



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during July 2003 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.44 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in July 2002. Updated totals for June 2003 show that 3.27 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during July 2003 was 4.61 billion pounds, up 2 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.90 billion pounds, up 2 percent from July 2002, and mature chickens at 74.4 million pounds, were down 7 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 623 million pounds, up 1 percent, and ducks totaled 12.5 million pounds, down 2 percent.

Young chickens slaughtered during July 2003 averaged 5.12 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from July 2002. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.93 pounds per bird, up 8 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during July 2003 averaged 26.3 pounds per bird, up slightly from July 2002.

Ante-mortem condemnations during July 2003 totaled 21.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.47 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.53 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 44.3 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.07 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.16 percent a year earlier.

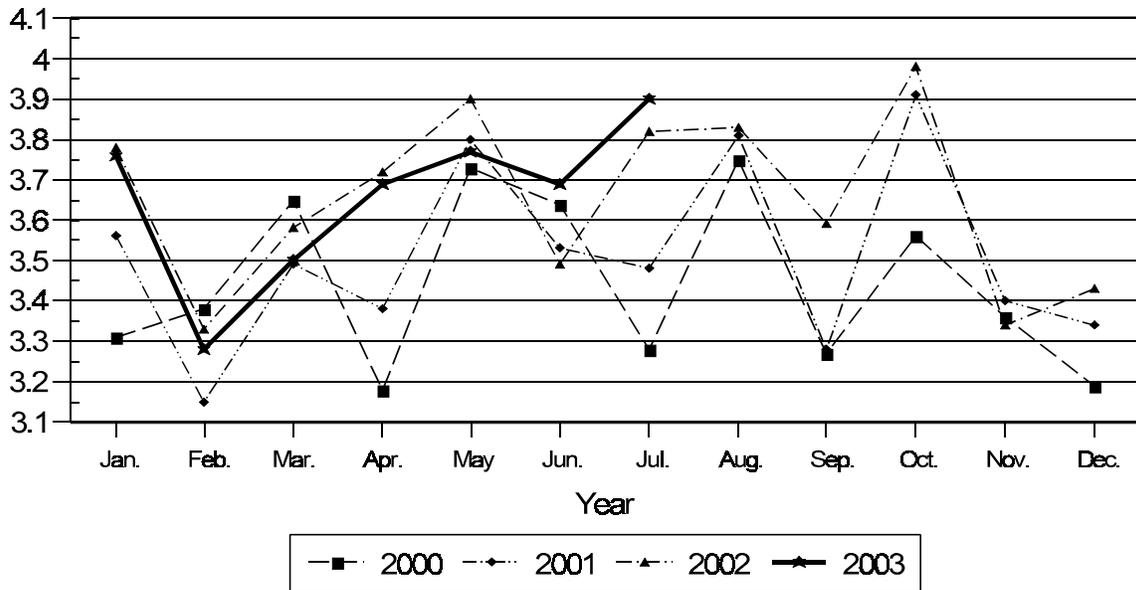
July 2003 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays, the same as July last year.

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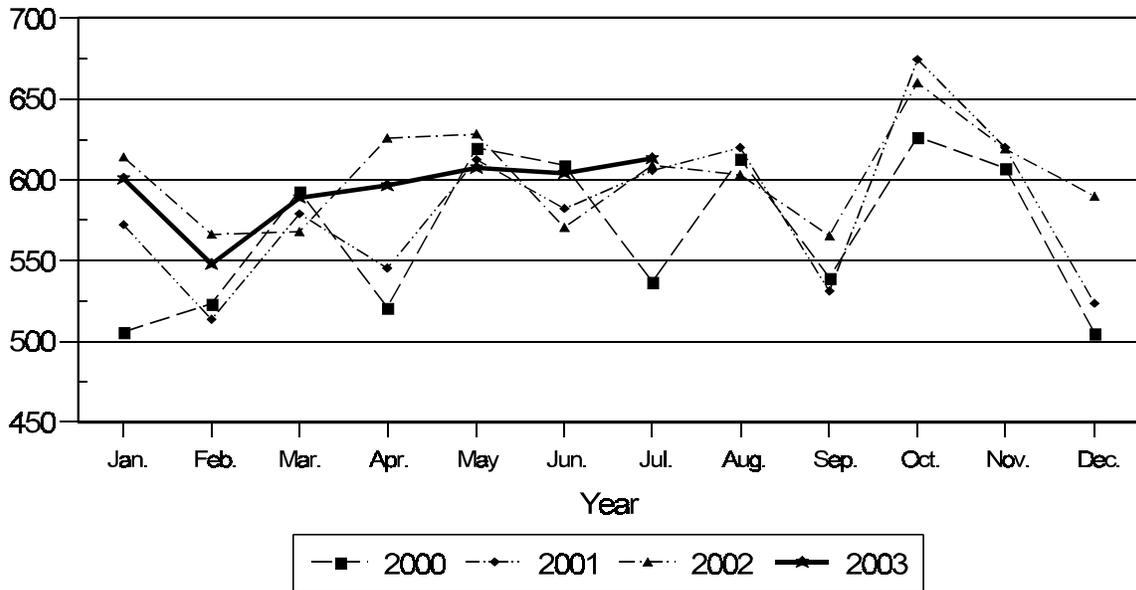
## Young Chickens: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2000-2003

