



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 3 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during February 2003 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 2.86 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the amount certified in February 2002. Updated totals for January 2003 show that 3.31 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during February 2003 was 3.86 billion pounds, down 3 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.25 billion pounds, down 3 percent from February 2002, and mature chickens at 63.7 million pounds, were down 7 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 537 million pounds, down 6 percent, and ducks totaled 12.7 million pounds, a slight increase.

Young chickens slaughtered during February 2003 averaged 5.18 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from February 2002. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.30 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2003 averaged 27.0 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from February 2002.

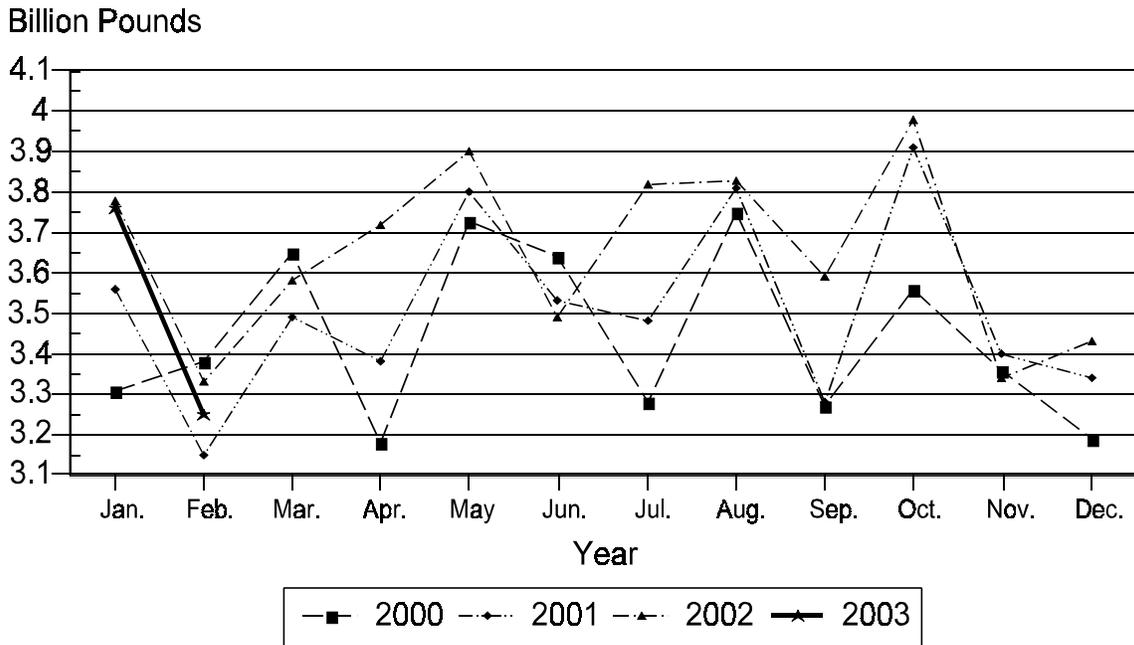
Ante-mortem condemnations during February 2003 totaled 16.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.43 percent of the live weight inspected, unchanged from a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 42.3 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.22 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.33 percent a year earlier.

February 2003 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. The same as February 2002.

