



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 1 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during January 2003 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.28 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the amount certified in January 2002. Updated totals for December 2002 show that 3.04 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during January 2003 was 4.42 billion pounds, down 2 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.72 billion pounds, down 1 percent from January 2002, and mature chickens at 75.1 million pounds, were down 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 603 million pounds, down 2 percent, and ducks totaled 14.3 million pounds, a slight decrease.

Young chickens slaughtered during January 2003 averaged 5.18 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from January 2002. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.25 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during January 2003 averaged 28.1 pounds per bird, down slightly from January 2002.

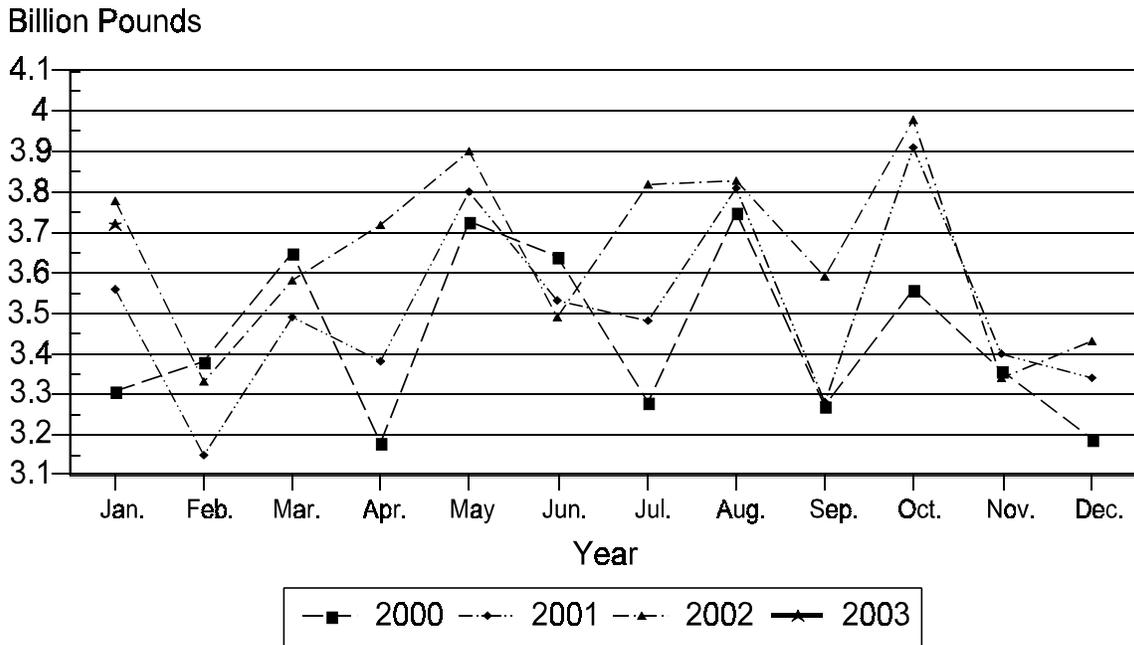
Ante-mortem condemnations during January 2003 totaled 22.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.51 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.43 percent from a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 50.9 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.28 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.33 percent a year earlier.

January 2003 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. The same as January 2002.

