



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 3 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during November 2003 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 2.92 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the amount certified in November 2002. Updated totals for October 2003 show that 3.64 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during November 2003 was 3.92 billion pounds, down 3 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.27 billion pounds, down 2 percent from November 2002, mature chickens at 54.6 million pounds, were down 18 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 583 million pounds, down 7 percent, and ducks totaled 12.6 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during November 2003 averaged 5.23 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from November 2002. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.86 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during November 2003 averaged 25.4 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from November 2002.

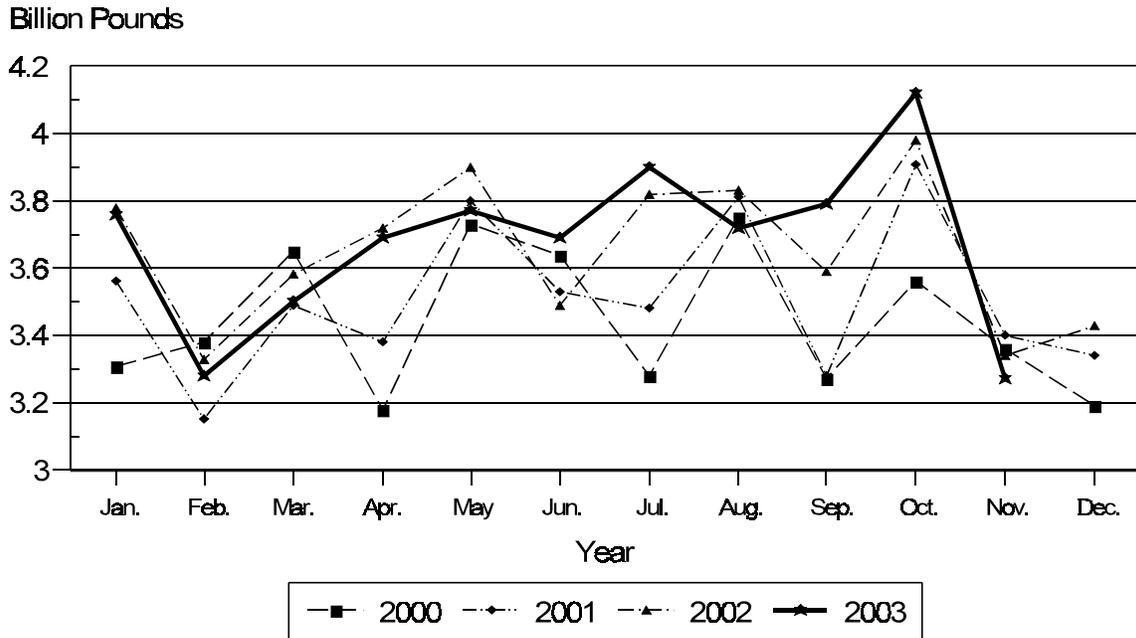
Ante-mortem condemnations during November 2003 totaled 13.1 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.33 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.35 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 36.0 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.02 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.15 percent a year earlier.

November 2003 contained 20 weekdays (including two holidays) and five Saturdays. November 2002 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and five Saturdays.

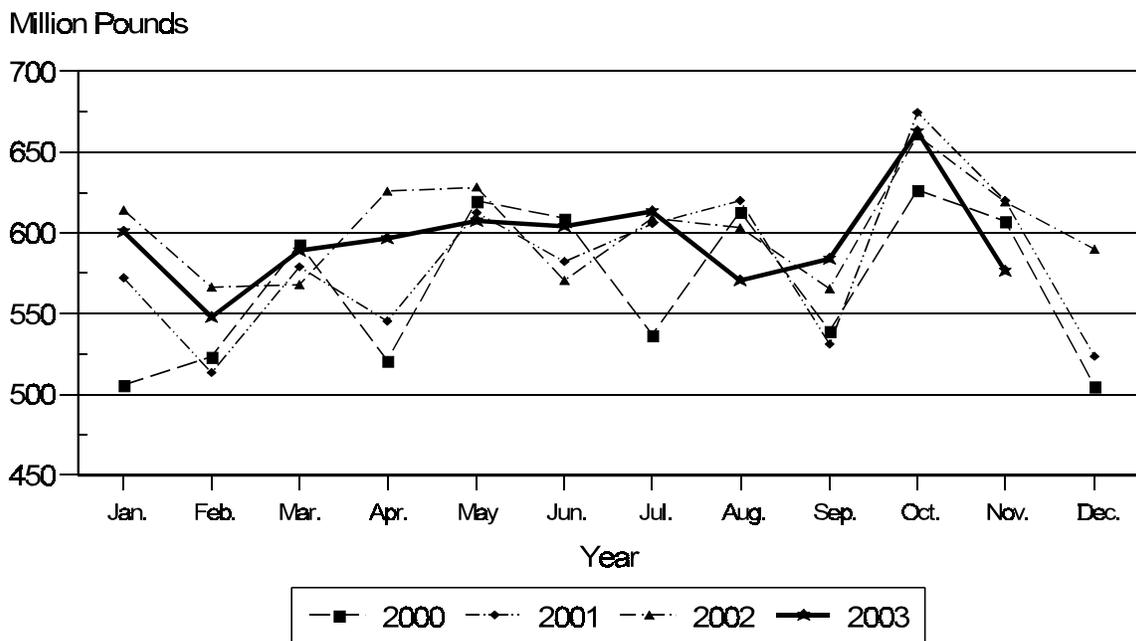
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## Young Chickens: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2000-2003



