



Poultry Slaughter

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Update Alert

The 2003 accumulated totals and percent changes from 2003 on pages 5,7,8,9 have been corrected using the latest revisions.

Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 1 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during February 2004 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 2.88 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the amount certified in February 2003. Updated totals for January 2004 show that 3.32 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during February 2004 was 3.91 billion pounds, down slightly from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.35 billion pounds, up 2 percent from February 2003, mature chickens at 49.7 million pounds, were down 24 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 495 million pounds, down 10 percent, and ducks totaled 13.1 million pounds, up 1 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during February 2004 averaged 5.13 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from February 2003. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.56 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2004 averaged 26.8 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from February 2003.

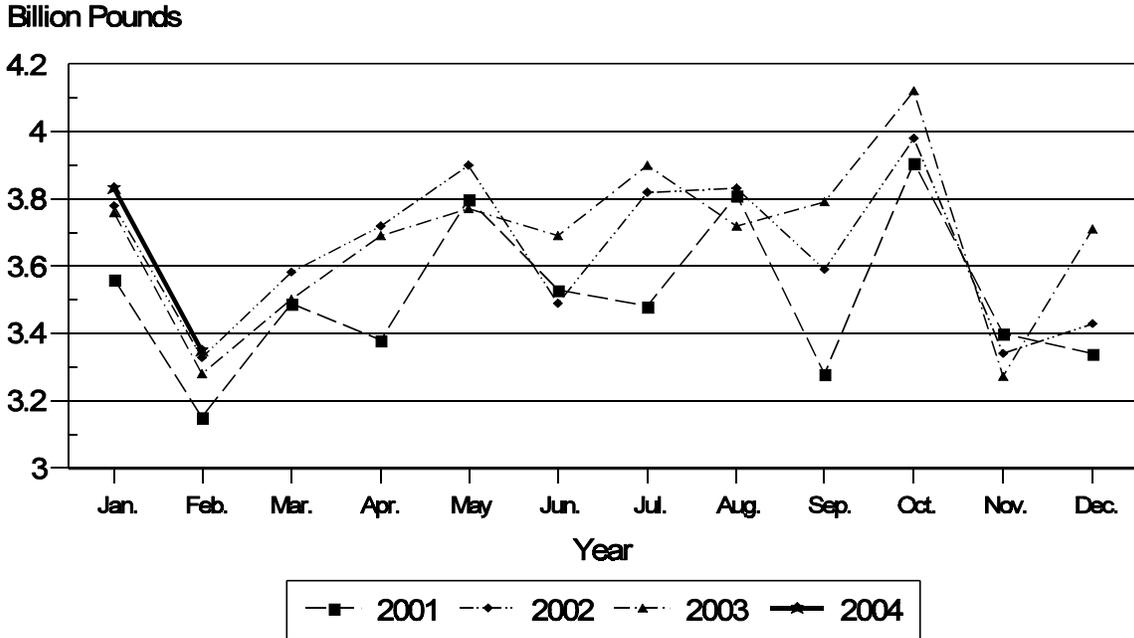
Ante-mortem condemnations during February 2004 totaled 17.5 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.45 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.43 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 52.0 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.48 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.21 percent a year earlier.

February 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. The same as February 2003.

