



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 5 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during June 2003 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.25 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the amount certified in June 2002. Updated totals for May 2003 show that 3.31 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during June 2003 was 4.38 billion pounds, up 5 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.69 billion pounds, up 5 percent from June 2002, and mature chickens at 72.6 million pounds, were down 1 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 608 million pounds, up 6 percent, and ducks totaled 12.2 million pounds, up 4 percent.

Young chickens slaughtered during June 2003 averaged 5.23 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from June 2002. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.70 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during June 2003 averaged 27.4 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from June 2002.

Ante-mortem condemnations during June 2003 totaled 17.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.40 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.46 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 45.2 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.15 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.16 percent a year earlier.

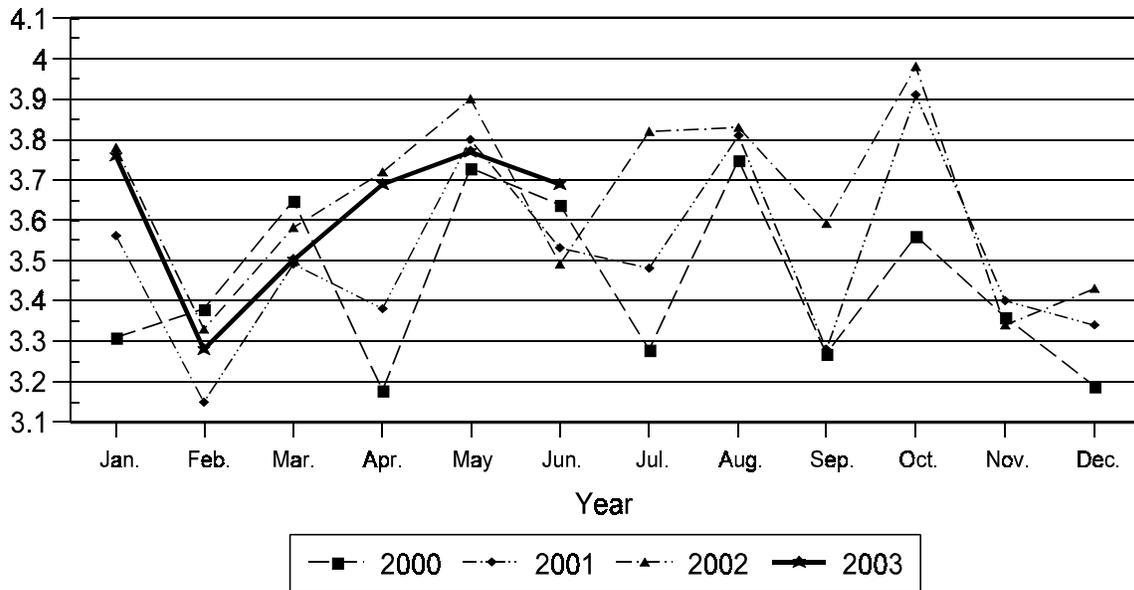
June 2003 contained 21 weekdays and four Saturdays.  
June 2002 contained 20 weekdays and five Saturdays.