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

Commodity	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Percent of	
				Jul 2002	Jun 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	755,730	706,647	761,780	101	108
Mature	14,645	12,744	12,548	86	98
Light	8,038	6,440	5,605	70	87
Heavy	6,607	6,304	6,943	105	110
Total	770,375	719,391	774,328	101	108
Turkeys					
Young	23,200	22,054	23,275	100	106
Old	195	248	380	195	153
Total	23,395	22,302	23,655	101	106
Ducks	1,964	1,888	1,917	98	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	3,826,215	3,692,596	3,899,665	102	106
Mature	80,116	72,652	74,424	93	102
Light	27,742	22,294	19,285	70	87
Heavy	52,374	50,358	55,139	105	109
Total	3,906,331	3,765,248	3,974,089	102	106
Turkeys					
Young	609,889	603,821	612,894	100	102
Old	5,086	6,522	10,136	199	155
Total	614,975	610,343	623,030	101	102
Ducks	12,752	12,203	12,493	98	102
Other Poultry	963	451	596	62	132
Total Poultry	4,535,021	4,388,245	4,610,208	102	105
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.06	5.23	5.12	101	98
Mature	5.47	5.70	5.93	108	104
Light	3.45	3.46	3.44	100	99
Heavy	7.93	7.99	7.94	100	99
Total	5.07	5.23	5.13	101	98
Turkeys					
Young	26.29	27.38	26.33	100	96
Old	26.05	26.29	26.64	102	101
Total	26.29	27.37	26.34	100	96
Ducks	6.49	6.46	6.52	100	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, July 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>
<b>Number Slaughtered</b>					
Chickens					
Young	4,888,782	5,018,239	4,945,662	101	99
Mature	93,827	100,974	91,461	97	91
Light	53,668	59,661	49,545	92	83
Heavy	40,159	41,313	41,916	104	101
Total	4,982,609	5,119,213	5,037,123	101	98
Turkeys					
Young	150,676	153,747	152,341	101	99
Old	1,203	1,232	1,729	144	140
Total	151,879	154,979	154,070	101	99
Ducks	15,543	13,950	14,034	90	101
	<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	24,547,385	25,586,488	25,588,680	104	100
Mature	498,963	529,757	500,797	100	95
Light	184,004	203,937	169,059	92	83
Heavy	314,959	325,820	331,738	105	102
Total	25,046,348	26,116,245	26,089,477	104	100
Turkeys					
Young	3,997,970	4,164,276	4,152,199	104	100
Old	31,996	33,814	46,720	146	138
Total	4,029,966	4,198,090	4,198,919	104	100
Ducks	102,555	93,419	91,600	89	98
Other Poultry	5,992	5,429	5,092	85	94
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>29,184,861</b>	<b>30,413,183</b>	<b>30,385,088</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100</b>
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Average Live Weight</b>					
Chickens					
Young	5.02	5.10	5.17	103	101
Mature	5.32	5.25	5.48	103	104
Light	3.43	3.42	3.41	99	100
Heavy	7.84	7.89	7.92	101	100
Total	5.03	5.10	5.18	103	102
Turkeys					
Young	26.53	27.09	27.25	103	101
Old	26.60	27.44	27.00	102	98
Total	26.53	27.09	27.25	103	101
Ducks	6.60	6.70	6.53	99	97