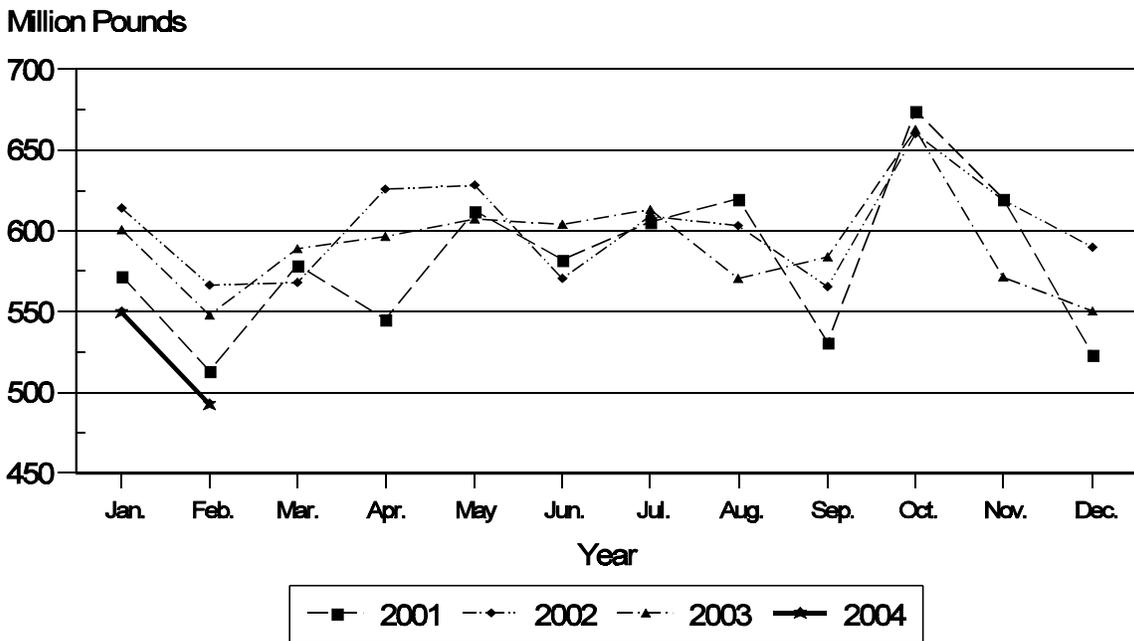
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Young Turkeys: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2001-2004



**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, February 2004¹**

Commodity	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Percent of	
				Feb 2003	Jan 2004
	<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	633,914	722,586	653,546	103	90
Mature	12,226	11,325	8,941	73	79
Light	6,816	5,838	4,611	68	79
Heavy	5,410	5,487	4,330	80	79
Total	646,140	733,911	662,487	103	90
Turkeys					
Young	20,024	19,946	18,339	92	92
Old	178	207	107	60	52
Total	20,202	20,153	18,446	91	92
Ducks	1,992	2,153	1,940	97	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	3,287,201	3,829,971	3,351,321	102	88
Mature	65,543	64,110	49,722	76	78
Light	22,700	20,188	15,084	66	75
Heavy	42,843	43,922	34,638	81	79
Total	3,352,744	3,894,081	3,401,043	101	87
Turkeys					
Young	543,533	549,136	491,692	90	90
Old	4,961	5,995	2,830	57	47
Total	548,494	555,131	494,522	90	89
Ducks	12,921	14,608	13,050	101	89
Other Poultry	684	222	242	35	109
Total Poultry	3,914,843	4,464,042	3,908,857	100	88
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.19	5.30	5.13	99	97
Mature	5.36	5.66	5.56	104	98
Light	3.33	3.46	3.27	98	95
Heavy	7.92	8.00	8.00	101	100
Total	5.19	5.31	5.13	99	97
Turkeys					
Young	27.14	27.53	26.81	99	97
Old	27.89	28.92	26.37	95	91
Total	27.15	27.55	26.81	99	97
Ducks	6.49	6.79	6.73	104	99