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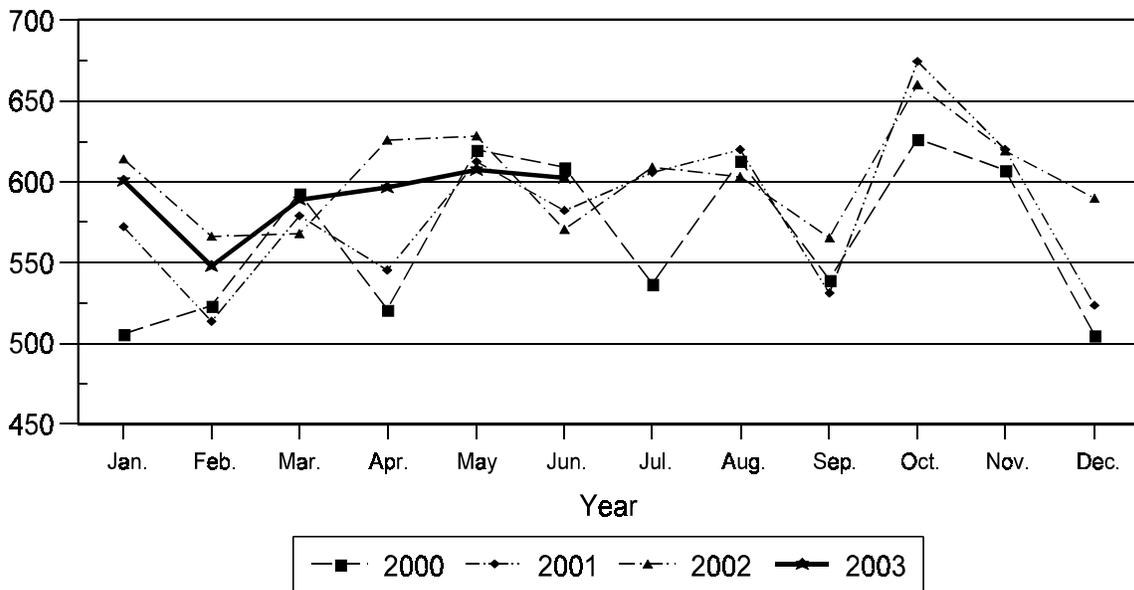
## Young Chickens: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2000-2003

Billion Pounds



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

Million Pounds



**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,  
United States, June 2003<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Percent of	
				Jun 2002	May 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	685,229	725,355	704,782	103	97
Mature	13,305	13,093	12,738	96	97
Light	7,273	7,164	6,440	89	90
Heavy	6,032	5,929	6,298	104	106
Total	698,534	738,448	717,520	103	97
Turkeys					
Young	21,310	22,322	21,973	103	98
Old	170	244	247	145	101
Total	21,480	22,566	22,220	103	98
Ducks	1,765	2,104	1,888	107	90
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	3,494,963	3,768,154	3,686,069	105	98
Mature	73,283	72,094	72,608	99	101
Light	25,124	24,658	22,294	89	90
Heavy	48,159	47,436	50,314	104	106
Total	3,568,246	3,840,248	3,758,677	105	98
Turkeys					
Young	570,235	607,408	601,909	106	99
Old	4,480	6,695	6,484	145	97
Total	574,715	614,103	608,393	106	99
Ducks	11,743	13,285	12,203	104	92
Other Poultry	696	848	447	64	53
Total Poultry	4,155,400	4,468,484	4,379,720	105	98
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.10	5.19	5.23	103	101
Mature	5.51	5.51	5.70	103	103
Light	3.45	3.44	3.46	100	101
Heavy	7.98	8.00	7.99	100	100
Total	5.11	5.20	5.24	103	101
Turkeys					
Young	26.76	27.21	27.39	102	101
Old	26.30	27.48	26.30	100	96
Total	26.75	27.21	27.38	102	101
Ducks	6.65	6.31	6.46	97	102