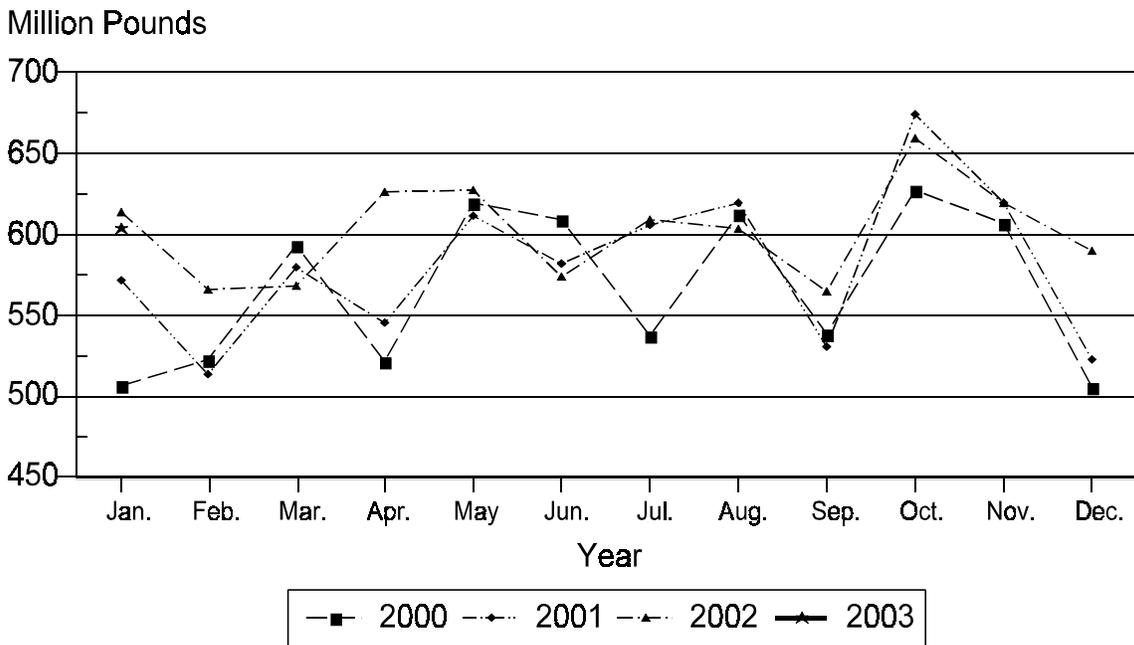
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Young Turkeys: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2000-2003



**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, January 2003¹**

Commodity	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Percent of	
				Jan 2002	Dec 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	737,844	662,504	718,216	97	108
Mature	15,785	13,130	14,322	91	109
Light	9,813	7,150	8,184	83	114
Heavy	5,972	5,980	6,138	103	103
Total	753,629	675,634	732,538	97	108
Turkeys					
Young	21,518	21,282	21,148	98	99
Old	230	274	306	133	112
Total	21,748	21,556	21,454	99	100
Ducks	2,096	2,099	2,133	102	102
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	3,779,061	3,447,277	3,723,536	99	108
Mature	80,020	70,736	75,128	94	106
Light	33,560	24,087	27,883	83	116
Heavy	46,460	46,649	47,245	102	101
Total	3,859,081	3,518,013	3,798,664	98	108
Turkeys					
Young	607,032	582,675	594,911	98	102
Old	6,523	7,594	8,287	127	109
Total	613,555	590,269	603,198	98	102
Ducks	14,320	13,878	14,262	100	103
Other Poultry	745	920	889	119	97
Total Poultry	4,487,701	4,123,080	4,417,013	98	107
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.12	5.20	5.18	101	100
Mature	5.07	5.39	5.25	104	97
Light	3.42	3.37	3.41	100	101
Heavy	7.78	7.80	7.70	99	99
Total	5.12	5.21	5.19	101	100
Turkeys					
Young	28.21	27.38	28.13	100	103
Old	28.39	27.67	27.08	95	98
Total	28.21	27.38	28.12	100	103
Ducks	6.83	6.61	6.69	98	101

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, January 2003 ¹ (continued)**

Commodity	January to Date			Percent of	
	2001	2002	2003	2001	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	710,683	737,844	718,216	101	97
Mature	13,999	15,785	14,322	102	91
Light	8,379	9,813	8,184	98	83
Heavy	5,620	5,972	6,138	109	103
Total	724,682	753,629	732,538	101	97
Turkeys					
Young	21,171	21,518	21,148	100	98
Old	132	230	306	232	133
Total	21,303	21,748	21,454	101	99
Ducks	2,325	2,096	2,133	92	102
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	3,571,736	3,779,061	3,723,536	104	99
Mature	72,082	80,020	75,128	104	94
Light	29,090	33,560	27,883	96	83
Heavy	42,992	46,460	47,245	110	102
Total	3,643,818	3,859,081	3,798,664	104	98
Turkeys					
Young	575,976	607,032	594,911	103	98
Old	3,644	6,523	8,287	227	127
Total	579,620	613,555	603,198	104	98
Ducks	15,406	14,320	14,262	93	100
Other Poultry	807	745	889	110	119
Total Poultry	4,239,651	4,487,701	4,417,013	104	98
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.03	5.12	5.18	103	101
Mature	5.15	5.07	5.25	102	104
Light	3.47	3.42	3.41	98	100
Heavy	7.65	7.78	7.70	101	99
Total	5.03	5.12	5.19	103	101
Turkeys					
Young	27.20	28.21	28.13	103	100
Old	27.64	28.39	27.08	98	95
Total	27.21	28.21	28.12	103	100
Ducks	6.63	6.83	6.69	101	98