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

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

Commodity	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Percent of	
				Jul 2002	Jun 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	2,547,609	2,459,424	2,611,162	102	106
Mature	46,511	43,442	45,808	98	105
Light	13,084	10,643	9,810	75	92
Heavy	33,427	32,799	35,998	108	110
Total	2,594,120	2,502,866	2,656,970	102	106
Turkeys					
Young	246,578	245,947	241,609	98	98
Old	3,186	4,424	6,899	217	156
Total	249,764	250,371	248,508	99	99
Ducks	3,227	3,041	2,970	92	98
Other Poultry	231	213	273	118	128
Total Poultry	2,847,342	2,756,491	2,908,721	102	106
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	278,850	269,773	284,444	102	105
Mature	1,751	1,086	294	17	27
Light	1,311	695	42	3	6
Heavy	440	391	252	57	64
Total	280,601	270,859	284,738	101	105
Turkeys					
Young	235,119	232,060	242,063	103	104
Old	714	507	879	123	173
Total	235,833	232,567	242,942	103	104
Ducks	5,905	5,793	6,103	103	105
Other Poultry	333	80	104	31	130
Total Poultry	522,672	509,299	533,887	102	105
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	2,826,459	2,729,197	2,895,606	102	106
Mature	48,262	44,528	46,102	96	104
Light	14,395	11,338	9,852	68	87
Heavy	33,867	33,190	36,250	107	109
Total	2,874,721	2,773,725	2,941,708	102	106
Turkeys					
Young	481,697	478,007	483,672	100	101
Old	3,900	4,931	7,778	199	158
Total	485,597	482,938	491,450	101	102
Ducks	9,132	8,834	9,073	99	103
Other Poultry	564	293	377	67	129
Total Poultry	3,370,014	3,265,790	3,442,608	102	105

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, July 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	16,535,599	17,122,695	17,054,664	103	100
Mature	292,737	306,851	297,073	101	97
Light	88,200	96,103	80,416	91	84
Heavy	204,537	210,748	216,657	106	103
Total	16,828,336	17,429,546	17,351,737	103	100
Turkeys					
Young	1,507,972	1,611,800	1,703,335	113	106
Old	20,366	21,664	30,849	151	142
Total	1,528,338	1,633,464	1,734,184	113	106
Ducks	28,562	24,870	22,428	79	90
Other Poultry	1,586	1,490	1,402	88	94
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>18,386,822</b>	<b>19,089,370</b>	<b>19,109,751</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	1,578,123	1,756,072	1,849,237	117	105
Mature	8,371	10,882	6,925	83	64
Light	6,800	8,896	5,284	78	59
Heavy	1,571	1,986	1,641	104	83
Total	1,586,494	1,766,954	1,856,162	117	105
Turkeys					
Young	1,651,087	1,667,174	1,570,576	95	94
Old	4,150	4,083	3,805	92	93
Total	1,655,237	1,671,257	1,574,381	95	94
Ducks	45,188	43,768	43,263	96	99
Other Poultry	1,970	1,860	1,724	88	93
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>3,288,889</b>	<b>3,483,839</b>	<b>3,475,530</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	18,113,722	18,878,767	18,903,901	104	100
Mature	301,108	317,733	303,998	101	96
Light	95,000	104,999	85,700	90	82
Heavy	206,108	212,734	218,298	106	103
Total	18,414,830	19,196,500	19,207,899	104	100
Turkeys					
Young	3,159,059	3,278,974	3,273,911	104	100
Old	24,516	25,747	34,654	141	135
Total	3,183,575	3,304,721	3,308,565	104	100
Ducks	73,750	68,638	65,691	89	96
Other Poultry	3,556	3,350	3,126	88	93
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>21,675,711</b>	<b>22,573,209</b>	<b>22,585,281</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100</b>