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,  
United States, June 2003 <sup>1</sup> (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	4,179,391	4,262,509	4,182,017	100	98
Mature	81,320	86,329	78,907	97	91
Light	47,152	51,623	43,940	93	85
Heavy	34,168	34,706	34,967	102	101
Total	4,260,711	4,348,838	4,260,924	100	98
Turkeys					
Young	127,864	130,547	128,985	101	99
Old	956	1,037	1,348	141	130
Total	128,820	131,584	130,333	101	99
Ducks	13,280	11,986	12,117	91	101
	<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	21,037,964	21,760,273	21,682,488	103	100
Mature	428,740	449,641	426,329	99	95
Light	161,382	176,195	149,774	93	85
Heavy	267,358	273,446	276,555	103	101
Total	21,466,704	22,209,914	22,108,817	103	100
Turkeys					
Young	3,410,906	3,554,387	3,537,393	104	100
Old	25,599	28,728	36,546	143	127
Total	3,436,505	3,583,115	3,573,939	104	100
Ducks	87,694	80,667	79,107	90	98
Other Poultry	4,924	4,466	4,492	91	101
Total Poultry	24,995,827	25,878,162	25,766,355	103	100
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.03	5.11	5.19	103	102
Mature	5.27	5.21	5.40	102	104
Light	3.42	3.41	3.41	100	100
Heavy	7.82	7.88	7.91	101	100
Total	5.04	5.11	5.19	103	102
Turkeys					
Young	26.68	27.23	27.42	103	101
Old	26.79	27.70	27.11	101	98
Total	26.68	27.23	27.42	103	101
Ducks	6.60	6.73	6.53	99	97

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, June 2003 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Percent of	
				Jun 2002	May 2003
	<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	2,331,442	2,493,221	2,447,768	105	98
Mature	42,475	42,798	43,415	102	101
Light	11,627	11,493	10,643	92	93
Heavy	30,848	31,305	32,772	106	105
Total	2,373,917	2,536,019	2,491,183	105	98
Turkeys					
Young	219,021	248,354	244,423	112	98
Old	3,089	4,575	4,394	142	96
Total	222,110	252,929	248,817	112	98
Ducks	3,009	3,239	3,041	101	94
Other Poultry	217	216	210	97	97
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>2,599,253</b>	<b>2,792,403</b>	<b>2,743,251</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	255,615	282,413	269,009	105	95
Mature	1,557	1,233	1,086	70	88
Light	1,103	1,063	695	63	65
Heavy	454	170	391	86	230
Total	257,172	283,646	270,095	105	95
Turkeys					
Young	230,400	227,495	232,060	101	102
Old	379	326	507	134	156
Total	230,779	227,821	232,567	101	102
Ducks	5,345	6,253	5,793	108	93
Other Poultry	231	303	80	35	26
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>493,527</b>	<b>518,023</b>	<b>508,535</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	2,587,057	2,775,634	2,716,777	105	98
Mature	44,032	44,031	44,501	101	101
Light	12,730	12,556	11,338	89	90
Heavy	31,302	31,475	33,163	106	105
Total	2,631,089	2,819,665	2,761,278	105	98
Turkeys					
Young	449,421	475,849	476,483	106	100
Old	3,468	4,901	4,901	141	100
Total	452,889	480,750	481,384	106	100
Ducks	8,354	9,492	8,834	106	93
Other Poultry	448	519	290	65	56
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>3,092,780</b>	<b>3,310,426</b>	<b>3,251,786</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>98</b>

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, June 2003<sup>1</sup> (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>
<b>Chilled</b>					
Chickens					
Young	14,171,771	14,575,086	14,431,846	102	99
Mature	251,747	260,340	251,238	100	97
Light	77,894	83,019	70,606	91	85
Heavy	173,853	177,321	180,632	104	102
Total	14,423,518	14,835,426	14,683,084	102	99
Turkeys					
Young	1,302,249	1,365,222	1,460,202	112	107
Old	16,251	18,478	23,920	147	129
Total	1,318,500	1,383,700	1,484,122	113	107
Ducks	24,445	21,643	19,458	80	90
Other Poultry	1,265	1,259	1,126	89	89
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>15,767,728</b>	<b>16,242,028</b>	<b>16,187,790</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	1,349,147	1,477,222	1,564,029	116	106
Mature	6,883	9,131	6,631	96	73
Light	5,518	7,585	5,242	95	69
Heavy	1,365	1,546	1,389	102	90
Total	1,356,030	1,486,353	1,570,660	116	106
Turkeys					
Young	1,391,685	1,432,055	1,328,513	95	93
Old	3,272	3,369	2,926	89	87
Total	1,394,957	1,435,424	1,331,439	95	93
Ducks	38,718	37,863	37,160	96	98
Other Poultry	1,643	1,527	1,620	99	106
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>2,791,348</b>	<b>2,961,167</b>	<b>2,940,879</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	15,520,918	16,052,308	15,995,875	103	100
Mature	258,630	269,471	257,869	100	96
Light	83,412	90,604	75,848	91	84
Heavy	175,218	178,867	182,021	104	102
Total	15,779,548	16,321,779	16,253,744	103	100
Turkeys					
Young	2,693,934	2,797,277	2,788,715	104	100
Old	19,523	21,847	26,846	138	123
Total	2,713,457	2,819,124	2,815,561	104	100
Ducks	63,163	59,506	56,618	90	95
Other Poultry	2,908	2,786	2,746	94	99
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>18,559,076</b>	<b>19,203,195</b>	<b>19,128,669</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>100</b>