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 2004¹ (continued)**

Commodity	January to Date			Percent of	
	2002	2003	2004	2002	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	1,393,450	1,359,092	1,376,132	99	101
Mature	29,177	26,588	20,266	69	76
Light	18,001	15,040	10,449	58	69
Heavy	11,176	11,548	9,817	88	85
Total	1,422,627	1,385,680	1,396,398	98	101
Turkeys					
Young	42,065	41,366	38,285	91	93
Old	388	497	314	81	63
Total	42,453	41,863	38,599	91	92
Ducks	3,984	4,126	4,093	103	99
	<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	7,115,623	7,050,062	7,181,292	101	102
Mature	148,579	140,788	113,832	77	81
Light	61,247	50,700	35,272	58	70
Heavy	87,332	90,088	78,560	90	87
Total	7,264,202	7,190,850	7,295,124	100	101
Turkeys					
Young	1,173,316	1,144,035	1,040,828	89	91
Old	10,934	13,592	8,825	81	65
Total	1,184,250	1,157,627	1,049,653	89	91
Ducks	27,034	27,187	27,658	102	102
Other Poultry	1,398	1,669	464	33	28
Total Poultry	8,476,884	8,377,333	8,372,899	99	100
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.11	5.19	5.22	102	101
Mature	5.09	5.30	5.62	110	106
Light	3.40	3.37	3.38	99	100
Heavy	7.81	7.80	8.00	102	103
Total	5.11	5.19	5.22	102	101
Turkeys					
Young	27.89	27.65	27.19	97	98
Old	28.23	27.34	28.05	99	103
Total	27.90	27.65	27.19	97	98
Ducks	6.79	6.59	6.76	100	103

¹ Federally inspected only.

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, February 2004 ¹**

Commodity	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Percent of	
				Feb 2003	Jan 2004
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Chilled					
Chickens					
Young	2,194,045	2,554,857	2,248,399	102	88
Mature	38,727	39,039	30,003	77	77
Light	10,966	10,384	7,665	70	74
Heavy	27,761	28,655	22,338	80	78
Total	2,232,772	2,593,896	2,278,402	102	88
Turkeys					
Young	216,258	239,252	211,816	98	89
Old	3,159	3,823	2,033	64	53
Total	219,417	243,075	213,849	97	88
Ducks	3,073	7,132	6,240	203	87
Other Poultry	173	129	122	71	95
Total Poultry	2,455,435	2,844,232	2,498,613	102	88
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	225,431	270,377	202,591	90	75
Mature	810	170	348	43	205
Light	563				
Heavy	247	170	348	141	205
Total	226,241	270,547	202,939	90	75
Turkeys					
Young	211,450	196,235	177,190	84	90
Old	490	721	154	31	21
Total	211,940	196,956	177,344	84	90
Ducks	6,089	4,282	3,942	65	92
Other Poultry	260	39	34	13	87
Total Poultry	444,530	471,824	384,259	86	81
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,419,476	2,825,234	2,450,990	101	87
Mature	39,537	39,209	30,351	77	77
Light	11,529	10,384	7,665	66	74
Heavy	28,008	28,825	22,686	81	79
Total	2,459,013	2,864,443	2,481,341	101	87
Turkeys					
Young	427,708	435,487	389,006	91	89
Old	3,649	4,544	2,187	60	48
Total	431,357	440,031	391,193	91	89
Ducks	9,162	11,414	10,182	111	89
Other Poultry	433	168	156	36	93
Total Poultry	2,899,965	3,316,056	2,882,872	99	87

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, February 2004¹ (continued)**

Commodity	January to Date			Percent of	
	2002	2003	2004	2002	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	4,762,706	4,699,980	4,803,256	101	102
Mature	86,320	83,026	69,042	80	83
Light	29,715	24,446	18,049	61	74
Heavy	56,605	58,580	50,993	90	87
Total	4,849,026	4,783,006	4,872,298	100	102
Turkeys					
Young	451,160	473,838	451,068	100	95
Old	6,875	8,658	5,856	85	68
Total	458,035	482,496	456,924	100	95
Ducks	7,692	6,766	13,372	174	198
Other Poultry	368	423	251	68	59
Total Poultry	5,315,121	5,272,691	5,342,845	101	101
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	470,770	494,093	472,968	100	96
Mature	2,463	1,722	518	21	30
Light	1,985	1,292			
Heavy	478	430	518	108	120
Total	473,233	495,815	473,486	100	95
Turkeys					
Young	471,548	427,436	373,425	79	87
Old	1,370	1,265	875	64	69
Total	472,918	428,701	374,300	79	87
Ducks	12,879	12,757	8,224	64	64
Other Poultry	498	614	73	15	12
Total Poultry	959,528	937,887	856,083	89	91
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	5,233,476	5,194,073	5,276,224	101	102
Mature	88,783	84,748	69,560	78	82
Light	31,700	25,738	18,049	57	70
Heavy	57,083	59,010	51,511	90	87
Total	5,322,259	5,278,821	5,345,784	100	101
Turkeys					
Young	922,708	901,274	824,493	89	91
Old	8,245	9,923	6,731	82	68
Total	930,953	911,197	831,224	89	91
Ducks	20,571	19,523	21,596	105	111
Other Poultry	866	1,037	324	37	31
Total Poultry	6,274,649	6,210,578	6,198,928	99	100

