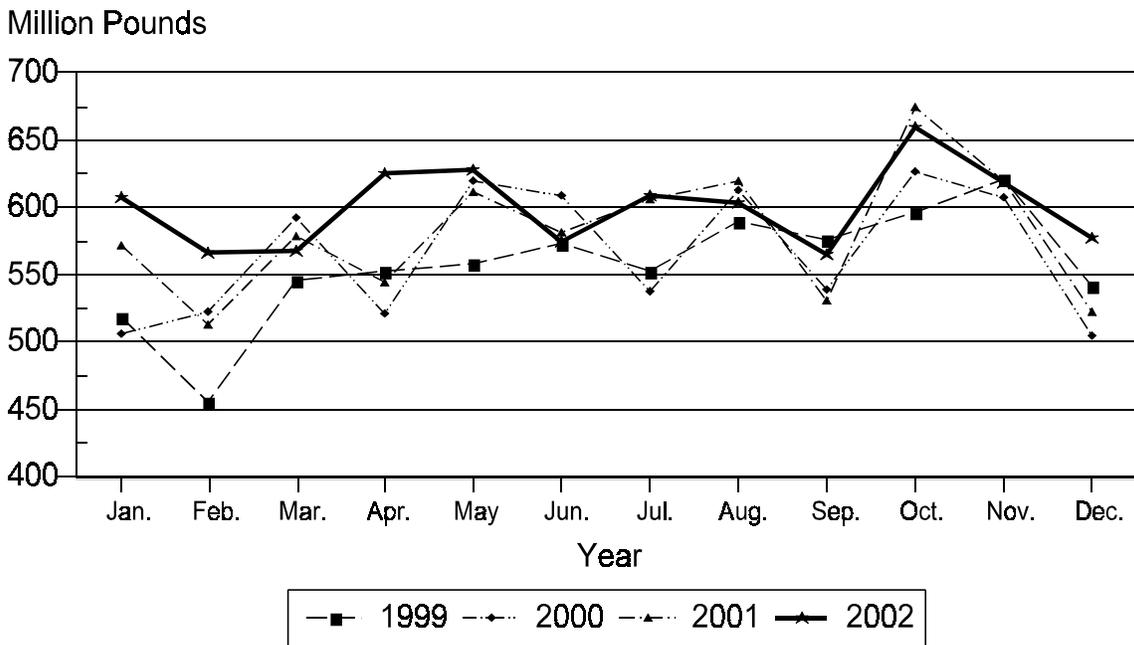
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## Young Chickens: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 1999-2002



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



**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,  
United States, December 2002<sup>1</sup>**

| Commodity           | Dec<br>2001         | Nov<br>2002         | Dec<br>2002         | Percent of     |                |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                     |                     |                     |                     | Dec<br>2001    | Nov<br>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               | 650,962             | 647,424             | 658,447             | 101            | 102            |
| Mature              | 13,061              | 11,825              | 13,024              | 100            | 110            |
| Light               | 7,792               | 6,012               | 7,150               | 92             | 119            |
| Heavy               | 5,269               | 5,813               | 5,874               | 111            | 101            |
| Total               | 664,023             | 659,249             | 671,471             | 101            | 102            |
| Turkeys             |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young               | 19,635              | 23,817              | 21,006              | 107            | 88             |
| Old                 | 232                 | 210                 | 274                 | 118            | 130            |
| Total               | 19,867              | 24,027              | 21,280              | 107            | 89             |
| Ducks               | 1,998               | 1,796               | 2,098               | 105            | 117            |
|                     | <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               | 3,338,705           | 3,336,635           | 3,425,757           | 103            | 103            |
| Mature              | 68,165              | 66,862              | 69,918              | 103            | 105            |
| Light               | 26,773              | 20,941              | 24,085              | 90             | 115            |
| Heavy               | 41,392              | 45,921              | 45,833              | 111            | 100            |
| Total               | 3,406,870           | 3,403,497           | 3,495,675           | 103            | 103            |
| Turkeys             |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young               | 523,329             | 619,386             | 577,315             | 110            | 93             |
| Old                 | 6,644               | 5,696               | 7,594               | 114            | 133            |
| Total               | 529,973             | 625,082             | 584,909             | 110            | 94             |
| Ducks               | 13,404              | 12,104              | 13,867              | 103            | 115            |
| Other Poultry       | 677                 | 992                 | 917                 | 135            | 92             |
| Total Poultry       | 3,950,924           | 4,041,675           | 4,095,368           | 104            | 101            |
|                     | <i>Pounds</i>       | <i>Pounds</i>       | <i>Pounds</i>       | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Average Live Weight |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Chickens            |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young               | 5.13                | 5.15                | 5.20                | 101            | 101            |
| Mature              | 5.22                | 5.65                | 5.37                | 103            | 95             |
| Light               | 3.44                | 3.48                | 3.37                | 98             | 97             |
| Heavy               | 7.86                | 7.90                | 7.80                | 99             | 99             |
| Total               | 5.13                | 5.16                | 5.21                | 102            | 101            |
| Turkeys             |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young               | 26.65               | 26.01               | 27.48               | 103            | 106            |
| Old                 | 28.65               | 27.05               | 27.67               | 97             | 102            |
| Total               | 26.67               | 26.02               | 27.48               | 103            | 106            |
| Ducks               | 6.71                | 6.74                | 6.61                | 99             | 98             |