¹ Federally inspected only.

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, January 2003 ¹**

Commodity	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Percent of	
				Jan 2002	Dec 2002
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Chilled					
Chickens					
Young	2,531,051	2,273,858	2,479,501	98	109
Mature	46,526	41,500	44,278	95	107
Light	16,469	11,752	13,459	82	115
Heavy	30,057	29,748	30,819	103	104
Total	2,577,577	2,315,358	2,523,779	98	109
Turkeys					
Young	234,858	252,348	255,028	109	101
Old	4,243	4,378	5,255	124	120
Total	239,101	256,726	260,283	109	101
Ducks	4,165	3,641	3,690	89	101
Other Poultry	189	220	184	97	84
Total Poultry	2,821,032	2,575,945	2,787,936	99	108
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	248,861	253,493	268,817	108	106
Mature	1,451	709	912	63	129
Light	1,111	549	729	66	133
Heavy	340	160	183	54	114
Total	250,312	254,202	269,729	108	106
Turkeys					
Young	243,039	205,517	214,176	88	104
Old	594	1,113	775	130	70
Total	243,633	206,630	214,951	88	104
Ducks	6,750	6,521	6,668	99	102
Other Poultry	261	317	354	136	112
Total Poultry	500,956	467,670	491,702	98	105
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,779,912	2,527,351	2,748,318	99	109
Mature	47,977	42,209	45,190	94	107
Light	17,580	12,301	14,188	81	115
Heavy	30,397	29,908	31,002	102	104
Total	2,827,889	2,569,560	2,793,508	99	109
Turkeys					
Young	477,897	457,865	469,204	98	102
Old	4,837	5,491	6,030	125	110
Total	482,734	463,356	475,234	98	103
Ducks	10,915	10,162	10,358	95	102
Other Poultry	450	537	538	120	100
Total Poultry	3,321,988	3,043,615	3,279,638	99	108

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, January 2003 ¹ (continued)**

Commodity	January to Date			Percent of	
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Chilled					
Chickens					
Young	2,403,066	2,531,051	2,479,501	103	98
Mature	41,736	46,526	44,278	106	95
Light	13,987	16,469	13,459	96	82
Heavy	27,749	30,057	30,819	111	103
Total	2,444,802	2,577,577	2,523,779	103	98
Turkeys					
Young	225,413	234,858	255,028	113	109
Old	2,553	4,243	5,255	206	124
Total	227,966	239,101	260,283	114	109
Ducks	4,229	4,165	3,690	87	89
Other Poultry	209	189	184	88	97
Total Poultry	2,677,206	2,821,032	2,787,936	104	99
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	219,140	248,861	268,817	123	108
Mature	939	1,451	912	97	63
Light	714	1,111	729	102	66
Heavy	225	340	183	81	54
Total	220,079	250,312	269,729	123	108
Turkeys					
Young	232,903	243,039	214,176	92	88
Old	318	594	775	244	130
Total	233,221	243,633	214,951	92	88
Ducks	6,752	6,750	6,668	99	99
Other Poultry	296	261	354	120	136
Total Poultry	460,348	500,956	491,702	107	98
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,622,206	2,779,912	2,748,318	105	99
Mature	42,675	47,977	45,190	106	94
Light	14,701	17,580	14,188	97	81
Heavy	27,974	30,397	31,002	111	102
Total	2,664,881	2,827,889	2,793,508	105	99
Turkeys					
Young	458,316	477,897	469,204	102	98
Old	2,871	4,837	6,030	210	125
Total	461,187	482,734	475,234	103	98
Ducks	10,981	10,915	10,358	94	95
Other Poultry	505	450	538	107	120
Total Poultry	3,137,554	3,321,988	3,279,638	105	99