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



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

Commodity	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Percent of	
				Nov 2002	Oct 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	647,424	781,640	625,473	97	80
Mature	11,824	12,310	9,313	79	76
Light	6,011	5,982	4,282	71	72
Heavy	5,813	6,328	5,031	87	80
Total	659,248	793,950	634,786	96	80
Turkeys					
Young	23,817	25,122	22,679	95	90
Old	211	267	248	118	93
Total	24,028	25,389	22,927	95	90
Ducks	1,796	2,241	1,850	103	83
	<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	3,337,635	4,121,453	3,270,613	98	79
Mature	66,863	71,051	54,576	82	77
Light	20,941	20,453	14,448	69	71
Heavy	45,922	50,598	40,128	87	79
Total	3,404,498	4,192,504	3,325,189	98	79
Turkeys					
Young	619,386	662,625	576,241	93	87
Old	5,697	7,025	6,729	118	96
Total	625,083	669,650	582,970	93	87
Ducks	12,105	15,226	12,615	104	83
Other Poultry	993	1,518	754	76	50
Total Poultry	4,042,679	4,878,898	3,921,528	97	80
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.16	5.27	5.23	101	99
Mature	5.65	5.77	5.86	104	102
Light	3.48	3.42	3.37	97	99
Heavy	7.90	8.00	7.98	101	100
Total	5.16	5.28	5.24	102	99
Turkeys					
Young	26.01	26.38	25.41	98	96
Old	27.05	26.33	27.13	100	103
Total	26.02	26.38	25.43	98	96
Ducks	6.74	6.79	6.82	101	100

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,  
United States, November 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	7,755,351	7,883,736	7,805,843	101	99
Mature	147,008	156,729	136,059	93	87
Light	83,802	89,298	70,598	84	79
Heavy	63,206	67,431	65,461	104	97
Total	7,902,359	8,040,465	7,941,902	101	99
Turkeys					
Young	247,297	247,393	244,362	99	99
Old	2,138	2,295	2,873	134	125
Total	249,435	249,688	247,235	99	99
Ducks	24,262	21,899	22,065	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	38,996,802	40,267,970	40,489,080	104	101
Mature	786,143	837,219	761,097	97	91
Light	286,878	304,300	241,289	84	79
Heavy	499,265	532,919	519,808	104	98
Total	39,782,945	41,105,189	41,250,177	104	100
Turkeys					
Young	6,441,997	6,606,582	6,545,328	102	99
Old	56,723	62,332	77,066	136	124
Total	6,498,720	6,668,914	6,622,394	102	99
Ducks	160,579	146,441	145,598	91	99
Other Poultry	12,821	11,747	9,556	75	81
Total Poultry	46,455,065	47,932,291	48,027,725	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	5.35	5.34	5.59	104	105
Light	3.42	3.41	3.42	100	100
Heavy	7.90	7.90	7.94	101	101
Total	5.03	5.11	5.19	103	102
Turkeys					
Young	26.05	26.70	26.79	103	100
Old	26.52	27.16	26.83	101	99
Total	26.05	26.71	26.79	103	100
Ducks	6.62	6.69	6.60	100	99