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,  
United States, December 2002 <sup>1</sup> (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> |
| <b>Number Slaughtered</b>  |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Chickens                   |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young                      | 8,261,108           | 8,406,313           | 8,537,451           | 103            | 102            |
| Mature                     | 165,028             | 160,069             | 169,752             | 103            | 106            |
| Light                      | 94,138              | 91,594              | 96,448              | 102            | 105            |
| Heavy                      | 70,890              | 68,475              | 73,304              | 103            | 107            |
| Total                      | 8,426,136           | 8,566,382           | 8,707,203           | 103            | 102            |
| Turkeys                    |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young                      | 265,720             | 266,932             | 268,218             | 101            | 100            |
| Old                        | 2,346               | 2,370               | 2,569               | 110            | 108            |
| Total                      | 268,066             | 269,302             | 270,787             | 101            | 101            |
| Ducks                      | 24,492              | 26,260              | 23,945              | 98             | 91             |
|                            | <i>1,000 pounds</i> | <i>1,000 pounds</i> | <i>1,000 pounds</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| <b>Live Weight</b>         |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Chickens                   |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young                      | 41,293,529          | 42,335,507          | 43,649,922          | 106            | 103            |
| Mature                     | 876,682             | 854,308             | 907,139             | 103            | 106            |
| Light                      | 321,938             | 313,651             | 328,388             | 102            | 105            |
| Heavy                      | 554,744             | 540,657             | 578,751             | 104            | 107            |
| Total                      | 42,170,211          | 43,189,815          | 44,557,061          | 106            | 103            |
| Turkeys                    |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young                      | 6,799,477           | 6,965,326           | 7,180,366           | 106            | 103            |
| Old                        | 61,713              | 63,367              | 69,923              | 113            | 110            |
| Total                      | 6,861,190           | 7,028,693           | 7,250,289           | 106            | 103            |
| Ducks                      | 161,751             | 173,983             | 159,932             | 99             | 92             |
| Other Poultry              | 14,312              | 13,498              | 12,477              | 87             | 92             |
| <b>Total Poultry</b>       | <b>49,207,464</b>   | <b>50,405,989</b>   | <b>51,979,759</b>   | <b>106</b>     | <b>103</b>     |
|                            | <i>Pounds</i>       | <i>Pounds</i>       | <i>Pounds</i>       | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| <b>Average Live Weight</b> |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Chickens                   |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young                      | 5.00                | 5.04                | 5.11                | 102            | 101            |
| Mature                     | 5.31                | 5.34                | 5.34                | 101            | 100            |
| Light                      | 3.42                | 3.42                | 3.40                | 99             | 99             |
| Heavy                      | 7.83                | 7.90                | 7.90                | 101            | 100            |
| Total                      | 5.00                | 5.04                | 5.12                | 102            | 102            |
| Turkeys                    |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young                      | 25.59               | 26.09               | 26.77               | 105            | 103            |
| Old                        | 26.31               | 26.73               | 27.22               | 103            | 102            |
| Total                      | 25.60               | 26.10               | 26.77               | 105            | 103            |
| Ducks                      | 6.60                | 6.63                | 6.68                | 101            | 101            |

<sup>1</sup> Federally inspected only.

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, December 2002 <sup>1</sup>**

| Commodity                       | Dec<br>2001         | Nov<br>2002         | Dec<br>2002         | Percent of     |                |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                 |                     |                     |                     | Dec<br>2001    | Nov<br>2002    |
|                                 | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| <b>Chilled</b>                  |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Chickens                        |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young                           | 2,236,343           | 2,225,720           | 2,266,017           | 101            | 102            |
| Mature                          | 39,681              | 40,403              | 40,949              | 103            | 101            |
| Light                           | 12,677              | 10,390              | 11,752              | 93             | 113            |
| Heavy                           | 27,004              | 30,013              | 29,197              | 108            | 97             |
| Total                           | 2,276,024           | 2,266,123           | 2,306,966           | 101            | 102            |
| Turkeys                         |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young                           | 210,208             | 275,420             | 245,740             | 117            | 89             |
| Old                             | 4,110               | 3,468               | 4,378               | 107            | 126            |
| Total                           | 214,318             | 278,888             | 250,118             | 117            | 90             |
| Ducks                           | 4,458               | 3,149               | 3,635               | 82             | 115            |
| Other Poultry                   | 225                 | 245                 | 218                 | 97             | 89             |
| Total Poultry                   | 2,495,025           | 2,548,405           | 2,560,937           | 103            | 100            |
| <b>Frozen</b>                   |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Chickens                        |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young                           | 228,462             | 237,992             | 250,788             | 110            | 105            |
| Mature                          | 1,185               | 493                 | 703                 | 59             | 143            |
| Light                           | 978                 | 310                 | 549                 | 56             | 177            |
| Heavy                           | 207                 | 183                 | 154                 | 74             | 84             |
| Total                           | 229,647             | 238,485             | 251,491             | 110            | 105            |
| Turkeys                         |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young                           | 204,328             | 212,819             | 203,008             | 99             | 95             |
| Old                             | 1,115               | 889                 | 1,113               | 100            | 125            |
| Total                           | 205,443             | 213,708             | 204,121             | 99             | 96             |
| Ducks                           | 5,048               | 5,560               | 6,521               | 129            | 117            |
| Other Poultry                   | 198                 | 365                 | 318                 | 161            | 87             |
| Total Poultry                   | 440,336             | 458,118             | 462,451             | 105            | 101            |
| <b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b> |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Chickens                        |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young                           | 2,464,805           | 2,463,712           | 2,516,805           | 102            | 102            |
| Mature                          | 40,866              | 40,896              | 41,652              | 102            | 102            |
| Light                           | 13,655              | 10,700              | 12,301              | 90             | 115            |
| Heavy                           | 27,211              | 30,196              | 29,351              | 108            | 97             |
| Total                           | 2,505,671           | 2,504,608           | 2,558,457           | 102            | 102            |
| Turkeys                         |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young                           | 414,536             | 488,239             | 448,748             | 108            | 92             |
| Old                             | 5,225               | 4,357               | 5,491               | 105            | 126            |
| Total                           | 419,761             | 492,596             | 454,239             | 108            | 92             |
| Ducks                           | 9,506               | 8,709               | 10,156              | 107            | 117            |
| Other Poultry                   | 423                 | 610                 | 536                 | 127            | 88             |
| Total Poultry                   | 2,935,361           | 3,006,523           | 3,023,388           | 103            | 101            |