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

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

Commodity	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2002
				Jul 2002	Jun 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	18,949	13,836	17,296	91	125	107,149	102,730	96
Mature	2,442	1,310	1,612	66	123	10,418	8,209	79
Light	1,180	543	590	50	109	4,842	4,048	84
Heavy	1,262	767	1,022	81	133	5,576	4,161	75
Total	21,391	15,146	18,908	88	125	117,567	110,939	94
Turkeys								
Young	2,390	2,473	2,579	108	104	13,536	16,083	119
Old	51	85	164	322	193	370	919	248
Total	2,441	2,558	2,743	112	107	13,906	17,002	122
Ducks	26	31	25	96	81	217	192	88
Other Poultry	2	1	2	100	200	28	15	54
Total Poultry	23,860	17,736	21,678	91	122	131,718	128,148	97
	<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	0.50	0.37	0.44	88	119	0.42	0.40	95
Mature	3.05	1.80	2.17	71	121	1.97	1.64	83
Light	4.25	2.44	3.06	72	125	2.37	2.39	101
Heavy	2.41	1.52	1.85	77	122	1.71	1.26	74
Total	0.55	0.40	0.48	87	120	0.45	0.43	96
Turkeys								
Young	0.39	0.41	0.42	108	102	0.32	0.39	122
Old	1.01	1.30	1.61	159	124	1.09	1.97	181
Total	0.40	0.42	0.44	110	105	0.33	0.40	121
Ducks	0.21	0.25	0.20	95	80	0.23	0.21	91
Other Poultry	0.25	0.18	0.39	156	217	0.53	0.34	64
Total Poultry	0.53	0.40	0.47	89	118	0.43	0.42	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, July 2003<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2002
				Jul 2002	Jun 2003	2002	2003	
	<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>
<b>N.Y. Dressed Weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young	31,640	31,122	29,996	95	96	235,991	218,114	92
Mature	4,040	3,576	3,555	88	99	26,842	27,066	101
Light	1,979	1,934	1,585	80	82	14,241	14,838	104
Heavy	2,061	1,642	1,970	96	120	12,601	12,228	97
Total	35,680	34,698	33,551	94	97	262,833	245,180	93
Turkeys								
Young	10,932	10,011	9,939	91	99	76,050	73,281	96
Old	286	421	533	186	127	2,319	3,102	134
Total	11,218	10,432	10,472	93	100	78,369	76,383	97
Ducks	242	275	251	104	91	1,741	2,027	116
Other Poultry	11	7	7	64	100	65	85	131
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>47,151</b>	<b>45,412</b>	<b>44,281</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>343,008</b>	<b>323,675</b>	<b>94</b>
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Percent of Total Weight Condemned<sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young	0.92	0.94	0.85	92	90	1.02	0.95	93
Mature	5.60	5.47	5.31	95	97	5.63	6.01	107
Light	7.93	9.64	9.13	115	95	7.76	9.75	126
Heavy	4.37	3.62	3.97	91	110	4.30	4.10	95
Total	1.01	1.02	0.94	93	92	1.12	1.04	93
Turkeys								
Young	1.99	1.84	1.80	90	98	2.03	1.96	97
Old	6.23	7.17	5.85	94	82	7.62	7.38	97
Total	2.03	1.90	1.87	92	98	2.07	2.02	98
Ducks	2.11	2.51	2.23	106	89	2.07	2.46	119
Other Poultry	1.31	1.89	1.27	97	67	1.36	1.91	140
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>1.07</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>94</b>

<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, July 2003**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	84,060	90,695	437,636	464,050	5.21	5.12
AR	95,731	105,831	472,641	492,239	4.94	4.65
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	22,701	24,476	140,784	153,614	6.20	6.28
FL	9,685	10,828	53,290	59,900	5.50	5.53
GA	100,878	108,260	506,431	540,970	5.02	5.00
KY	16,859	21,310	94,820	111,441	5.62	5.23
LA	14,547	15,996	74,060	78,840	5.09	4.93
MD	16,195	14,996	76,399	72,681	4.72	4.85
MS	61,985	66,852	336,134	353,078	5.42	5.28
MO	32,217	34,438	151,661	162,148	4.71	4.71
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	58,860	62,964	367,614	382,363	6.25	6.07
OH	3,086	3,635	16,497	19,463	5.35	5.35
PA	9,094	9,647	47,968	49,196	5.27	5.10
SC	20,455	20,112	119,757	115,228	5.85	5.73
TN	18,286	19,871	94,167	100,332	5.15	5.05
TX	52,460	57,486	257,400	283,428	4.91	4.93
VA	28,640	29,328	143,002	142,823	4.99	4.87
WA	4,900	*	26,694	*	5.45	*
Oth Sts	56,008	65,055	275,641	317,871	4.92	4.89
US	706,647	761,780	3,692,596	3,899,665	5.23	5.12