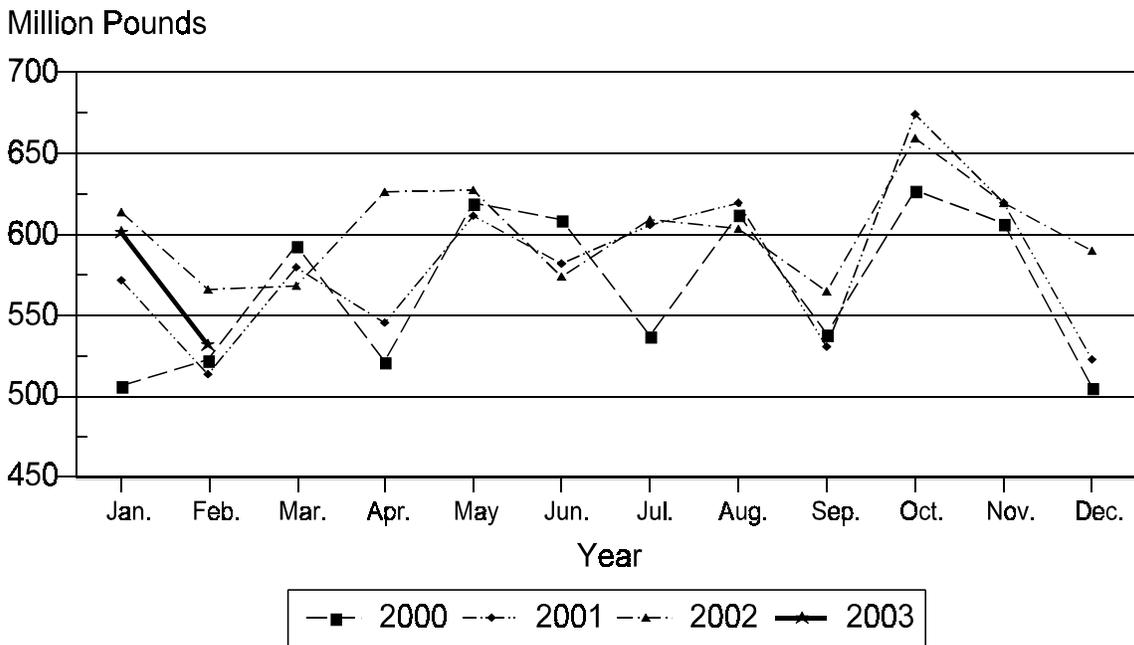
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Young Turkeys: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2000-2003



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

Commodity	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Percent of	
				Feb 2002	Jan 2003
	<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	655,606	725,193	626,732	96	86
Mature	13,392	14,362	12,008	90	84
Light	8,188	8,224	6,773	83	82
Heavy	5,204	6,138	5,235	101	85
Total	668,998	739,555	638,740	95	86
Turkeys					
Young	20,547	21,342	19,694	96	92
Old	158	319	171	108	54
Total	20,705	21,661	19,865	96	92
Ducks	1,888	2,135	1,970	104	92
	<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	3,336,562	3,763,513	3,249,551	97	86
Mature	68,559	75,243	63,688	93	85
Light	27,687	27,999	22,465	81	80
Heavy	40,872	47,244	41,223	101	87
Total	3,405,121	3,838,756	3,313,239	97	86
Turkeys					
Young	566,284	600,502	531,849	94	89
Old	4,411	8,631	4,770	108	55
Total	570,695	609,133	536,619	94	88
Ducks	12,714	14,264	12,742	100	89
Other Poultry	653	890	382	58	43
Total Poultry	3,989,183	4,463,043	3,862,982	97	87
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.09	5.19	5.18	102	100
Mature	5.12	5.24	5.30	104	101
Light	3.38	3.40	3.32	98	98
Heavy	7.85	7.70	7.87	100	102
Total	5.09	5.19	5.19	102	100
Turkeys					
Young	27.56	28.14	27.00	98	96
Old	28.00	27.04	27.88	100	103
Total	27.56	28.12	27.01	98	96
Ducks	6.73	6.69	6.47	96	97

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, February 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	1,338,063	1,393,450	1,351,925	101	97
Mature	26,733	29,177	26,370	99	90
Light	15,864	18,001	14,997	95	83
Heavy	10,869	11,176	11,373	105	102
Total	1,364,796	1,422,627	1,378,295	101	97
Turkeys					
Young	40,279	42,065	41,036	102	98
Old	302	388	490	162	126
Total	40,581	42,453	41,526	102	98
Ducks	4,326	3,984	4,105	95	103
	<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	6,717,708	7,115,623	7,013,064	104	99
Mature	138,451	148,579	138,931	100	94
Light	54,566	61,247	50,464	92	82
Heavy	83,885	87,332	88,467	105	101
Total	6,856,159	7,264,202	7,151,995	104	98
Turkeys					
Young	1,090,460	1,173,316	1,132,351	104	97
Old	8,033	10,934	13,401	167	123
Total	1,098,493	1,184,250	1,145,752	104	97
Ducks	28,658	27,034	27,006	94	100
Other Poultry	1,633	1,398	1,272	78	91
Total Poultry	7,984,943	8,476,884	8,326,025	104	98
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.02	5.11	5.19	103	102
Mature	5.18	5.09	5.27	102	104
Light	3.44	3.40	3.36	98	99
Heavy	7.72	7.81	7.78	101	100
Total	5.02	5.11	5.19	103	102
Turkeys					
Young	27.07	27.89	27.59	102	99
Old	26.60	28.23	27.35	103	97
Total	27.07	27.90	27.59	102	99
Ducks	6.63	6.79	6.58	99	97