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, December 2002 <sup>1</sup> (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> |
| <b>Chilled</b>                  |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Chickens                        |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young                           | 27,890,541          | 28,524,594          | 29,195,776          | 105            | 102            |
| Mature                          | 494,972             | 500,941             | 529,208             | 107            | 106            |
| Light                           | 149,862             | 149,558             | 154,688             | 103            | 103            |
| Heavy                           | 345,110             | 351,383             | 374,520             | 109            | 107            |
| Total                           | 28,385,513          | 29,025,535          | 29,724,984          | 105            | 102            |
| Turkeys                         |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young                           | 2,594,964           | 2,679,054           | 2,926,002           | 113            | 109            |
| Old                             | 31,655              | 37,733              | 42,238              | 133            | 112            |
| Total                           | 2,626,619           | 2,716,787           | 2,968,240           | 113            | 109            |
| Ducks                           | 45,353              | 48,926              | 41,807              | 92             | 85             |
| Other Poultry                   | 3,556               | 3,130               | 2,617               | 74             | 84             |
| <b>Total Poultry</b>            | <b>31,061,041</b>   | <b>31,794,378</b>   | <b>32,737,648</b>   | <b>105</b>     | <b>103</b>     |
| <b>Frozen</b>                   |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Chickens                        |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young                           | 2,604,635           | 2,741,215           | 3,104,964           | 119            | 113            |
| Mature                          | 34,379              | 14,855              | 17,341              | 50             | 117            |
| Light                           | 16,574              | 12,437              | 13,969              | 84             | 112            |
| Heavy                           | 17,805              | 2,418               | 3,372               | 19             | 139            |
| Total                           | 2,639,014           | 2,756,070           | 3,122,305           | 118            | 113            |
| Turkeys                         |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young                           | 2,759,965           | 2,833,934           | 2,738,092           | 99             | 97             |
| Old                             | 15,605              | 10,979              | 10,779              | 69             | 98             |
| Total                           | 2,775,570           | 2,844,913           | 2,748,871           | 99             | 97             |
| Ducks                           | 70,630              | 75,215              | 74,749              | 106            | 99             |
| Other Poultry                   | 5,197               | 5,085               | 4,996               | 96             | 98             |
| <b>Total Poultry</b>            | <b>5,490,411</b>    | <b>5,681,283</b>    | <b>5,950,921</b>    | <b>108</b>     | <b>105</b>     |
| <b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b> |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Chickens                        |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young                           | 30,495,176          | 31,265,809          | 32,300,740          | 106            | 103            |
| Mature                          | 529,351             | 515,796             | 546,549             | 103            | 106            |
| Light                           | 166,436             | 161,995             | 168,657             | 101            | 104            |
| Heavy                           | 362,915             | 353,801             | 377,892             | 104            | 107            |
| Total                           | 31,024,527          | 31,781,605          | 32,847,289          | 106            | 103            |
| Turkeys                         |                     |                     |                     |                |                |
| Young                           | 5,354,929           | 5,512,988           | 5,664,094           | 106            | 103            |
| Old                             | 47,260              | 48,712              | 53,017              | 112            | 109            |
| Total                           | 5,402,189           | 5,561,700           | 5,717,111           | 106            | 103            |
| Ducks                           | 115,983             | 124,141             | 116,556             | 100            | 94             |
| Other Poultry                   | 8,753               | 8,215               | 7,613               | 87             | 93             |
| <b>Total Poultry</b>            | <b>36,551,452</b>   | <b>37,475,661</b>   | <b>38,688,569</b>   | <b>106</b>     | <b>103</b>     |

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,  
United States, December 2002 <sup>1</sup>**