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

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

Commodity	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Percent of	
				Nov 2002	Oct 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	2,217,526	2,772,239	2,200,184	99	79
Mature	40,404	43,444	33,651	83	77
Light	10,391	10,385	7,290	70	70
Heavy	30,013	33,059	26,361	88	80
Total	2,257,930	2,815,683	2,233,835	99	79
Turkeys					
Young	275,131	288,570	254,513	93	88
Old	3,467	4,124	3,463	100	84
Total	278,598	292,694	257,976	93	88
Ducks	3,149	6,806	5,959	189	88
Other Poultry	246	552	188	76	34
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>2,539,923</b>	<b>3,115,735</b>	<b>2,497,958</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	237,992	279,545	217,008	91	78
Mature	493	292	86	17	29
Light	310	35			
Heavy	183	257	86	47	33
Total	238,485	279,837	217,094	91	78
Turkeys					
Young	212,819	234,217	200,558	94	86
Old	888	1,526	1,777	200	116
Total	213,707	235,743	202,335	95	86
Ducks	5,560	5,088	3,830	69	75
Other Poultry	364	712	277	76	39
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>458,116</b>	<b>521,380</b>	<b>423,536</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	2,455,518	3,051,784	2,417,192	98	79
Mature	40,897	43,736	33,737	82	77
Light	10,701	10,420	7,290	68	70
Heavy	30,196	33,316	26,447	88	79
Total	2,496,415	3,095,520	2,450,929	98	79
Turkeys					
Young	487,950	522,787	455,071	93	87
Old	4,355	5,650	5,240	120	93
Total	492,305	528,437	460,311	94	87
Ducks	8,709	11,894	9,789	112	82
Other Poultry	610	1,264	465	76	37
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>2,998,039</b>	<b>3,637,115</b>	<b>2,921,494</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>80</b>

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, November 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	26,288,251	26,867,010	26,997,651	103	100
Mature	461,260	488,262	455,682	99	93
Light	136,881	142,938	116,806	85	82
Heavy	324,379	345,324	338,876	104	98
Total	26,749,511	27,355,272	27,453,333	103	100
Turkeys					
Young	2,468,846	2,666,833	2,711,463	110	102
Old	33,623	37,857	48,090	143	127
Total	2,502,469	2,704,690	2,759,553	110	102
Ducks	44,468	38,192	44,657	100	117
Other Poultry	2,905	2,531	2,582	89	102
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>29,299,353</b>	<b>30,100,685</b>	<b>30,260,125</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	2,512,753	2,845,361	2,934,013	117	103
Mature	13,670	16,638	7,711	56	46
Light	11,459	13,420	5,477	48	41
Heavy	2,211	3,218	2,234	101	69
Total	2,526,423	2,861,999	2,941,724	116	103
Turkeys					
Young	2,629,606	2,535,020	2,443,447	93	96
Old	9,864	9,666	9,922	101	103
Total	2,639,470	2,544,686	2,453,369	93	96
Ducks	70,167	68,505	62,410	89	91
Other Poultry	4,887	4,677	3,638	74	78
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>5,240,947</b>	<b>5,479,867</b>	<b>5,461,141</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	28,801,004	29,712,371	29,931,664	104	101
Mature	474,930	504,900	463,393	98	92
Light	148,340	156,358	122,283	82	78
Heavy	326,590	348,542	341,110	104	98
Total	29,275,934	30,217,271	30,395,057	104	101
Turkeys					
Young	5,098,452	5,201,853	5,154,910	101	99
Old	43,487	47,523	58,012	133	122
Total	5,141,939	5,249,376	5,212,922	101	99
Ducks	114,635	106,697	107,067	93	100
Other Poultry	7,792	7,208	6,220	80	86
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>34,540,300</b>	<b>35,580,552</b>	<b>35,721,266</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>100</b>

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

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

Commodity	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2002
				Nov 2002	Oct 2003	2002	2003	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	11,792	13,465	10,977	93	82	163,916	156,256	95
Mature	830	762	597	72	78	16,231	12,111	75
Light	380	343	219	58	64	7,247	5,575	77
Heavy	450	419	378	84	90	8,984	6,536	73
Total	12,622	14,227	11,574	92	81	180,147	168,367	93
Turkeys								
Young	1,583	2,593	1,419	90	55	21,061	24,165	115
Old	53	52	42	79	81	617	1,200	194
Total	1,636	2,645	1,461	89	55	21,678	25,365	117
Ducks	16	30	24	150	80	304	314	103
Other Poultry	4	5	3	75	60	57	28	49
Total Poultry	14,278	16,907	13,062	91	77	202,186	194,074	96
	<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	0.35	0.33	0.34	97	103	0.41	0.39	95
Mature	1.24	1.07	1.09	88	102	1.94	1.59	82
Light	1.82	1.68	1.51	83	90	2.38	2.31	97
Heavy	0.98	0.83	0.94	96	113	1.69	1.26	75
Total	0.37	0.34	0.35	95	103	0.44	0.41	93
Turkeys								
Young	0.26	0.39	0.25	96	64	0.32	0.37	116
Old	0.93	0.74	0.62	67	84	0.99	1.56	158
Total	0.26	0.39	0.25	96	64	0.33	0.38	115
Ducks	0.13	0.20	0.19	146	95	0.21	0.22	105
Other Poultry	0.40	0.34	0.33	83	97	0.50	0.32	64
Total Poultry	0.35	0.35	0.33	94	94	0.42	0.40	95