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, February 2004 ¹**

Commodity	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2003
				Feb 2003	Jan 2004	2003	2004	
				<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	13,577	16,758	14,905	110	89	32,571	31,663	97
Mature	1,035	1,178	610	59	52	2,214	1,788	81
Light	513	458	206	40	45	1,198	664	55
Heavy	522	720	404	77	56	1,016	1,124	111
Total	14,612	17,936	15,515	106	87	34,785	33,451	96
Turkeys								
Young	2,033	2,093	1,924	95	92	4,196	4,017	96
Old	114	40	33	29	83	384	73	19
Total	2,147	2,133	1,957	91	92	4,580	4,090	89
Ducks	22	25	30	136	120	57	55	96
Other Poultry	4		1	25		8	1	13
Total Poultry	16,785	20,094	17,503	104	87	39,430	37,597	95
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Percent of Total Weight Condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.41	0.44	0.44	107	100	0.46	0.44	96
Mature	1.58	1.84	1.23	78	67	1.57	1.57	100
Light	2.26	2.27	1.37	61	60	2.36	1.88	80
Heavy	1.22	1.64	1.17	96	71	1.13	1.43	127
Total	0.44	0.46	0.46	105	100	0.48	0.46	96
Turkeys								
Young	0.37	0.38	0.39	105	103	0.37	0.39	105
Old	2.30	0.66	1.15	50	174	2.82	0.82	29
Total	0.39	0.38	0.40	103	105	0.40	0.39	98
Ducks	0.17	0.17	0.23	135	135	0.21	0.20	95
Other Poultry	0.58	0.07	0.44	76	629	0.46	0.26	57
Total Poultry	0.43	0.45	0.45	105	100	0.47	0.45	96

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 2004 ¹**

Commodity	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2003
				Feb 2003	Jan 2004	2003	2004	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>				
N.Y. Dressed Weight	<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>
Chickens								
Young	28,675	32,146	39,739	139	124	63,676	71,885	113
Mature	3,677	3,056	2,619	71	86	8,268	5,675	69
Light	2,011	1,576	1,623	81	103	4,552	3,199	70
Heavy	1,666	1,480	996	60	67	3,716	2,476	67
Total	32,352	35,202	42,358	131	120	71,944	77,560	108
Turkeys								
Young	9,729	9,437	9,111	94	97	20,600	18,548	90
Old	383	342	226	59	66	962	568	59
Total	10,112	9,779	9,337	92	95	21,562	19,116	89
Ducks	272	350	348	128	99	556	698	126
Other Poultry	11	3	5	45	167	27	8	30
Total Poultry	42,747	45,334	52,048	122	115	94,089	97,382	103
	<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	0.97	0.93	1.32	136	142	1.00	1.11	111
Mature	6.23	5.30	5.85	94	110	6.52	5.54	85
Light	9.84	8.67	11.95	121	138	9.98	10.08	101
Heavy	4.32	3.74	3.20	74	86	4.58	3.50	76
Total	1.07	1.00	1.38	129	138	1.11	1.18	106
Turkeys								
Young	1.99	1.91	2.06	104	108	2.00	1.98	99
Old	8.57	6.34	8.87	104	140	7.86	7.15	91
Total	2.05	1.96	2.10	102	107	2.07	2.02	98
Ducks	2.34	2.66	2.97	127	112	2.27	2.81	124
Other Poultry	1.77	1.51	2.23	126	148	1.77	1.89	107
Total Poultry	1.21	1.13	1.48	122	131	1.25	1.29	103