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, January 2003 ¹**

Commodity	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2002
				Jan 2002	Dec 2002	2002	2003	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			
Live Weight				<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Chickens								
Young	15,890	14,968	19,060	120	127	15,890	19,060	120
Mature	1,295	1,246	1,185	92	95	1,295	1,185	92
Light	639	586	691	108	118	639	691	108
Heavy	656	660	494	75	75	656	494	75
Total	17,185	16,214	20,245	118	125	17,185	20,245	118
Turkeys								
Young	2,018	2,467	2,130	106	86	2,018	2,130	106
Old	72	58	260	361	448	72	260	361
Total	2,090	2,525	2,390	114	95	2,090	2,390	114
Ducks	69	27	35	51	130	69	35	51
Other Poultry	1	6	2	200	33	1	2	200
Total Poultry	19,345	18,772	22,672	117	121	19,345	22,672	117
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Percent of Total Weight Condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.42	0.43	0.51	121	119	0.42	0.51	121
Mature	1.62	1.76	1.58	98	90	1.62	1.58	98
Light	1.90	2.43	2.48	131	102	1.90	2.48	131
Heavy	1.41	1.41	1.05	74	74	1.41	1.05	74
Total	0.45	0.46	0.53	118	115	0.45	0.53	118
Turkeys								
Young	0.33	0.42	0.36	109	86	0.33	0.36	109
Old	1.11	0.76	3.14	283	413	1.11	3.14	283
Total	0.34	0.43	0.40	118	93	0.34	0.40	118
Ducks	0.48	0.19	0.24	50	126	0.48	0.24	50
Other Poultry	0.12	0.65	0.24	200	37	0.12	0.24	200
Total Poultry	0.43	0.46	0.51	119	111	0.43	0.51	119

¹ Federally inspected only.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

**Poultry Slaughter: Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, January 2003 ¹**

Commodity	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2002
				Jan 2002	Dec 2002	2002	2003	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			
<i>N.Y. Dressed Weight</i>				<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Chickens								
Young	37,374	29,905	34,713	93	116	37,374	34,713	93
Mature	4,295	3,869	4,610	107	119	4,295	4,610	107
Light	2,452	1,952	2,560	104	131	2,452	2,560	104
Heavy	1,843	1,917	2,050	111	107	1,843	2,050	111
Total	41,669	33,774	39,323	94	116	41,669	39,323	94
Turkeys								
Young	11,412	10,529	10,757	94	102	11,412	10,757	94
Old	446	412	548	123	133	446	548	123
Total	11,858	10,941	11,305	95	103	11,858	11,305	95
Ducks	264	280	284	108	101	264	284	108
Other Poultry	8	13	14	175	108	8	14	175
Total Poultry	53,799	45,008	50,926	95	113	53,799	50,926	95
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<i>Percent of Total Weight Condemned ²</i>								
Chickens								
Young	1.10	0.96	1.04	95	108	1.10	1.04	95
Mature	5.96	6.08	6.82	114	112	5.96	6.82	114
Light	8.12	9.00	10.20	126	113	8.12	10.20	126
Heavy	4.41	4.57	4.82	109	105	4.41	4.82	109
Total	1.20	1.07	1.15	96	107	1.20	1.15	96
Turkeys								
Young	2.09	2.01	2.01	96	100	2.09	2.01	96
Old	7.60	6.03	7.35	97	122	7.60	7.35	97
Total	2.15	2.06	2.08	97	101	2.15	2.08	97
Ducks	2.05	2.24	2.21	108	99	2.05	2.21	108
Other Poultry	1.21	1.65	1.82	150	110	1.21	1.82	150
Total Poultry	1.33	1.21	1.28	96	106	1.33	1.28	96

¹ Federally inspected only.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected.