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,  
United States, June 2003 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2002
				Jun 2002	May 2003	2002	2003	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			
Live Weight				<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Chickens								
Young	15,424	12,691	13,762	89	108	88,200	85,360	97
Mature	1,684	1,132	1,308	78	116	7,976	6,595	83
Light	761	595	543	71	91	3,662	3,458	94
Heavy	923	537	765	83	142	4,314	3,137	73
Total	17,108	13,823	15,070	88	109	96,176	91,955	96
Turkeys								
Young	1,977	1,898	2,466	125	130	11,146	13,497	121
Old	57	95	85	149	89	319	755	237
Total	2,034	1,993	2,551	125	128	11,465	14,252	124
Ducks	19	23	31	163	135	191	167	87
Other Poultry	5	2	1	20	50	26	13	50
Total Poultry	19,166	15,841	17,653	92	111	107,858	106,387	99
	<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 <sup>2</sup>								
Chickens								
Young	0.44	0.34	0.37	84	109	0.41	0.39	95
Mature	2.30	1.57	1.80	78	115	1.77	1.55	88
Light	3.03	2.41	2.44	81	101	2.08	2.31	111
Heavy	1.92	1.13	1.52	79	135	1.58	1.14	72
Total	0.48	0.36	0.40	83	111	0.43	0.42	98
Turkeys								
Young	0.35	0.31	0.41	117	132	0.31	0.38	123
Old	1.28	1.42	1.30	102	92	1.11	2.07	186
Total	0.35	0.32	0.42	120	131	0.32	0.40	125
Ducks	0.16	0.18	0.25	156	139	0.23	0.21	91
Other Poultry	0.78	0.23	0.18	23	78	0.59	0.33	56
Total Poultry	0.46	0.35	0.40	87	114	0.42	0.41	98

<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, June 2003 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2002
				Jun 2002	May 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>
N.Y. Dressed Weight								
Chickens								
Young	29,011	30,824	30,915	107	100	204,351	187,911	92
Mature	3,667	3,657	3,573	97	98	22,802	23,508	103
Light	1,663	2,140	1,934	116	90	12,262	13,253	108
Heavy	2,004	1,517	1,639	82	108	10,540	10,255	97
Total	32,678	34,481	34,488	106	100	227,153	211,419	93
Turkeys								
Young	10,124	10,409	9,986	99	96	65,118	63,317	97
Old	291	386	420	144	109	2,033	2,568	126
Total	10,415	10,795	10,406	100	96	67,151	65,885	98
Ducks	213	353	275	129	78	1,499	1,776	118
Other Poultry	8	13	7	88	54	54	78	144
Total Poultry	43,314	45,642	45,176	104	99	295,857	279,158	94
	<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 <sup>2</sup>								
Chickens								
Young	0.92	0.91	0.93	101	102	1.04	0.96	92
Mature	5.56	5.64	5.47	98	97	5.63	6.13	109
Light	7.36	9.64	9.64	131	100	7.73	9.83	127
Heavy	4.63	3.55	3.62	78	102	4.28	4.12	96
Total	1.02	1.00	1.02	100	102	1.14	1.06	93
Turkeys								
Young	1.97	1.90	1.84	93	97	2.04	1.99	98
Old	7.22	6.40	7.19	100	112	7.87	7.81	99
Total	2.01	1.95	1.90	95	97	2.08	2.05	99
Ducks	2.01	2.95	2.51	125	85	2.06	2.49	121
Other Poultry	1.31	1.66	1.90	145	114	1.38	1.99	144
Total Poultry	1.16	1.13	1.15	99	102	1.27	1.20	94