| Commodity                                         | Dec<br>2001         | Nov<br>2002         | Dec<br>2002         | Percent of     |                | January<br>to Date  |                     | Percent<br>of<br>2001 |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                   |                     |                     |                     | Dec<br>2001    | Nov<br>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                                             | 12,347              | 11,792              | 14,880              | 121            | 126            | 172,904             | 178,219             | 103                   |
| Mature                                            | 946                 | 830                 | 1,238               | 131            | 149            | 14,694              | 17,471              | 119                   |
| Light                                             | 470                 | 381                 | 585                 | 124            | 154            | 6,788               | 7,834               | 115                   |
| Heavy                                             | 476                 | 449                 | 653                 | 137            | 145            | 7,906               | 9,637               | 122                   |
| Total                                             | 13,293              | 12,622              | 16,118              | 121            | 128            | 187,598             | 195,690             | 104                   |
| Turkeys                                           |                     |                     |                     |                |                |                     |                     |                       |
| Young                                             | 1,312               | 1,583               | 2,435               | 186            | 154            | 22,243              | 23,488              | 106                   |
| Old                                               | 54                  | 53                  | 58                  | 107            | 109            | 709                 | 677                 | 95                    |
| Total                                             | 1,366               | 1,636               | 2,493               | 183            | 152            | 22,952              | 24,165              | 105                   |
| Ducks                                             | 23                  | 16                  | 27                  | 117            | 169            | 365                 | 330                 | 90                    |
| Other Poultry                                     | 1                   | 4                   | 5                   | 500            | 125            | 49                  | 61                  | 124                   |
| Total Poultry                                     | 14,683              | 14,278              | 18,643              | 127            | 131            | 210,964             | 220,246             | 104                   |
|                                                   | <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<br>Weight Condemned <sup>2</sup> |                     |                     |                     |                |                |                     |                     |                       |
| Chickens                                          |                     |                     |                     |                |                |                     |                     |                       |
| Young                                             | 0.37                | 0.35                | 0.43                | 116            | 123            | 0.41                | 0.41                | 100                   |
| Mature                                            | 1.39                | 1.24                | 1.77                | 127            | 143            | 1.72                | 1.93                | 112                   |
| Light                                             | 1.76                | 1.82                | 2.43                | 138            | 134            | 2.16                | 2.39                | 111                   |
| Heavy                                             | 1.15                | 0.98                | 1.43                | 124            | 146            | 1.46                | 1.67                | 114                   |
| Total                                             | 0.39                | 0.37                | 0.46                | 118            | 124            | 0.43                | 0.44                | 102                   |
| Turkeys                                           |                     |                     |                     |                |                |                     |                     |                       |
| Young                                             | 0.25                | 0.26                | 0.42                | 168            | 162            | 0.32                | 0.33                | 103                   |
| Old                                               | 0.82                | 0.93                | 0.76                | 93             | 82             | 1.12                | 0.97                | 87                    |
| Total                                             | 0.26                | 0.26                | 0.43                | 165            | 165            | 0.33                | 0.33                | 100                   |
| Ducks                                             | 0.17                | 0.13                | 0.19                | 112            | 146            | 0.21                | 0.21                | 100                   |
| Other Poultry                                     | 0.18                | 0.40                | 0.65                | 361            | 163            | 0.36                | 0.49                | 136                   |
| Total Poultry                                     | 0.37                | 0.35                | 0.46                | 124            | 131            | 0.42                | 0.42                | 100                   |

<sup>1</sup> Federally inspected only.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

**Poultry Slaughter: Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type,  
United States, December 2002<sup>1</sup>**

| Commodity                                         | Dec<br>2001         | Nov<br>2002         | Dec<br>2002         | Percent of     |                | January<br>to Date  |                     | Percent<br>of<br>2001 |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                   |                     |                     |                     | Dec<br>2001    | Nov<br>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                                             | 30,910              | 27,143              | 29,672              | 96             | 109            | 464,846             | 381,242             | 82                    |
| Mature                                            | 3,930               | 3,660               | 3,846               | 98             | 105            | 45,171              | 47,300              | 105                   |
| Light                                             | 2,098               | 1,631               | 1,952               | 93             | 120            | 22,466              | 23,912              | 106                   |
| Heavy                                             | 1,832               | 2,029               | 1,894               | 103            | 93             | 22,705              | 23,388              | 103                   |
| Total                                             | 34,840              | 30,803              | 33,518              | 96             | 109            | 510,017             | 428,542             | 84                    |
| Turkeys                                           |                     |                     |                     |                |                |                     |                     |                       |
| Young                                             | 9,391               | 10,631              | 10,414              | 111            | 98             | 138,901             | 131,779             | 95                    |
| Old                                               | 372                 | 324                 | 412                 | 111            | 127            | 3,831               | 4,167               | 109                   |
| Total                                             | 9,763               | 10,955              | 10,826              | 111            | 99             | 142,732             | 135,946             | 95                    |
| Ducks                                             | 240                 | 244                 | 279                 | 116            | 114            | 3,691               | 2,985               | 81                    |
| Other Poultry                                     | 11                  | 16                  | 13                  | 118            | 81             | 152                 | 155                 | 102                   |
| Total Poultry                                     | 44,854              | 42,018              | 44,636              | 100            | 106            | 656,592             | 567,628             | 86                    |
|                                                   | <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<br>Weight Condemned <sup>2</sup> |                     |                     |                     |                |                |                     |                     |                       |
| Chickens                                          |                     |                     |                     |                |                |                     |                     |                       |
| Young                                             | 1.03                | 0.90                | 0.96                | 93             | 107            | 1.22                | 0.97                | 80                    |
| Mature                                            | 6.40                | 6.08                | 6.11                | 95             | 100            | 5.87                | 5.79                | 99                    |
| Light                                             | 8.71                | 8.65                | 9.00                | 103            | 104            | 7.96                | 8.09                | 102                   |
| Heavy                                             | 4.92                | 4.91                | 4.59                | 93             | 93             | 4.67                | 4.49                | 96                    |
| Total                                             | 1.14                | 1.01                | 1.07                | 94             | 106            | 1.31                | 1.07                | 82                    |
| Turkeys                                           |                     |                     |                     |                |                |                     |                     |                       |
| Young                                             | 1.99                | 1.91                | 2.00                | 101            | 105            | 2.22                | 2.04                | 92                    |
| Old                                               | 6.23                | 6.33                | 6.03                | 97             | 95             | 6.72                | 6.62                | 99                    |
| Total                                             | 2.05                | 1.95                | 2.06                | 100            | 106            | 2.26                | 2.08                | 92                    |
| Ducks                                             | 1.99                | 2.25                | 2.24                | 113            | 100            | 2.36                | 2.07                | 88                    |
| Other Poultry                                     | 1.85                | 1.63                | 1.65                | 89             | 101            | 1.26                | 1.38                | 110                   |
| Total Poultry                                     | 1.26                | 1.16                | 1.21                | 96             | 104            | 1.45                | 1.21                | 83                    |

<sup>1</sup> Federally inspected only.