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
by State and United States, January 2003**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<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	79,889	83,821	404,749	432,792	5.07	5.16
AR	87,534	95,725	436,033	471,135	4.98	4.92
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	21,629	23,666	132,684	143,674	6.13	6.07
FL	9,969	11,086	55,701	62,633	5.59	5.65
GA	100,186	106,893	511,323	536,839	5.10	5.02
KY	19,584	20,085	103,506	108,159	5.29	5.38
LA	14,585	14,500	74,806	75,908	5.13	5.24
MD	14,991	16,780	71,783	79,001	4.79	4.71
MS	57,198	61,881	309,154	329,087	5.40	5.32
MO	29,405	33,013	137,292	161,302	4.67	4.89
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	51,465	56,379	315,762	345,428	6.14	6.13
OH	3,094	3,213	17,791	18,869	5.75	5.87
PA	8,665	9,409	46,157	49,576	5.33	5.27
SC	19,516	21,145	116,148	121,848	5.95	5.76
TN	15,641	17,939	83,500	95,815	5.34	5.34
TX	50,155	53,561	245,695	258,251	4.90	4.82
VA	25,695	27,480	126,236	134,185	4.91	4.88
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	53,303	61,640	258,957	299,034	4.86	4.85
US	662,504	718,216	3,447,277	3,723,536	5.20	5.18

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

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by State and United States, January 2003**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<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	292,270	317,010	3,747	4,141	1.03	1.06
AR	313,072	341,022	3,753	4,261	0.96	1.00
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	96,183	104,477	2,061	2,474	1.73	1.91
FL	39,965	44,314	650	807	1.30	1.43
GA	376,139	395,829	3,448	3,659	0.75	0.76
KY	76,144	78,625	812	759	0.87	0.78
LA	54,981	55,746	502	591	0.75	0.87
MD	51,478	56,844	890	1,090	1.38	1.53
MS	226,169	251,169	1,868	2,109	0.67	0.71
MO	101,634	117,346	1,021	1,547	0.83	1.07
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	239,166	262,855	3,192	4,451	1.12	1.43
OH	12,668	13,141	391	486	2.44	2.86
PA	32,183	34,551	938	1,010	2.26	2.26
SC	85,360	90,157	843	782	0.81	0.71
TN	61,423	70,179	682	784	0.91	0.91
TX	186,885	197,478	1,722	2,083	0.78	0.90
VA	91,334	96,830	1,392	1,251	1.23	1.04
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	190,297	220,745	1,993	2,428	0.86	0.90
US	2,527,351	2,748,318	29,905	34,713	0.96	1.04

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

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected.

**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, December 2003**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	125,770	67,558	*	*
AR		3,103	194,146	100,253	3,037	2,696
CA		*	*	4,447	386	724
DE		1,558	107,039	33,694	*	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		561	98,584	79,136	260	5,766
IN		*	5,295	*	*	184
KY		*	43,939	*	136	2,073
LA		*	13,335	8,617	*	290
MD		*	56,705	28,535	59	*
MS		424	54,964	32,785	341	1,511
MO		1,534	77,394	*	486	*
NJ		5	*	*	7	*
NY		108	*	*	*	*
NC		529	100,311	63,941	*	*
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		299	54,772	*	*	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		8,698	178,572	164,034	3,221	50,797
US		17,572	1,329,903	672,631	9,742	65,998
Mature Birds						
Light		3,462	200,498	15,411	134	80,401
Heavy		1,752	72,478	3,663	704	10,261
US		5,214	272,976	19,074	838	90,662

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**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, December 2003 (continued)**

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	4,365	23,336	29,459	*	95,476	358,253
AR	6,494	24,148	27,473	2,300	39,057	402,707
CA	353	*	2,373	*	2,843	116,883
DE	2,837	12,468	11,237	3,682	23,603	203,196
FL	*	2,974	*	*	10,072	51,358
GA	4,541	43,968	22,214	4,814	104,624	364,468
IN	81	*	*	*	*	14,502
KY	335	11,977	2,596	*	6,550	92,025
LA	419	3,825	3,307	*	*	36,286
MD	*	18,968	*	1,485	18,308	152,065
MS	2,405	11,392	9,546	430	57,895	171,693
MO	1,196	11,189	11,266	1,414	38,996	192,306
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	3,579	218	*	*
NC	4,133	22,853	18,391	5,340	68,200	298,844
OH	330	*	1,022	*	*	37,325
PA	1,343	4,332	5,747	*	*	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	1,650	12,101	*	*	23,861	154,032
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	5,860	15,625	62,616	8,518	46,748	227,718
US	39,501	249,902	228,085	36,915	587,758	3,238,007
Mature Birds						
Light	15,285	22,695	143,286	574	54,453	536,199
Heavy	2,222	16,666	21,703	1,661	45,552	176,662
US	17,507	39,361	164,989	2,235	100,005	712,861