<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, June 2003**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	<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	85,316	84,626	440,453	436,974	5.16	5.16
AR	96,540	95,634	480,748	472,227	4.98	4.94
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	22,337	22,701	136,147	140,784	6.10	6.20
FL	10,067	9,685	56,165	53,290	5.58	5.50
GA	103,578	101,019	521,277	507,866	5.03	5.03
KY	19,510	16,859	106,912	94,820	5.48	5.62
LA	16,259	14,547	82,498	74,060	5.07	5.09
MD	16,278	16,195	78,474	76,399	4.82	4.72
MS	65,141	61,928	339,822	335,807	5.22	5.42
MO	32,458	32,217	159,292	151,661	4.91	4.71
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	61,433	56,858	373,669	357,216	6.08	6.28
OH	3,682	3,086	20,547	16,497	5.58	5.35
PA	9,105	9,090	48,272	47,946	5.30	5.27
SC	20,721	20,510	118,645	126,015	5.73	6.14
TN	18,185	18,087	92,103	93,055	5.06	5.14
TX	54,970	52,348	271,155	256,971	4.93	4.91
VA	28,172	28,484	137,963	142,148	4.90	4.99
WA	*	4,900	*	26,694	*	5.45
Oth Sts	61,603	56,008	304,012	275,639	4.94	4.92
US	725,355	704,782	3,768,154	3,686,069	5.19	5.23

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

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	<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	316,898	324,899	3,718	3,430	0.94	0.87
AR	346,437	341,809	3,716	3,571	0.86	0.84
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	98,689	102,005	1,912	1,955	1.56	1.54
FL	40,393	38,445	618	598	1.22	1.25
GA	381,635	368,524	3,091	2,988	0.66	0.65
KY	78,347	68,997	689	666	0.72	0.78
LA	61,061	55,418	355	303	0.48	0.46
MD	56,278	55,146	1,130	1,098	1.60	1.60
MS	250,576	248,656	2,488	3,957	0.81	1.31
MO	113,493	111,512	1,061	955	0.74	0.70
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	293,561	273,885	3,793	3,674	1.13	1.14
OH	15,029	11,899	310	218	1.67	1.47
PA	34,361	34,582	700	680	1.61	1.58
SC	87,520	87,059	736	806	0.69	0.71
TN	67,091	66,970	589	561	0.71	0.67
TX	208,807	202,317	2,516	2,086	1.03	0.90
VA	100,516	102,465	1,120	1,116	0.90	0.87
WA	*	19,456	*	285	*	1.19
Oth Sts	224,942	202,733	2,282	1,968	0.83	0.79
US	2,775,634	2,716,777	30,824	30,915	0.91	0.93

\* 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, May 2003**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		534	119,595	39,129	*	*
AR		*	166,106	74,363	*	2,584
CA		*	*	4,898	378	898
DE		7,364	94,028	29,609	*	*
FL		86	*	*	*	*
GA		388	86,884	46,617	425	3,509
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		*	29,818	9,788	31	*
LA		*	14,412	6,283	102	176
MD		2,820	64,653	25,473	86	5,879
MS		*	63,152	22,894	276	897
MO		951	77,521	*	601	*
NJ		5	*	*	*	*
NY		280	*	*	144	*
NC		*	97,634	40,099	78	*
OH		*	19,365	*	52	228
PA		*	18,214	11,744	140	321
SC		53	16,032	11,091	*	*
TN		*	41,233	7,487	*	443
TX		88	127,516	35,889	*	2,513
VA		281	50,055	18,443	46	*
WA		*	*	3,703	*	*
Oth Sts		6,753	191,037	49,029	9,695	42,374
US		19,603	1,277,255	436,539	12,054	59,822
Mature Birds						
Light		2,213	183,747	17,421	253	81,586
Heavy		601	69,514	4,348	130	9,390
US		2,814	253,261	21,769	383	90,976