<sup>2</sup> 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, December 2002**

| State   | Number Slaughtered |                   | Live Weight         |                     | Average Live Weight |               |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
|         | November           | December          | November            | December            | November            | December      |
|         | <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      | 78,626             | 79,889            | 404,738             | 404,749             | 5.15                | 5.07          |
| AR      | 87,347             | 87,230            | 431,250             | 434,913             | 4.94                | 4.99          |
| CA      | *                  | *                 | *                   | *                   | *                   | *             |
| DE      | 19,913             | 21,629            | 122,024             | 132,684             | 6.13                | 6.13          |
| FL      | 9,136              | 9,969             | 48,832              | 55,701              | 5.34                | 5.59          |
| GA      | 94,917             | 99,047            | 478,917             | 505,822             | 5.05                | 5.11          |
| KY      | 19,168             | 18,896            | 101,292             | 99,056              | 5.28                | 5.24          |
| LA      | 14,030             | 13,958            | 71,534              | 71,590              | 5.10                | 5.13          |
| MD      | 15,210             | 14,991            | 72,104              | 71,783              | 4.74                | 4.79          |
| MS      | 55,301             | 56,415            | 297,821             | 304,123             | 5.39                | 5.39          |
| MO      | 29,819             | 29,324            | 139,616             | 137,721             | 4.68                | 4.70          |
| NJ      | *                  | *                 | *                   | *                   | *                   | *             |
| NY      | *                  | *                 | *                   | *                   | *                   | *             |
| NC      | 54,038             | 51,308            | 323,817             | 314,672             | 5.99                | 6.13          |
| OH      | 3,530              | 3,094             | 19,442              | 17,791              | 5.51                | 5.75          |
| PA      | 8,618              | 8,665             | 45,740              | 46,157              | 5.31                | 5.33          |
| SC      | 19,012             | 19,516            | 107,318             | 116,148             | 5.64                | 5.95          |
| TN      | 17,553             | 15,641            | 84,698              | 83,500              | 4.83                | 5.34          |
| TX      | 47,891             | 50,155            | 233,339             | 245,695             | 4.87                | 4.90          |
| VA      | 24,193             | 25,574            | 120,593             | 125,545             | 4.98                | 4.91          |
| WA      | 3,666              | *                 | 19,752              | *                   | 5.39                | *             |
| Oth Sts | 45,456             | 53,146            | 213,808             | 258,107             | 4.70                | 4.86          |
| US      | 647,424            | 658,447           | 3,336,635           | 3,425,757           | 5.15                | 5.20          |

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

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

| State   | Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup> |                     | Post-Mortem Condemnations |                     |                      |                |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|
|         | November                                               | December            | N.Y. Dressed Weight       |                     | Percent <sup>2</sup> |                |
|         |                                                        |                     | November                  | December            | November             | December       |
|         | <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      | 295,187                                                | 292,270             | 3,491                     | 3,747               | 0.96                 | 1.03           |
| AR      | 310,122                                                | 312,403             | 3,599                     | 3,743               | 0.93                 | 0.96           |
| CA      | *                                                      | *                   | *                         | *                   | *                    | *              |
| DE      | 89,165                                                 | 96,183              | 1,642                     | 2,061               | 1.50                 | 1.73           |
| FL      | 34,984                                                 | 39,965              | 511                       | 650                 | 1.16                 | 1.30           |
| GA      | 355,202                                                | 373,718             | 3,165                     | 3,417               | 0.73                 | 0.75           |
| KY      | 74,811                                                 | 72,912              | 647                       | 729                 | 0.71                 | 0.82           |
| LA      | 51,609                                                 | 52,775              | 308                       | 491                 | 0.48                 | 0.76           |
| MD      | 51,368                                                 | 51,478              | 935                       | 890                 | 1.44                 | 1.38           |
| MS      | 221,236                                                | 219,154             | 1,735                     | 1,855               | 0.65                 | 0.68           |
| MO      | 103,684                                                | 101,990             | 886                       | 1,004               | 0.70                 | 0.81           |
| NJ      | *                                                      | *                   | *                         | *                   | *                    | *              |
| NY      | *                                                      | *                   | *                         | *                   | *                    | *              |
| NC      | 256,128                                                | 243,660             | 2,973                     | 3,174               | 1.02                 | 1.12           |
| OH      | 14,160                                                 | 12,668              | 386                       | 391                 | 2.20                 | 2.44           |
| PA      | 31,964                                                 | 32,183              | 923                       | 938                 | 2.24                 | 2.26           |
| SC      | 79,096                                                 | 85,360              | 707                       | 843                 | 0.73                 | 0.81           |
| TN      | 58,083                                                 | 61,824              | 530                       | 682                 | 0.69                 | 0.91           |
| TX      | 178,057                                                | 186,885             | 1,583                     | 1,722               | 0.75                 | 0.78           |
| VA      | 85,880                                                 | 90,862              | 1,228                     | 1,362               | 1.13                 | 1.21           |
| WA      | 14,717                                                 | *                   | 225                       | *                   | 1.26                 | *              |
| Oth Sts | 158,259                                                | 190,515             | 1,669                     | 1,973               | 0.87                 | 0.85           |
| US      | 2,463,712                                              | 2,516,805           | 27,143                    | 29,672              | 0.90                 | 0.96           |