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

Commodity	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Percent of	
				Feb 2002	Jan 2003
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Chilled					
Chickens					
Young	2,231,655	2,506,199	2,148,050	96	86
Mature	39,794	44,299	37,471	94	85
Light	13,246	13,480	10,875	82	81
Heavy	26,548	30,819	26,596	100	86
Total	2,271,449	2,550,498	2,185,521	96	86
Turkeys					
Young	216,302	257,580	211,857	98	82
Old	2,632	5,499	3,034	115	55
Total	218,934	263,079	214,891	98	82
Ducks	3,527	3,691	3,016	86	82
Other Poultry	179	183	122	68	67
Total Poultry	2,494,089	2,817,451	2,403,550	96	85
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	221,909	268,662	237,668	107	88
Mature	1,012	911	849	84	93
Light	874	729	563	64	77
Heavy	138	182	286	207	157
Total	222,921	269,573	238,517	107	88
Turkeys					
Young	228,509	215,986	210,137	92	97
Old	776	774	463	60	60
Total	229,285	216,760	210,600	92	97
Ducks	6,129	6,668	6,012	98	90
Other Poultry	237	353	119	50	34
Total Poultry	458,572	493,354	455,248	99	92
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,453,564	2,774,861	2,385,718	97	86
Mature	40,806	45,210	38,320	94	85
Light	14,120	14,209	11,438	81	80
Heavy	26,686	31,001	26,882	101	87
Total	2,494,370	2,820,071	2,424,038	97	86
Turkeys					
Young	444,811	473,566	421,994	95	89
Old	3,408	6,273	3,497	103	56
Total	448,219	479,839	425,491	95	89
Ducks	9,656	10,359	9,028	93	87
Other Poultry	416	536	241	58	45
Total Poultry	2,952,661	3,310,805	2,858,798	97	86

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, February 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	4,520,333	4,762,706	4,654,249	103	98
Mature	80,625	86,320	81,770	101	95
Light	26,350	29,715	24,355	92	82
Heavy	54,275	56,605	57,415	106	101
Total	4,600,958	4,849,026	4,736,019	103	98
Turkeys					
Young	425,878	451,160	469,437	110	104
Old	5,337	6,875	8,533	160	124
Total	431,215	458,035	477,970	111	104
Ducks	7,857	7,692	6,707	85	87
Other Poultry	358	368	305	85	83
Total Poultry	5,040,388	5,315,121	5,221,001	104	98
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	424,039	470,770	506,330	119	108
Mature	1,734	2,463	1,760	101	71
Light	1,396	1,985	1,292	93	65
Heavy	338	478	468	138	98
Total	425,773	473,233	508,090	119	107
Turkeys					
Young	438,361	471,548	426,123	97	90
Old	905	1,370	1,237	137	90
Total	439,266	472,918	427,360	97	90
Ducks	12,677	12,879	12,680	100	98
Other Poultry	574	498	472	82	95
Total Poultry	878,290	959,528	948,602	108	99
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	4,944,372	5,233,476	5,160,579	104	99
Mature	82,359	88,783	83,530	101	94
Light	27,746	31,700	25,647	92	81
Heavy	54,613	57,083	57,883	106	101
Total	5,026,731	5,322,259	5,244,109	104	99
Turkeys					
Young	864,239	922,708	895,560	104	97
Old	6,242	8,245	9,770	157	118
Total	870,481	930,953	905,330	104	97
Ducks	20,534	20,571	19,387	94	94
Other Poultry	932	866	777	83	90
Total Poultry	5,918,678	6,274,649	6,169,603	104	98