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	4,863	23,554	35,679	11,311	82,071	324,288
AR	6,301	16,522	27,692	2,410	36,992	338,142
CA	438	6,712	2,115	*	6,456	121,958
DE	2,295	15,465	11,293	5,969	27,380	199,246
FL	*	3,322	3,223	*	14,635	49,908
GA	4,121	31,076	20,197	5,639	58,944	257,800
IN	87	*	*	*	*	*
KY	165	11,295	*	*	5,459	65,432
LA	434	3,177	2,736	*	2,045	29,866
MD	1,697	20,698	*	*	16,529	168,075
MS	3,246	18,499	12,020	*	50,776	173,958
MO	1,428	13,384	10,529	975	37,007	172,793
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	676	*	3,389	*	*	*
NC	4,633	28,439	20,723	7,655	*	319,814
OH	186	*	852	*	*	36,281
PA	1,280	2,838	4,523	*	*	53,068
SC	920	4,706	1,914	*	*	47,534
TN	937	8,821	4,066	769	9,603	74,240
TX	1,044	9,454	7,879	*	12,271	198,786
VA	1,447	8,487	*	*	14,231	116,833
WA	*	*	*	*	*	28,028
Oth Sts	3,314	6,456	68,191	24,354	172,371	144,513
US	39,512	232,905	237,021	59,082	546,770	2,920,563
Mature Birds						
Light	17,138	20,746	153,879	2,551	67,681	547,215
Heavy	1,657	17,313	20,025	1,300	59,993	184,271
US	18,795	38,059	173,904	3,851	127,674	731,486

\* 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, June 2003**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	108,405	28,498	2,203	*
AR		1,419	154,805	59,976	3,226	2,286
CA		*	90,569	2,925	463	700
DE		6,898	101,231	30,176	*	*
FL		99	*	*	*	*
GA		426	76,216	41,747	456	3,065
IN		*	5,134	*	*	*
KY		*	28,434	7,352	*	1,822
LA		*	13,516	4,688	90	76
MD		3,792	60,186	23,967	79	*
MS		223	63,153	15,788	405	616
MO		983	68,829	*	625	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		192	*	*	*	*
NC		580	87,656	42,319	*	*
OH		*	12,922	*	*	*
PA		203	17,055	10,533	128	258
SC		93	16,613	*	27	1,019
TN		177	35,863	6,000	125	411
TX		101	115,221	*	*	1,962
VA		*	50,892	*	36	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		3,340	87,008	111,818	3,022	43,784
US		18,554	1,193,708	385,787	10,885	55,999
Mature Birds						
Light		1,701	176,781	12,001	72	93,211
Heavy		856	72,457	4,870	194	11,106
US		2,557	249,238	16,871	266	104,317