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

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	325,266	342,470	3,426	3,579	0.87	0.86
AR	342,106	354,925	3,573	3,369	0.84	0.76
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	102,005	110,248	1,955	2,162	1.54	1.56
FL	38,445	43,015	598	699	1.25	1.30
GA	367,379	394,032	2,983	3,593	0.65	0.74
KY	68,997	82,848	666	667	0.78	0.67
LA	55,418	58,621	303	294	0.46	0.41
MD	55,146	52,270	1,098	989	1.60	1.51
MS	248,911	264,805	3,956	2,513	1.31	0.79
MO	111,512	118,831	955	1,090	0.70	0.75
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	285,539	307,305	3,792	3,628	1.15	1.05
OH	11,899	13,985	218	264	1.47	1.51
PA	34,598	35,504	681	673	1.58	1.52
SC	86,321	84,845	882	746	0.82	0.72
TN	67,785	73,018	566	569	0.67	0.63
TX	202,648	221,901	2,087	1,921	0.90	0.75
VA	103,032	103,296	1,130	1,036	0.88	0.81
WA	19,456	*	285	*	1.19	*
Oth Sts	202,734	233,687	1,968	2,204	0.79	0.77
US	2,729,197	2,895,606	31,122	29,996	0.94	0.85

\* 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, June 2003**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	108,308	28,371	2,198	*
AR		1,419	154,858	59,981	3,226	2,289
CA		*	90,569	2,925	463	700
DE		6,898	101,231	30,176	*	*
FL		99	*	*	*	*
GA		425	76,898	41,577	457	3,060
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		224	63,163	15,737	405	617
MO		983	68,829	*	625	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		192	*	*	*	*
NC		581	90,749	43,190	*	*
OH		*	12,922	*	*	*
PA		203	17,072	10,540	128	259
SC		93	16,648	*	27	1,020
TN		177	36,059	6,058	125	412
TX		101	115,273	*	*	1,966
VA		*	51,423	*	36	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		3,339	87,008	112,160	3,261	43,864
US		18,554	1,198,280	386,722	11,120	56,085
Mature Birds						
Light		1,701	176,781	12,001	72	93,211
Heavy		857	72,644	4,866	194	11,110
US		2,558	249,425	16,867	266	104,321

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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	25,867	28,593	7,408	77,114	287,051
AR	6,904	15,878	29,599	4,450	35,671	314,275
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	3,588	30,082	19,564	4,532	47,614	227,797
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	3,887	19,426	15,052	609	39,263	158,383
MO	1,391	11,936	11,142	762	29,338	146,027
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	584	187	2,754	312	*	*
NC	4,166	24,961	19,528	8,490	*	349,060
OH	120	*	*	*	*	24,568
PA	1,114	3,212	4,045	104	13,698	50,375
SC	*	4,862	1,874	*	4,371	53,394
TN	992	9,420	4,752	795	7,665	66,455
TX	988	9,041	7,900	816	9,284	179,745
VA	1,613	9,972	*	*	12,394	118,344
WA	*	671	*	*	*	24,637
Oth Sts	4,424	5,258	71,335	18,064	201,356	147,838
US	39,518	232,938	234,296	54,074	535,502	2,767,089
Mature Birds						
Light	13,812	34,775	137,134	1,065	48,791	519,343
Heavy	1,663	19,479	20,774	2,444	60,934	194,965
US	15,475	54,254	157,908	3,509	109,725	714,308

\* 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, July 2003**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		477	117,654	27,274	*	*
AR		1,343	155,570	59,687	3,009	2,298
CA		1,114	*	3,488	694	609
DE		4,263	112,604	24,971	82	6,227
FL		97	*	*	*	*
GA		1,207	86,247	37,663	482	3,568
IN		*	4,927	*	*	*
KY		*	35,220	*	56	2,130
LA		*	13,584	4,233	*	145
MD		1,480	57,398	18,679	88	*
MS		*	76,008	18,795	412	700
MO		936	73,483	18,133	*	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		246	*	*	162	*
NC		670	94,624	30,559	*	*
OH		*	16,150	1,969	53	1,322
PA		*	17,269	9,355	170	310
SC		*	13,602	9,231	*	*
TN		126	35,054	6,824	117	340
TX		*	116,080	*	385	2,378
VA		344	53,166	14,634	17	*
WA		78	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		59,671	175,305	62,227	6,119	39,865
US		72,052	1,253,945	347,722	11,846	59,892
Mature Birds						
Light		2,703	158,021	15,481	64	80,803
Heavy		1,182	78,076	5,023	405	12,448
US		3,885	236,097	20,504	469	93,251