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Commodity	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2002
				Feb 2002	Jan 2003	2002	2003	
				<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>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	14,424	18,996	13,409	93	71	30,314	32,405	107
Mature	1,123	1,178	998	89	85	2,418	2,176	90
Light	467	685	499	107	73	1,106	1,184	107
Heavy	656	493	499	76	101	1,312	992	76
Total	15,547	20,174	14,407	93	71	32,732	34,581	106
Turkeys								
Young	1,586	2,163	2,010	127	93	3,604	4,173	116
Old	35	269	114	326	42	107	383	358
Total	1,621	2,432	2,124	131	87	3,711	4,556	123
Ducks	19	35	22	116	63	88	57	65
Other Poultry	2	2	1	50	50	3	3	100
Total Poultry	17,189	22,643	16,554	96	73	36,534	39,197	107
	<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	0.43	0.50	0.41	95	82	0.43	0.46	107
Mature	1.64	1.57	1.57	96	100	1.63	1.57	96
Light	1.69	2.45	2.22	131	91	1.81	2.35	130
Heavy	1.61	1.05	1.21	75	115	1.50	1.12	75
Total	0.46	0.53	0.43	93	81	0.45	0.48	107
Turkeys								
Young	0.28	0.36	0.38	136	106	0.31	0.37	119
Old	0.79	3.12	2.37	300	76	0.98	2.86	292
Total	0.28	0.40	0.40	143	100	0.31	0.40	129
Ducks	0.15	0.24	0.16	107	67	0.32	0.21	66
Other Poultry	0.29	0.24	0.30	103	125	0.20	0.24	120
Total Poultry	0.43	0.51	0.43	100	84	0.43	0.47	109

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

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

Commodity	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2002
				Feb 2002	Jan 2003	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	33,177	35,039	28,488	86	81	70,551	63,527	90
Mature	3,563	4,589	3,555	100	77	7,858	8,144	104
Light	2,073	2,539	2,022	98	80	4,525	4,561	101
Heavy	1,490	2,050	1,533	103	75	3,333	3,583	108
Total	36,740	39,628	32,043	87	81	78,409	71,671	91
Turkeys								
Young	10,513	10,871	9,595	91	88	21,925	20,466	93
Old	296	579	354	120	61	742	933	126
Total	10,809	11,450	9,949	92	87	22,667	21,399	94
Ducks	232	284	267	115	94	496	551	111
Other Poultry	8	14	5	63	36	16	19	119
Total Poultry	47,789	51,376	42,264	88	82	101,588	93,640	92
	<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	1.03	0.97	88	94	1.10	1.01	92
Mature	5.77	6.78	6.21	108	92	5.88	6.51	111
Light	8.32	10.08	10.01	120	99	8.21	10.04	122
Heavy	4.05	4.82	4.13	102	86	4.24	4.50	106
Total	1.20	1.15	1.07	89	93	1.20	1.11	93
Turkeys								
Young	2.06	2.01	2.00	97	100	2.08	2.01	97
Old	7.46	7.45	8.27	111	111	7.54	7.74	103
Total	2.10	2.09	2.06	98	99	2.13	2.08	98
Ducks	2.03	2.21	2.33	115	105	2.04	2.27	111
Other Poultry	1.50	1.82	1.76	117	97	1.34	1.66	124
Total Poultry	1.33	1.28	1.22	92	95	1.33	1.25	94

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, February 2003**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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	83,976	74,837	433,893	384,810	5.17	5.14
AR	96,123	83,733	473,527	410,892	4.93	4.91
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	23,666	19,467	143,674	118,671	6.07	6.10
FL	11,086	8,944	62,633	49,274	5.65	5.51
GA	108,550	90,060	545,489	456,480	5.03	5.07
KY	21,423	19,071	113,296	99,542	5.29	5.22
LA	14,397	13,082	75,593	69,929	5.25	5.35
MD	16,780	14,397	79,001	68,057	4.71	4.73
MS	61,870	56,329	331,372	300,777	5.36	5.34
MO	33,184	29,277	161,300	139,668	4.86	4.77
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	59,798	51,732	366,040	306,707	6.12	5.93
OH	3,213	2,741	18,869	15,018	5.87	5.48
PA	9,409	7,418	49,576	39,358	5.27	5.31
SC	20,845	17,487	120,584	101,885	5.78	5.83
TN	17,939	15,416	95,815	84,408	5.34	5.48
TX	53,561	47,640	258,251	235,888	4.82	4.95
VA	27,642	25,258	135,088	122,819	4.89	4.86
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	61,731	49,843	299,512	245,368	4.85	4.92
US	725,193	626,732	3,763,513	3,249,551	5.19	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, February 2003**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	January	February	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
			January	February	January	February
	<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	317,838	281,518	4,167	3,499	1.07	1.01
AR	342,799	294,487	4,270	3,781	1.00	1.02
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	104,477	85,377	2,474	1,893	1.91	1.77
FL	44,314	35,124	807	561	1.43	1.26
GA	401,218	330,495	3,693	3,085	0.75	0.75
KY	82,752	73,909	780	699	0.77	0.78
LA	55,541	49,937	587	350	0.86	0.56
MD	56,844	48,815	1,090	1,000	1.53	1.63
MS	246,289	222,513	2,130	1,670	0.71	0.62
MO	116,382	102,444	1,524	1,243	1.05	0.99
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	283,307	240,588	4,681	3,272	1.42	1.19
OH	13,141	10,667	486	345	2.86	2.55
PA	34,551	27,186	1,010	742	2.26	2.09
SC	89,184	75,171	777	610	0.72	0.66
TN	70,179	61,847	784	616	0.91	0.81
TX	197,478	182,407	2,083	1,890	0.90	0.89
VA	97,464	89,037	1,257	1,127	1.03	1.02
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	221,103	174,196	2,439	2,105	0.90	0.95
US	2,774,861	2,385,718	35,039	28,488	1.03	0.97