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

Commodity	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2002
				Nov 2002	Oct 2003	2002	2003	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
N.Y. Dressed Weight								
Chickens								
Young	27,143	31,540	23,694	87	75	351,705	330,599	94
Mature	3,659	3,367	2,440	67	72	43,458	38,891	89
Light	1,630	1,655	1,212	74	73	21,964	20,678	94
Heavy	2,029	1,712	1,228	61	72	21,494	18,213	85
Total	30,802	34,907	26,134	85	75	395,163	369,490	94
Turkeys								
Young	10,631	11,085	9,302	87	84	121,412	114,617	94
Old	325	330	272	84	82	3,753	4,532	121
Total	10,956	11,415	9,574	87	84	125,165	119,149	95
Ducks	245	320	278	113	87	2,712	3,154	116
Other Poultry	15	11	7	47	64	143	127	89
Total Poultry	42,018	46,653	35,993	86	77	523,183	491,920	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	0.90	0.85	0.80	89	94	0.97	0.91	94
Mature	6.08	5.27	4.97	82	94	5.77	5.68	98
Light	8.65	8.99	9.32	108	104	8.02	9.52	119
Heavy	4.91	3.76	3.40	69	90	4.48	3.89	87
Total	1.01	0.93	0.87	86	94	1.07	0.99	93
Turkeys								
Young	1.91	1.86	1.79	94	96	2.04	1.95	96
Old	6.33	5.21	4.50	71	86	6.69	6.53	98
Total	1.95	1.89	1.82	93	96	2.09	2.00	96
Ducks	2.25	2.33	2.45	109	105	2.06	2.41	117
Other Poultry	1.63	0.87	1.03	63	118	1.37	1.51	110
Total Poultry	1.15	1.06	1.02	89	96	1.21	1.14	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, November 2003**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<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	92,270	75,985	483,881	394,395	5.24	5.19
AR	106,709	86,256	538,025	429,087	5.04	4.97
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	26,523	20,326	165,030	130,998	6.22	6.44
FL	10,567	9,328	58,787	52,745	5.56	5.65
GA	114,255	89,207	586,012	448,846	5.13	5.03
KY	23,724	16,730	131,666	91,826	5.55	5.49
LA	16,455	14,348	84,775	73,643	5.15	5.13
MD	15,776	12,701	79,284	62,535	5.03	4.92
MS	71,114	55,684	388,439	302,688	5.46	5.44
MO	36,308	30,634	169,738	143,082	4.67	4.67
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	62,636	49,770	384,522	309,656	6.14	6.22
OH	3,761	3,222	20,143	17,324	5.36	5.38
PA	10,015	7,800	54,718	41,053	5.46	5.26
SC	21,862	18,345	129,888	108,772	5.94	5.93
TN	19,438	15,602	102,625	81,203	5.28	5.20
TX	58,293	47,618	287,918	233,715	4.94	4.91
VA	29,965	24,464	152,116	118,421	5.08	4.84
WA	5,086	*	26,795	*	5.27	*
Oth Sts	56,883	47,453	277,091	230,624	4.87	4.86
US	781,640	625,473	4,121,453	3,270,613	5.27	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, November 2003**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<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	362,386	292,662	3,481	2,991	0.80	0.84
AR	391,591	312,650	3,554	2,892	0.73	0.75
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	117,940	94,320	2,204	1,548	1.48	1.31
FL	40,579	36,823	576	577	1.09	1.22
GA	428,568	330,110	3,825	2,550	0.73	0.63
KY	94,712	68,928	848	534	0.72	0.65
LA	62,662	53,330	274	249	0.36	0.38
MD	55,723	44,722	859	673	1.20	1.20
MS	293,440	221,301	3,332	2,067	0.95	0.76
MO	125,502	104,725	1,180	884	0.77	0.69
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	296,849	237,329	3,558	2,794	1.03	1.00
OH	14,501	12,433	283	216	1.56	1.39
PA	38,157	29,491	784	596	1.59	1.61
SC	95,897	80,526	651	505	0.56	0.52
TN	73,950	58,935	1,053	566	1.14	0.77
TX	223,419	181,344	1,711	1,402	0.66	0.67
VA	110,973	86,867	1,175	929	0.86	0.87
WA	19,990	*	277	*	1.15	*
Oth Sts	204,945	170,696	1,915	1,721	0.77	0.83
US	3,051,784	2,417,192	31,540	23,694	0.85	0.80