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

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> 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, November 2002**

| State        | Tuber-<br>culosis     | Leukosis              | Septicemia            | Airsac-<br>culitis    | Synovitis             | Tumors                |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|              | <i>Number of Head</i> |
| Young Birds  |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| AL           |                       | *                     | 109,606               | 50,415                | 938                   | *                     |
| AR           |                       | 3,469                 | 181,191               | 80,739                | 3,475                 | 2,450                 |
| CA           |                       | *                     | *                     | 2,806                 | 181                   | 562                   |
| DE           |                       | 1,742                 | 86,518                | 16,142                | 67                    | *                     |
| FL           |                       | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     |
| GA           |                       | 954                   | 89,665                | 66,645                | 234                   | 5,001                 |
| 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           |                       | 243                   | 55,256                | 24,783                | 324                   | 1,175                 |
| MO           |                       | 1,379                 | 66,784                | *                     | 654                   | *                     |
| NJ           |                       | 9                     | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     |
| NY           |                       | *                     | *                     | *                     | 221                   | *                     |
| NC           |                       | 743                   | 88,783                | 40,896                | *                     | *                     |
| OH           |                       | *                     | 19,111                | 1,829                 | *                     | *                     |
| PA           |                       | *                     | 30,779                | 17,681                | 169                   | *                     |
| SC           |                       | 92                    | 22,637                | *                     | *                     | *                     |
| TN           |                       | *                     | 32,912                | 7,343                 | 273                   | 713                   |
| TX           |                       | 218                   | 92,067                | 53,686                | 289                   | 1,689                 |
| VA           |                       | 310                   | 47,578                | *                     | 18                    | *                     |
| WA           |                       | 23                    | *                     | 1,094                 | *                     | *                     |
| Oth Sts      |                       | 11,038                | 156,605               | 127,064               | 2,853                 | 40,051                |
| US           |                       | 21,604                | 1,177,889             | 519,763               | 9,733                 | 53,615                |
| Mature Birds |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Light        |                       | 1,379                 | 163,573               | 11,206                | 87                    | 72,995                |
| Heavy        |                       | 1,014                 | 74,540                | 3,665                 | 332                   | 10,222                |
| US           |                       | 2,393                 | 238,113               | 14,871                | 419                   | 83,217                |

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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 <sup>1</sup>    |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|              | <i>Number of Head</i> |
| Young Birds  |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| AL           | 4,471                 | 20,354                | 24,263                | 5,172                 | 83,893                | 304,545               |
| AR           | 6,516                 | 19,972                | 26,005                | 3,505                 | 36,581                | 363,903               |
| CA           | 213                   | *                     | 1,097                 | 479                   | *                     | 110,346               |
| DE           | 2,713                 | 7,893                 | 9,074                 | *                     | 15,139                | 150,079               |
| FL           | *                     | 2,768                 | *                     | *                     | 7,171                 | 40,899                |
| GA           | 4,413                 | 33,745                | 21,753                | 5,883                 | 87,383                | 315,676               |
| IN           | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     |
| KY           | *                     | 9,199                 | 2,563                 | *                     | 7,404                 | 68,084                |
| LA           | 429                   | 4,104                 | 3,417                 | 54                    | *                     | 30,612                |
| MD           | *                     | 15,466                | *                     | *                     | 17,072                | 144,527               |
| MS           | 2,546                 | 12,068                | 9,843                 | 603                   | 44,690                | 151,531               |
| MO           | 1,196                 | 10,651                | 11,657                | 103                   | 34,637                | 159,184               |
| NJ           | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     |
| NY           | 778                   | *                     | 3,751                 | 300                   | *                     | *                     |
| NC           | 4,040                 | 19,559                | 18,876                | 4,674                 | 42,759                | 232,032               |
| OH           | 243                   | *                     | 932                   | 57                    | *                     | 38,050                |
| PA           | 1,347                 | 4,100                 | 5,706                 | *                     | 45,047                | 106,983               |
| 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           | 1,703                 | 10,497                | *                     | *                     | 19,253                | 127,847               |
| WA           | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     | 17,753                |
| Oth Sts      | 5,761                 | 10,813                | 67,424                | 20,165                | 78,754                | 221,057               |
| US           | 38,200                | 205,568               | 222,837               | 42,007                | 539,123               | 2,830,339             |
| Mature Birds |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Light        | 12,365                | 22,950                | 145,429               | 1,296                 | 36,482                | 467,762               |
| Heavy        | 1,833                 | 21,159                | 20,405                | 2,081                 | 52,748                | 187,999               |
| US           | 14,198                | 44,109                | 165,834               | 3,377                 | 89,230                | 655,761               |

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

<sup>1</sup> 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, December 2002**

| State        | Tuber-<br>culosis     | Leukosis              | Septicemia            | Airsac-<br>culitis    | Synovitis             | Tumors                |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|              | <i>Number of Head</i> |
| Young Birds  |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| AL           |                       | *                     | 125,770               | 67,558                | 934                   | *                     |
| AR           |                       | 3,099                 | 193,272               | 99,940                | 3,031                 | 2,682                 |
| CA           |                       | *                     | *                     | 4,447                 | 345                   | 713                   |
| DE           |                       | 1,558                 | 107,039               | 33,694                | *                     | *                     |
| FL           |                       | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     |
| GA           |                       | 559                   | 97,858                | 78,739                | 260                   | 5,741                 |
| IN           |                       | *                     | 5,295                 | *                     | *                     | 184                   |
| KY           |                       | *                     | 40,205                | *                     | 127                   | 1,975                 |
| LA           |                       | *                     | 13,053                | 8,584                 | *                     | 282                   |
| MD           |                       | *                     | 56,705                | 28,535                | 59                    | *                     |
| MS           |                       | 438                   | 53,296                | 33,740                | 344                   | 1,506                 |
| MO           |                       | 1,347                 | 76,850                | *                     | 498                   | *                     |
| NJ           |                       | 5                     | *                     | *                     | 7                     | *                     |
| NY           |                       | 108                   | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     |
| NC           |                       | 517                   | 99,925                | 63,770                | *                     | *                     |
| OH           |                       | *                     | 21,204                | 2,565                 | *                     | *                     |
| PA           |                       | 208                   | 28,335                | 19,147                | 250                   | *                     |
| SC           |                       | 120                   | 24,627                | *                     | *                     | *                     |
| TN           |                       | 336                   | 37,033                | 8,336                 | 245                   | *                     |
| TX           |                       | 89                    | 107,878               | 59,583                | 380                   | 1,957                 |
| VA           |                       | 298                   | 54,452                | *                     | *                     | *                     |
| WA           |                       | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     |
| Oth Sts      |                       | 8,664                 | 176,182               | 152,329               | 3,221                 | 50,576                |
| US           |                       | 17,346                | 1,318,979             | 660,967               | 9,701                 | 65,616                |
| Mature Birds |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Light        |                       | 3,462                 | 200,498               | 15,411                | 134                   | 80,401                |
| Heavy        |                       | 1,735                 | 71,313                | 3,663                 | 692                   | 9,791                 |
| US           |                       | 5,197                 | 271,811               | 19,074                | 826                   | 90,192                |