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

**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, January 2003**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	134,296	80,379	1,072	*
AR		4,268	217,459	121,510	3,795	3,196
CA		*	*	4,259	505	867
DE		3,946	130,363	45,767	86	9,153
FL		142	*	*	*	*
GA		682	104,914	87,629	377	5,859
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		*	28,654	*	*	2,360
LA		*	14,937	9,201	*	244
MD		2,524	70,713	41,772	*	*
MS		215	56,988	55,660	309	1,633
MO		1,543	103,924	96,394	811	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		242	*	*	*	*
NC		559	103,523	78,784	*	*
OH		*	24,985	2,875	*	*
PA		198	33,671	24,106	240	*
SC		158	25,214	*	30	1,299
TN		*	43,177	10,844	253	1,169
TX		121	131,865	81,812	469	2,706
VA		*	54,189	*	*	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		10,930	218,519	127,412	3,862	50,828
US		25,528	1,497,391	868,404	11,869	79,314
Mature Birds						
Light	4	2,907	252,580	19,052	434	114,606
Heavy		1,052	77,008	3,199	399	11,794
US	4	3,959	329,588	22,251	833	126,400

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**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, January 2003 (continued)**

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	4,580	26,664	28,817	4,808	106,019	393,801
AR	7,435	29,664	30,156	1,617	46,681	465,781
CA	364	*	2,034	*	2,994	137,602
DE	2,937	17,548	13,000	2,273	25,978	251,051
FL	*	3,930	*	*	16,359	74,591
GA	4,841	45,968	25,021	6,813	120,002	402,106
IN	133	*	*	*	*	20,209
KY	171	10,678	2,553	399	5,367	71,998
LA	362	2,984	4,286	242	*	35,958
MD	*	25,511	*	*	21,516	197,223
MS	2,883	14,017	9,878	394	58,933	200,910
MO	1,278	13,892	11,348	*	38,001	272,680
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	747	*	3,578	196	*	*
NC	4,366	26,273	19,040	4,776	75,962	331,145
OH	290	*	1,664	*	*	48,218
PA	1,439	*	6,147	289	*	100,624
SC	849	*	*	2,909	6,654	77,831
TN	1,297	15,736	4,737	*	9,505	87,201
TX	1,304	9,685	12,722	846	19,030	260,560
VA	1,755	12,351	*	4,003	22,609	156,282
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	5,484	36,212	81,366	9,846	70,524	172,255
US	42,515	291,113	256,347	39,411	646,134	3,758,026
Mature Birds						
Light	15,125	24,875	161,455	1,136	75,727	667,901
Heavy	2,087	26,289	25,427	798	55,045	203,098
US	17,212	51,164	186,882	1,934	130,772	870,999

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Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, by State and United States, January 2003

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AR	3,028	2,785	53,135	49,313	17.55	17.71
CA	1,612	914	38,223	23,500	23.71	25.70
IA	1,390	1,375	43,889	48,927	31.57	35.58
MN	2,673	2,984	74,663	85,945	27.93	28.80
MO	1,429	1,543	45,993	48,502	32.19	31.43
NC	*	3,193	*	88,839	*	27.83
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	11,150	8,354	326,772	249,885	29.31	29.91
US	21,282	21,148	582,675	594,911	27.38	28.13

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Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, by State and United States, January 2003

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	December	January	December	January	December	January
	<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	42,898	41,355	1,065	707	2.23	1.59
CA	30,814	19,015	765	447	2.22	2.12
IA	33,767	37,868	1,186	1,395	3.00	3.17
MN	58,825	67,139	1,347	1,839	2.00	2.38
MO	35,902	37,878	1,001	1,005	2.42	2.30
NC	*	70,019	*	1,320	*	1.65
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	255,659	195,930	5,165	4,044	1.76	1.80
US	457,865	469,204	10,529	10,757	2.01	2.01

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¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected.