\* 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, October 2003**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		675	107,114	29,910	*	*
AR		*	158,857	66,452	*	2,442
CA		*	*	3,795	348	682
DE		1,076	133,885	33,200	*	*
FL		94	*	*	*	*
GA		344	86,798	43,442	519	4,008
IN		*	5,811	*	*	*
KY		*	37,973	9,953	17	*
LA		*	13,499	3,620	59	151
MD		*	49,761	21,406	*	*
MS		*	73,353	20,834	487	674
MO		3,302	88,072	14,103	798	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		140	*	*	*	*
NC		996	90,581	38,308	*	*
OH		104	17,783	2,224	29	*
PA		99	18,810	9,930	98	494
SC		*	14,401	*	*	*
TN		125	39,324	8,806	*	374
TX		*	78,494	19,308	295	2,220
VA		*	55,300	*	*	*
WA		65	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		7,894	176,184	59,180	8,629	48,832
US		14,914	1,246,000	384,471	11,279	59,877
Mature Birds						
Light		13,618	173,640	14,996	5,298	71,967
Heavy	1	753	74,904	4,249	286	10,409
US	1	14,371	248,544	19,245	5,584	82,376

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	3,664	24,436	18,942	6,269	79,444	276,530
AR	6,957	18,272	27,496	3,112	38,709	327,027
CA	*	*	2,286	*	*	114,230
DE	2,817	17,058	12,012	3,645	24,862	235,405
FL	960	*	*	498	*	53,041
GA	3,555	40,171	19,129	8,162	50,573	256,701
IN	124	*	246	*	*	*
KY	185	10,409	*	*	4,057	70,870
LA	328	2,760	*	*	1,194	27,302
MD	*	14,374	*	*	12,559	127,803
MS	3,434	21,529	*	488	45,105	188,920
MO	1,288	8,953	13,425	*	28,430	161,423
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	729	*	3,816	232	*	*
NC	4,023	28,969	19,926	6,422	79,934	288,231
OH	*	*	*	*	*	36,483
PA	1,000	3,032	4,902	*	*	51,454
SC	598	6,173	1,545	*	4,256	41,056
TN	1,056	10,578	4,320	*	13,774	79,003
TX	1,105	*	7,293	466	8,209	127,526
VA	1,593	13,580	*	*	16,936	133,683
WA	*	705	*	52	*	22,171
Oth Sts	5,321	27,605	92,398	17,001	93,133	160,281
US	38,737	248,604	227,736	46,347	501,175	2,779,140
Mature Birds						
Light	9,275	18,595	149,730	1,991	71,104	530,214
Heavy	2,004	24,735	27,193	1,580	63,142	209,256
US	11,279	43,330	176,923	3,571	134,246	739,470

\* 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, November 2003**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	92,772	31,310	*	*
AR		995	129,382	58,580	2,546	1,847
CA		*	73,554	4,763	255	677
DE		753	81,634	26,991	*	*
FL		86	*	*	*	*
GA		*	67,074	34,195	*	3,516
IN		*	5,344	*	*	*
KY		*	29,376	9,541	30	*
LA		194	11,902	3,245	*	111
MD		783	39,313	17,389	47	3,160
MS		518	57,030	20,201	350	582
MO		1,338	55,124	13,571	466	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		455	70,982	31,985	128	12,828
OH		*	15,638	2,150	*	*
PA		116	15,572	8,687	*	436
SC		*	*	*	*	793
TN		108	29,347	7,816	117	451
TX		*	69,907	18,024	207	1,904
VA		230	42,608	*	100	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		29,425	88,235	51,640	4,032	21,154
US		35,001	974,794	340,088	8,278	47,459
Mature Birds						
Light		1,511	148,628	11,807	100	67,373
Heavy		487	56,733	2,690	235	8,666
US		1,998	205,361	14,497	335	76,039