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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

|              | Bruises               | Cadaver               | Contam-ination        | Overscald             | Other                 | Total <sup>1</sup>    |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|              | <i>Number of Head</i> |
| Young Birds  |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| AL           | 4,365                 | 23,336                | 29,459                | 5,109                 | 95,476                | 358,253               |
| AR           | 6,464                 | 24,065                | 27,307                | 2,300                 | 38,766                | 400,926               |
| CA           | 350                   | *                     | 2,344                 | *                     | 2,482                 | 113,982               |
| DE           | 2,837                 | 12,468                | 11,237                | 3,554                 | 23,603                | 203,068               |
| FL           | *                     | 2,974                 | *                     | *                     | 10,072                | 51,358                |
| GA           | 4,483                 | 43,252                | 22,069                | 4,545                 | 104,022               | 361,528               |
| IN           | 81                    | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     | 14,502                |
| KY           | *                     | 11,283                | 2,450                 | *                     | 6,206                 | 83,419                |
| LA           | 416                   | 3,554                 | 3,263                 | *                     | *                     | 35,326                |
| MD           | *                     | 18,968                | *                     | 1,485                 | 18,308                | 152,065               |
| MS           | 2,381                 | 11,362                | 9,686                 | 429                   | 59,034                | 172,216               |
| MO           | 1,174                 | 11,290                | 11,248                | 1,413                 | 37,456                | 189,165               |
| NJ           | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     |
| NY           | *                     | *                     | 3,579                 | 218                   | *                     | *                     |
| NC           | 4,126                 | 22,782                | 18,379                | 5,338                 | 67,922                | 297,881               |
| OH           | 330                   | *                     | 1,022                 | *                     | *                     | 37,325                |
| PA           | 1,343                 | 4,332                 | 5,747                 | *                     | 25,470                | 86,340                |
| SC           | 917                   | 7,747                 | 2,229                 | 3,007                 | 6,237                 | *                     |
| TN           | 941                   | 10,726                | 3,857                 | *                     | 5,099                 | 68,055                |
| TX           | 1,301                 | 12,273                | 11,173                | 598                   | 14,719                | 209,951               |
| VA           | 1,695                 | 12,312                | *                     | *                     | 24,733                | 148,388               |
| WA           | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     | *                     |
| Oth Sts      | 6,115                 | 15,593                | 62,724                | 9,115                 | 46,732                | 227,718               |
| US           | 39,319                | 248,317               | 227,773               | 37,111                | 586,337               | 3,211,466             |
| Mature Birds |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| Light        | 15,285                | 22,695                | 143,286               | 574                   | 54,453                | 536,199               |
| Heavy        | 2,189                 | 16,371                | 21,675                | 1,629                 | 45,438                | 174,496               |
| US           | 17,474                | 39,066                | 164,961               | 2,203                 | 99,891                | 710,695               |

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

<sup>1</sup> The sum of the individual diseases does not add across to the total for "Other States".

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

| State   | Number Slaughtered |                   | Live Weight         |                     | Average Live Weight |               |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
|         | November           | December          | November            | December            | November            | December      |
|         | <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      | 2,931              | 3,028             | 51,541              | 53,135              | 17.58               | 17.55         |
| CA      | *                  | 1,612             | *                   | 38,223              | *                   | 23.71         |
| IA      | 1,476              | 1,390             | 45,082              | 43,889              | 30.55               | 31.57         |
| MN      | 3,160              | 2,657             | 82,516              | 74,128              | 26.11               | 27.90         |
| MO      | 1,670              | 1,372             | 50,190              | 43,880              | 30.06               | 31.98         |
| NC      | 3,643              | *                 | 90,579              | *                   | 24.86               | *             |
| OH      | *                  | *                 | *                   | *                   | *                   | *             |
| PA      | 1,240              | *                 | 27,826              | *                   | 22.44               | *             |
| VA      | *                  | *                 | *                   | *                   | *                   | *             |
| Oth Sts | 9,676              | 10,947            | 271,252             | 324,060             | 28.03               | 29.60         |
| US      | 23,817             | 21,006            | 619,386             | 577,315             | 26.01               | 27.48         |

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

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

| State   | Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup> |                     | Post-Mortem Condemnations |                     |                      |                |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|
|         |                                                        |                     | N.Y. Dressed Weight       |                     | Percent <sup>2</sup> |                |
|         | November                                               | December            | November                  | December            | November             | December       |
|         | <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      | 41,363                                                 | 42,898              | 887                       | 1,065               | 1.91                 | 2.23           |
| CA      | *                                                      | 30,814              | *                         | 765                 | *                    | 2.22           |
| IA      | 35,122                                                 | 33,767              | 1,108                     | 1,186               | 2.73                 | 3.00           |
| MN      | 65,845                                                 | 58,406              | 1,572                     | 1,325               | 2.12                 | 1.99           |
| MO      | 39,392                                                 | 30,240              | 1,059                     | 957                 | 2.34                 | 2.42           |
| NC      | 71,749                                                 | *                   | 1,408                     | *                   | 1.73                 | *              |
| OH      | *                                                      | *                   | *                         | *                   | *                    | *              |
| PA      | 21,965                                                 | *                   | 324                       | *                   | 1.29                 | *              |
| VA      | *                                                      | *                   | *                         | *                   | *                    | *              |
| Oth Sts | 212,492                                                | 252,623             | 4,268                     | 5,116               | 1.75                 | 1.75           |
| US      | 488,239                                                | 448,748             | 10,631                    | 10,414              | 1.91                 | 2.00           |