**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, December 2003**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young (Mature)						
AR			*	*	*	*
CA		5	6,326	*	*	15
IA			6,562	1,817	*	*
MN		*	15,245	*	*	*
MO			*	*	*	*
NC		*	*	*	*	*
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA			*	493	*	*
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States		41	62,455	8,272	5,654	48
US		46	90,588	10,582	5,654	63
Old (Breeders)						
US		165	5,211	1,167	49	311
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young (Mature)						
AR	*	*	*	*	*	*
CA	*	*	*	*	*	8,812
IA	123	407	598	47	*	12,967
MN	124	*	605	*	1,217	21,734
MO	47	*	422	*	*	16,020
NC	200	1,438	*	*	1,738	13,105
OH	*	*	36	*	*	*
PA	103	*	319	6	*	7,416
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	265	6,547	5,725	2,689	13,981	63,516
US	862	8,392	7,705	2,742	16,936	143,570
Old (Breeders)						
US	26	138	142	2	311	7,522

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**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, January 2003**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young (Mature)						
AR			6,216	*	*	*
CA		2	3,155	72	*	*
IA			7,857	2,113	*	
MN		19	21,452	4,208	*	29
MO			13,883	*	*	
NC		2	*	*	10	2
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA		*	*	684	2	*
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States		18	41,689	7,773	6,700	81
US		41	94,252	14,850	6,712	112
Old (Breeders)						
US		64	8,204	2,025	62	550
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young (Mature)						
AR	*	467	*	*	*	*
CA	*	*	*	*	*	4,471
IA	142	426	628	*	705	15,770
MN	151	565	916	*	1,849	30,723
MO	*	*	235	*	*	17,150
NC	241	1,741	*	138	1,764	12,441
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	220	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	398	4,831	4,919	2,463	12,490	70,701
US	932	8,030	6,918	2,601	16,808	151,256
Old (Breeders)						
US	26	183	264	29	1,627	13,034

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Poultry Slaughter Estimates

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

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A NASS computer program provides a review of current data with historical data for each plant. An edit provides checks for the detection of errors such as invalid plant information, duplication, and erroneous data. Data are summarized weekly and accumulated to monthly totals for this release.

Data for major slaughter plants with missing reports are adjusted prior to publication to assure that all plants slaughtering a significant portion of a specific class are accounted for each week. Estimates for missing weeks are made only after verifying that the plant was in operation. Adjustments are based on either the previous week's information or a week determined to be similar to the one missing. Late reports replace imputed data as they become available. While there is a varying degree of incompleteness from month to month, it has only a minimal impact on the published totals.

Poultry slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants and, therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors are minimized through strict quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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Definitions

Ante-Mortem Condemnations - Birds condemned prior to their entry into the slaughter plant.

Certified Ready-to-Cook - The weight of poultry certified wholesome by inspection after post-mortem condemnation pounds are removed. Ready-to-cook represents poultry meat ready for the marketing channel.

Ducks - Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

Fryer-Roaster Turkeys - Young immature birds, usually under 16 weeks of age. Included with young turkeys.

Mature Chickens - Fowl from breeder and market egg flocks and stags and cocks.

New York Dressed Weight - Carcass weight after only feathers and blood are removed. This weight is approximately 90% of live weight.

Old Turkeys (Breeders) - Fully matured birds held for egg production, usually over 15 months of age.

Other Poultry - Includes all other ready-to-cook products which bear the USDA Inspected for Wholesomeness legend.

Post-Mortem Condemnations - Carcasses or parts condemned by the inspector because of disease or mishandling and removed from the slaughter line and destroyed.

Young Chickens - Commercially grown broilers-fryers and other young immature birds such as roasters and capons.

Young Turkeys (Mature) - Young birds grown to a matured market age, about 5 months.

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