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	3,232	18,130	16,649	5,575	70,335	242,991
AR	5,930	15,352	24,781	2,483	34,788	276,684
CA	*	*	1,698	*	*	104,106
DE	1,679	12,142	8,870	1,660	18,389	157,178
FL	953	3,902	*	1,493	11,043	53,705
GA	2,673	29,888	8,784	5,350	45,727	197,995
IN	*	*	387	*	*	*
KY	137	6,208	2,286	*	3,476	53,933
LA	295	*	*	*	1,858	24,682
MD	*	8,618	*	*	13,599	102,793
MS	2,593	17,007	12,166	684	47,737	158,868
MO	1,047	9,060	10,772	*	21,915	115,417
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	2,587	343	*	*
NC	3,067	21,247	14,855	4,588	76,587	236,722
OH	*	690	*	*	*	30,415
PA	805	2,566	3,540	129	*	43,361
SC	372	5,037	*	*	*	*
TN	739	7,793	3,275	202	5,992	55,840
TX	884	8,814	5,978	*	7,179	140,067
VA	1,400	8,701	*	4,091	12,852	104,535
WA	*	593	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	5,664	13,759	60,740	8,486	61,140	172,374
US	31,470	189,507	177,368	35,084	432,617	2,271,666
Mature Birds						
Light	5,535	6,798	118,763	248	63,223	423,986
Heavy	1,560	9,694	19,030	705	48,571	148,371
US	7,095	16,492	137,793	953	111,794	572,357

\* 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, November 2003**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<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	2,800	3,039	52,185	55,019	18.64	18.11
CA	2,271	2,369	54,910	50,697	24.18	21.40
IA	1,760	1,422	52,576	43,138	29.87	30.33
MN	3,274	3,113	86,597	80,679	26.45	25.92
MO	1,725	1,430	53,604	41,366	31.08	28.93
NC	3,763	3,170	94,098	81,523	25.01	25.71
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	9,529	8,136	268,655	223,819	28.19	27.51
US	25,122	22,679	662,625	576,241	26.38	25.41

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	October	November	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
			October	November	October	November
	<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	43,455	44,601	707	811	1.51	1.64
CA	44,324	40,099	1,070	1,018	2.16	2.23
IA	41,795	33,327	1,123	903	2.37	2.32
MN	68,875	64,562	1,526	1,356	1.96	1.87
MO	42,130	32,330	1,128	966	2.34	2.60
NC	75,199	64,631	1,228	999	1.45	1.36
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	207,009	175,521	4,303	3,249	1.78	1.61
US	522,787	455,071	11,085	9,302	1.86	1.79

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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, October 2003**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature)						
AR			6,181	467	*	*
CA		*	13,699	*	*	*
IA			7,469	1,547	*	*
MN		*	19,158	*	*	*
MO			12,761	*	*	*
NC		*	*	*	*	*
OH		*	*	112	*	14
PA		*	*	333	*	*
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States		767	43,068	8,045	5,062	65
US		767	102,336	10,504	5,062	79
Old (Breeders)						
US		2	4,476	936	7	90
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature)						
AR	12	903	*	*	*	10,205
CA	43	*	611	*	1,288	18,275
IA	103	353	465	*	*	12,685
MN	122	707	672	*	3,240	26,460
MO	*	*	331	*	*	16,249
NC	*	*	431	*	609	8,687
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	64	*	113	*	757	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	375	5,155	2,566	2,651	9,973	57,731
US	719	7,118	5,189	2,651	15,867	150,292
Old (Breeders)						
US	23	119	154	7	1,126	6,940

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**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,  
by State and United States, November 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			7,670	589	*	
CA		7	10,529	607	*	*
IA			5,731	1,416	*	*
MN		*	*	*	685	17
MO			9,097	*		
NC		*	3,586	*		*
OH		*	*	49	*	*
PA		*	*	270	*	*
VA		*	*	*		*
Other States		250	47,198	6,987	2,797	166
US		257	83,811	9,918	3,482	183
Old (Breeders)						
US		1	3,241	607	255	101
	<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	*	*	*	*	1,772	13,654
CA	*	524	349	*	1,438	13,945
IA	72	365	434	*	*	10,404
MN	*	692	756	*	2,090	23,964
MO	*	*	233	5	*	14,305
NC	43	*	336	*	*	5,810
OH	15	89	47	*	*	*
PA	114	*	*	26	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	507	4,574	3,655	1,148	9,387	44,240
US	751	6,244	5,810	1,179	14,687	126,322
Old (Breeders)						
US	21	147	90	13	498	4,974

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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.

**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.

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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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