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	4,824	31,049	30,508	12,304	71,373	302,434
AR	7,502	16,420	30,724	3,615	35,491	315,659
CA	328	7,951	2,679	*	*	121,875
DE	3,053	18,552	14,020	8,052	24,448	216,272
FL	*	3,591	*	830	14,523	54,561
GA	4,047	32,979	15,853	8,672	49,673	240,391
IN	121	*	282	*	*	*
KY	287	10,293	*	*	4,917	67,535
LA	413	2,380	*	*	1,749	26,013
MD	1,608	22,172	*	1,682	*	151,057
MS	4,042	15,170	16,139	*	36,804	169,632
MO	1,845	17,590	14,077	1,249	38,544	168,718
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	762	*	3,314	402	*	*
NC	4,540	27,172	25,483	10,597	91,780	301,835
OH	133	1,399	*	*	*	31,661
PA	1,117	4,329	4,705	373	*	50,463
SC	*	*	*	*	3,670	40,907
TN	1,019	10,754	4,246	1,034	8,824	68,338
TX	1,148	9,909	7,878	370	9,007	179,429
VA	1,539	13,580	*	*	12,738	120,772
WA	*	947	*	*	*	22,166
Oth Sts	4,277	8,866	77,312	16,273	100,356	210,017
US	42,605	255,103	247,220	65,453	503,897	2,859,735
Mature Birds						
Light	11,254	44,145	129,926	820	48,277	491,494
Heavy	1,887	32,405	22,128	4,075	72,128	229,757
US	13,141	76,550	152,054	4,895	120,405	721,251

\* 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, July 2003**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	2,859	2,965	51,884	52,056	18.15	17.56
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
IA	1,574	1,569	49,779	49,470	31.62	31.53
MN	3,200	3,562	84,353	89,208	26.36	25.04
MO	1,511	1,500	48,626	45,830	32.18	30.55
NC	*	*	*	*	*	*
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	12,910	13,679	369,179	376,330	28.60	27.51
US	22,054	23,275	603,821	612,894	27.38	26.33

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	42,834	43,355	797	802	1.71	1.71
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
IA	38,761	38,518	1,057	1,136	2.36	2.55
MN	67,095	70,834	1,502	1,629	1.98	2.03
MO	37,191	35,198	1,143	1,054	2.61	2.56
NC	*	*	*	*	*	*
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	292,126	295,767	5,512	5,318	1.66	1.57
US	478,007	483,672	10,011	9,939	1.84	1.80

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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, 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		*	16,378	*	*	27
MO			13,552	*	*	*
NC			*	*		2
OH			*	*	*	*
PA		*	*	*	*	*
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States		33	36,162	6,270	4,517	136
US		33	77,280	7,842	4,517	168
Old (Breeders)						
US		14	6,368	1,630	18	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	118	628	504	*	2,513	23,312
MO	*	255	*	*	*	16,001
NC	48	*	322	*	610	6,261
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	90	*	*	*	718	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	248	4,210	2,777	3,127	12,242	62,294
US	606	5,863	4,069	3,127	16,083	119,588
Old (Breeders)						
US	26	222	267	83	2,496	11,277

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<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, July 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			5,588	*	*	2
CA		6	4,700	*	*	*
IA		*	5,561	1,877	*	
MN		*	18,684	*	*	27
MO			10,469	*		*
NC			*	*		*
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA		*	*	*	*	*
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States		188	34,070	7,976	4,191	28
US		194	79,072	9,853	4,191	57
Old (Breeders)						
US		1	8,830	891	113	246
	<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	*	763	*	*	*	*
CA	*	*	*	*	*	6,503
IA	106	476	393	*	*	11,748
MN	102	764	679	219	2,869	26,525
MO	*	434	368	*	*	15,502
NC	62	866	*	*	821	7,010
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	37	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	249	2,801	3,109	2,577	13,776	57,550
US	556	6,104	4,549	2,796	17,466	124,838
Old (Breeders)						
US	30	190	172	29	983	11,485

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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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