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	4,472	25,946	28,534	7,470	77,261	287,509
AR	6,903	15,873	29,597	4,450	35,667	314,202
CA	364	8,097	1,986	*	*	118,028
DE	2,607	13,570	11,270	3,860	26,138	201,720
FL	*	2,719	2,727	*	13,273	48,097
GA	3,513	30,928	19,656	5,058	47,578	228,643
IN	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	163	11,064	*	1,924	*	62,377
LA	315	1,763	2,175	*	1,576	24,721
MD	1,826	24,952	*	1,948	16,747	164,197
MS	3,886	19,422	15,057	582	39,440	158,572
MO	1,391	11,936	11,142	762	29,338	146,027
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	584	187	2,754	312	*	*
NC	4,105	24,201	19,167	8,274	*	342,597
OH	120	*	*	*	*	24,568
PA	1,114	3,211	4,039	96	13,688	50,325
SC	*	4,860	1,873	*	4,349	53,316
TN	982	9,313	4,687	768	7,575	65,901
TX	985	9,023	7,848	816	9,235	179,543
VA	1,606	9,889	*	*	12,287	117,282
WA	*	671	*	*	*	24,637
Oth Sts	4,423	5,258	71,315	18,064	200,562	147,838
US	39,359	232,883	233,827	54,384	534,714	2,760,100
Mature Birds						
Light	13,812	34,775	137,134	1,065	48,791	519,343
Heavy	1,665	19,449	20,777	2,443	60,893	194,710
US	15,477	54,224	157,911	3,508	109,684	714,053

\* 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, June 2003**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	<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	3,124	2,859	57,286	51,884	18.33	18.15
CA	1,254	*	32,399	*	25.83	*
IA	1,566	1,574	50,879	49,779	32.49	31.62
MN	3,161	3,184	86,584	83,638	27.39	26.27
MO	1,623	1,511	51,718	48,626	31.87	32.18
NC	3,333	*	86,081	*	25.83	*
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	8,261	12,845	242,461	367,982	29.35	28.65
US	22,322	21,973	607,408	601,909	27.21	27.39

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	<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	47,797	42,834	837	797	1.62	1.71
CA	26,042	*	568	*	1.95	*
IA	39,619	38,761	1,176	1,057	2.57	2.36
MN	67,807	66,537	1,685	1,488	2.16	1.98
MO	36,167	37,191	1,184	1,143	2.54	2.61
NC	68,159	*	1,059	*	1.37	*
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	190,258	291,160	3,900	5,501	1.79	1.66
US	475,849	476,483	10,409	9,986	1.90	1.84

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<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, May 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		*	5,461	*	*	*
CA		*	3,189	*	*	*
IA		*	6,450	1,494	*	*
MN		*	18,346	2,101	*	23
MO			13,524	*	*	*
NC			*	*	*	*
OH			*	*	*	*
PA		*	*	*	*	*
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States		141	34,900	5,845	5,242	35
US		141	81,870	9,440	5,242	58
Old (Breeders)						
US			5,974	1,090	56	124
	<b>Bruises</b>	<b>Cadaver</b>	<b>Contam- 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	*	724	*	*	*	*
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
IA	122	402	431	*	*	12,772
MN	109	846	849	*	2,489	26,265
MO	*	318	*	*	*	17,344
NC	62	1,019	*	*	513	6,077
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	629	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	384	3,140	3,525	2,744	10,999	63,598
US	677	6,449	4,805	2,744	14,630	126,056
Old (Breeders)						
US	24	261	274	21	736	8,560

\* 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, June 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			5,693	*	*	*
CA		*	*	*	*	*
IA			5,495	1,572	*	3
MN		*	16,234	*	*	27
MO			13,552	*	*	*
NC			*	*		2
OH			*	*	*	*
PA		*	*	*	*	*
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States		33	36,122	6,263	4,489	136
US		33	77,096	7,835	4,489	168
Old (Breeders)						
US		14	6,352	1,630	17	153
	<b>Bruises</b>	<b>Cadaver</b>	<b>Contam- 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	*	770	*	*	*	*
CA	*	*	70	*	*	*
IA	102	*	396	*	*	11,720
MN	116	611	499	*	2,500	23,095
MO	*	255	*	*	*	16,001
NC	47	*	*	*	608	6,221
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	90	*	*	*	718	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	248	4,197	3,095	3,123	12,238	62,267
US	603	5,833	4,060	3,123	16,064	119,304
Old (Breeders)						
US	26	221	267	83	2,496	11,259

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<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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## 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.

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

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

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