* 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, January 2003**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	134,855	81,311	1,072	*
AR		4,299	217,939	122,047	3,799	3,212
CA		*	*	4,259	505	867
DE		3,946	130,363	45,767	86	9,153
FL		142	*	*	*	*
GA		682	105,566	90,326	376	5,839
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		*	28,974	*	*	2,377
LA		*	14,812	9,201	*	211
MD		2,524	70,713	41,772	*	*
MS		238	57,851	57,743	293	1,648
MO		1,538	106,799	89,655	772	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		242	*	*	*	*
NC		584	112,344	86,975	*	*
OH		*	24,985	2,875	*	*
PA		198	33,671	24,106	240	*
SC		162	24,830	*	28	1,278
TN		*	43,177	10,844	253	1,169
TX		121	131,865	81,812	469	2,706
VA		*	54,347	*	*	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		10,932	218,835	127,476	3,884	50,982
US		25,608	1,511,926	876,169	11,837	79,442
Mature Birds						
Light	4	2,903	250,221	19,052	434	111,414
Heavy		1,052	77,008	3,199	399	11,794
US	4	3,955	327,229	22,251	833	123,208

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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	4,591	26,662	28,854	4,812	106,286	395,604
AR	7,460	29,766	30,331	1,617	46,785	467,255
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	4,846	45,689	25,180	6,384	120,039	404,927
IN	133	*	*	*	*	20,209
KY	173	10,836	2,759	399	6,205	73,617
LA	365	2,996	4,225	237	*	35,610
MD	*	25,511	*	*	21,516	197,223
MS	2,793	13,903	9,874	438	59,807	204,588
MO	1,362	15,093	11,532	*	39,222	271,667
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	747	*	3,578	196	*	*
NC	4,537	29,904	21,590	4,891	82,665	361,506
OH	290	*	1,664	*	*	48,218
PA	1,439	*	6,147	289	*	100,624
SC	849	*	*	2,609	6,640	77,370
TN	1,297	15,736	4,737	*	9,505	87,201
TX	1,304	9,685	12,722	846	19,030	260,560
VA	1,758	12,497	*	4,014	22,639	156,758
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	5,489	36,993	81,141	10,025	70,678	173,030
US	42,734	296,749	259,368	39,030	656,348	3,799,211
Mature Birds						
Light	15,125	24,860	161,473	1,129	75,739	662,354
Heavy	2,087	26,289	25,427	798	55,045	203,098
US	17,212	51,149	186,900	1,927	130,784	865,452

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	110,957	77,076	1,197	*
AR		4,377	190,840	110,542	4,331	2,834
CA		1,078	*	4,279	*	712
DE		3,971	98,399	39,625	*	*
FL		85	*	*	*	*
GA		343	81,087	88,991	273	4,761
IN		20	*	*	*	*
KY		*	27,735	*	47	*
LA		*	14,139	9,737	*	173
MD		2,057	57,300	41,550	*	5,427
MS		142	55,808	39,881	368	1,156
MO		1,139	103,953	*	609	*
NJ		*	*	*	4	*
NY		206	*	*	154	*
NC		*	94,080	74,839	62	*
OH		*	19,346	*	*	*
PA		*	20,988	18,278	189	*
SC		65	16,667	*	11	934
TN		*	37,940	9,178	146	695
TX		57	126,365	60,006	*	2,218
VA		*	46,685	*	30	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		7,931	181,958	157,455	2,411	73,377
US		21,471	1,284,247	733,042	9,832	92,287
Mature Birds						
Light	1	2,441	188,576	18,751	858	77,753
Heavy	28	1,158	65,240	3,818	252	9,907
US	29	3,599	253,816	22,569	1,110	87,660