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

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> 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, November 2002**

| State          | Tuber-<br>culosis     | Leukosis              | Septicemia                 | Airsac-<br>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             |                       | *                     | 18,635                     | *                     | *                     | *                         |
| MO             |                       |                       | 12,685                     | *                     | *                     | *                         |
| NC             |                       | *                     | *                          | *                     | *                     | 5                         |
| OH             |                       | *                     | *                          | *                     | *                     | *                         |
| PA             |                       | *                     | *                          | 385                   | 20                    | *                         |
| VA             |                       | *                     | *                          | *                     | *                     | *                         |
| Other States   |                       | 303                   | 48,042                     | 7,701                 | 5,298                 | 51                        |
| US             |                       | 303                   | 93,211                     | 9,803                 | 5,318                 | 74                        |
| Old (Breeders) |                       |                       |                            |                       |                       |                           |
| US             |                       | 2                     | 5,677                      | 469                   | 32                    | 251                       |
|                | <b>Bruises</b>        | <b>Cadaver</b>        | <b>Contam-<br/>ination</b> | <b>Overscald</b>      | <b>Other</b>          | <b>Total <sup>1</sup></b> |
|                | <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             | 177                   | 1,236                 | 862                        | *                     | 1,632                 | 24,928                    |
| MO             | *                     | *                     | 319                        | *                     | *                     | 16,703                    |
| NC             | 131                   | 1,287                 | *                          | *                     | 1,606                 | 12,775                    |
| OH             | 16                    | *                     | 39                         | *                     | *                     | *                         |
| PA             | 94                    | *                     | 179                        | 16                    | *                     | *                         |
| VA             | *                     | *                     | *                          | *                     | *                     | *                         |
| Other States   | 256                   | 5,810                 | 5,996                      | 3,075                 | 13,306                | 68,149                    |
| US             | 835                   | 8,333                 | 8,042                      | 3,091                 | 17,356                | 146,366                   |
| Old (Breeders) |                       |                       |                            |                       |                       |                           |
| US             | 21                    | 113                   | 177                        | 1                     | 585                   | 7,328                     |

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

<sup>1</sup> The sum of the individual diseases does not add across to the total for "Other States".

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

| State          | Tuber-<br>culosis     | Leukosis              | Septicemia                 | Airsac-<br>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             |                       | 5                     | 6,326                      | *                     | *                     | 15                        |
| IA             |                       |                       | 6,562                      | 1,817                 | *                     | *                         |
| MN             |                       | *                     | 15,018                     | *                     | *                     | *                         |
| MO             |                       |                       | *                          | *                     | *                     | *                         |
| NC             |                       | *                     | *                          | *                     | *                     | *                         |
| OH             |                       | *                     | *                          | *                     | *                     | *                         |
| PA             |                       |                       | *                          | 493                   | *                     | *                         |
| VA             |                       | *                     | *                          | *                     | *                     | *                         |
| Other States   |                       | 36                    | 61,065                     | 8,164                 | 5,653                 | 48                        |
| US             |                       | 41                    | 88,971                     | 10,474                | 5,653                 | 63                        |
| Old (Breeders) |                       |                       |                            |                       |                       |                           |
| US             |                       | 165                   | 5,211                      | 1,167                 | 49                    | 311                       |
|                | <b>Bruises</b>        | <b>Cadaver</b>        | <b>Contam-<br/>ination</b> | <b>Overscald</b>      | <b>Other</b>          | <b>Total <sup>1</sup></b> |
|                | <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             | *                     | *                     | *                          | *                     | *                     | 8,812                     |
| IA             | 123                   | 407                   | 598                        | 47                    | *                     | 12,967                    |
| MN             | 118                   | *                     | 599                        | *                     | 1,199                 | 21,407                    |
| MO             | 47                    | *                     | 416                        | *                     | *                     | 15,537                    |
| NC             | 138                   | 984                   | *                          | *                     | 1,505                 | 11,328                    |
| OH             | *                     | *                     | 36                         | *                     | *                     | *                         |
| PA             | 103                   | *                     | 319                        | 6                     | *                     | 7,416                     |
| VA             | *                     | *                     | *                          | *                     | *                     | *                         |
| Other States   | 265                   | 6,504                 | 5,176                      | 2,689                 | 13,720                | 62,734                    |
| US             | 794                   | 7,895                 | 7,144                      | 2,742                 | 16,424                | 140,201                   |
| Old (Breeders) |                       |                       |                            |                       |                       |                           |
| US             | 26                    | 138                   | 142                        | 2                     | 311                   | 7,522                     |

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

<sup>1</sup> The sum of the individual diseases does not add across to the total for "Other States".

## Poultry Slaughter Estimates

**Data Sources:** Primary data for poultry slaughter estimates are obtained from the Poultry Inspection Form (FSIS 6000-21). This form is completed by inspectors of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA for all Federally Inspected (FI) plants. Over 99 percent of the total U.S. slaughter for any species is under FI. The FSIS 6000-21 forms collect number of head slaughtered daily under FI by species and class as well as condemnations and total live and dressed weights. Approximately 350 plants in the U.S. are operated under Federal Inspection.

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**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.

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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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