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	4,069	21,611	22,378	5,656	90,353	340,092
AR	6,308	20,063	27,004	2,874	41,546	410,719
CA	198	*	1,532	*	3,169	*
DE	2,147	12,432	8,843	2,879	19,121	194,835
FL	*	3,490	*	365	15,858	57,022
GA	3,082	31,130	13,662	2,363	86,263	311,955
IN	*	*	*	*	*	15,941
KY	163	8,315	*	468	5,482	70,508
LA	370	2,608	4,010	*	*	34,559
MD	1,673	20,289	*	1,458	18,686	169,344
MS	2,479	14,319	8,346	163	45,664	168,326
MO	1,156	12,091	10,761	994	29,169	210,635
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	547	*	2,962	*	*	*
NC	3,655	24,638	17,275	5,467	71,349	311,727
OH	182	*	949	*	*	37,073
PA	975	3,107	4,567	125	*	69,041
SC	*	*	1,580	2,179	*	51,966
TN	894	9,758	4,160	*	9,696	73,869
TX	1,051	7,251	8,611	*	17,476	224,401
VA	1,349	9,213	*	*	21,150	154,444
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	4,438	22,545	77,831	7,363	78,967	292,792
US	34,736	222,860	214,471	32,354	553,949	3,199,249
Mature Birds						
Light	14,227	19,665	155,408	1,792	69,207	548,679
Heavy	1,842	21,183	21,510	1,773	48,729	175,440
US	16,069	40,848	176,918	3,565	117,936	724,119

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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	2,785	2,756	49,313	49,269	17.71	17.88
CA	929	*	23,862	*	25.69	*
IA	1,375	1,317	48,927	35,547	35.58	26.99
MN	2,984	2,444	85,945	67,758	28.80	27.72
MO	1,543	1,558	48,502	48,547	31.43	31.17
NC	3,198	3,197	88,953	85,209	27.81	26.65
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	8,528	8,422	255,000	245,519	29.90	29.15
US	21,342	19,694	600,502	531,849	28.14	27.00

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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	41,355	41,276	707	739	1.59	1.67
CA	19,299	*	453	*	2.11	*
IA	37,868	27,889	1,395	872	3.17	2.73
MN	67,139	54,165	1,839	1,348	2.38	2.21
MO	37,878	37,918	1,005	1,092	2.30	2.50
NC	70,101	67,364	1,324	1,190	1.65	1.55
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	199,926	193,382	4,148	4,354	1.81	1.97
US	473,566	421,994	10,871	9,595	2.01	2.00

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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, 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	3,204	72	*	*
IA			7,857	2,113	*	
MN		19	21,452	4,208	*	29
MO			13,883	*	*	
NC		2	*	*	10	2
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA		20	*	709	*	4
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States		7	43,226	7,800	6,704	78
US		50	95,838	14,902	6,714	113
Old (Breeders)						
US		64	9,265	2,086	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	16	*	*	*	*	4,578
IA	142	426	628	*	705	15,770
MN	151	565	916	*	1,849	30,723
MO	*	*	235	*	*	17,150
NC	239	1,718	*	233	1,828	12,544
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	251	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	385	4,978	4,987	2,465	12,617	72,653
US	933	8,154	7,017	2,698	16,999	153,418
Old (Breeders)						
US	26	187	276	29	1,671	14,216

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**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, February 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		*	*	*	*	2
CA		*	3,105	*	*	*
IA			6,796	1,433	*	*
MN			16,550	2,499	*	*
MO			17,211	*		
NC		*	*	*	*	*
OH			*	*	*	
PA		*	*	530	*	*
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States		767	47,154	8,789	4,523	128
US		767	90,816	13,251	4,523	130
Old (Breeders)						
US		46	7,160	891	21	66
	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	*	545	*	*	*	*
CA	*	*	*	6	*	4,558
IA	98	421	583	75	305	11,414
MN	62	562	482	531	1,246	23,048
MO	38	*	345	*	*	19,932
NC	316	*	*	*	*	11,865
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*		853	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	367	5,260	5,130	1,072	11,668	68,635
US	881	6,788	6,540	1,684	14,072	139,452
Old (Breeders)						
US	11	215	186	6	1,223	9,825

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Poultry Slaughter Estimates

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

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late reports received by FSIS from plants and are usually less than one-half of 1 percent of the preliminary totals. Revisions for the previous month and year-to-date totals are published in each monthly release. Final data are published in the annual summary released in April and reflect any late reports or corrections which occurred after the monthly revision were published.

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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.

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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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