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 2004**

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	87,715	78,773	457,659	403,971	5.22	5.13
AR	103,424	92,995	527,714	456,879	5.10	4.91
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	24,080	21,401	156,553	134,984	6.50	6.31
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	104,155	96,228	531,300	460,223	5.10	4.78
KY	18,181	18,522	103,540	96,923	5.69	5.23
LA	12,678	11,993	67,643	66,924	5.34	5.58
MD	12,633	11,825	63,747	58,559	5.05	4.95
MS	63,565	58,134	345,169	314,157	5.43	5.40
MO	33,125	31,366	152,706	135,158	4.61	4.31
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	56,177	49,676	355,914	302,802	6.34	6.10
OH	3,493	3,010	18,511	16,180	5.30	5.38
PA	9,456	9,607	49,698	44,821	5.26	4.67
SC	19,216	18,796	113,209	104,220	5.89	5.54
TN	18,950	17,534	99,237	88,349	5.24	5.04
TX	54,036	46,471	268,811	236,000	4.97	5.08
VA	28,848	25,331	145,156	123,916	5.03	4.89
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	72,854	61,884	373,404	307,255	5.13	4.97
US	722,586	653,546	3,829,971	3,351,321	5.30	5.13

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

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by State and United States, February 2004**

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>
AL	336,105	296,343	3,879	4,463	0.94	1.23
AR	374,802	334,211	4,164	4,671	0.88	1.14
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	112,575	98,869	2,086	1,780	1.48	1.47
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	376,554	336,534	3,459	4,539	0.72	1.10
KY	75,145	70,998	710	781	0.76	0.90
LA	52,595	47,710	287	330	0.47	0.55
MD	45,902	41,944	738	674	1.29	1.28
MS	261,035	209,827	2,444	2,912	0.79	1.03
MO	112,705	99,619	1,243	1,393	0.90	1.14
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	278,236	229,012	4,040	4,274	1.26	1.57
OH	13,578	11,906	229	185	1.38	1.27
PA	34,933	31,074	791	743	1.77	1.84
SC	82,136	83,701	608	725	0.60	0.77
TN	72,206	63,530	874	948	0.98	1.19
TX	219,474	181,100	2,170	3,485	0.90	1.64
VA	104,862	91,625	1,203	4,565	0.92	4.09
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	272,391	222,987	3,221	3,271	0.96	1.18
US	2,825,234	2,450,990	32,146	39,739	0.93	1.32

* 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 2004**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	119,993	50,977	793	*
AR		1,440	196,727	120,744	3,889	2,957
CA		*	*	7,116	572	994
DE		*	116,968	53,501	*	*
FL		76	*	*	*	*
GA		417	87,305	62,510	316	4,786
IN		*	8,878	*	*	*
KY		*	36,257	13,351	*	*
LA		*	14,250	6,127	*	180
MD		2,980	47,319	25,391	*	4,352
MS		251	66,152	35,958	476	665
MO		1,024	78,356	26,710	*	2,050
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		*	104,465	78,837	*	16,290
OH		46	17,815	*	*	*
PA		167	28,545	19,488	194	539
SC		*	14,433	*	45	1,003
TN		*	44,960	17,248	156	*
TX		*	109,374	*	327	3,261
VA		279	62,354	37,151	24	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		7,730	220,281	166,514	4,445	26,639
US		14,410	1,374,432	721,623	11,237	63,716
Mature Birds						
Light	4	3,270	236,120	15,593	625	86,203
Heavy		740	62,970	2,738	353	9,386
US	4	4,010	299,090	18,331	978	95,589

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**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, January 2004 (continued)**

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	3,616	19,737	22,291	11,008	107,996	341,520
AR	7,042	27,072	34,472	3,180	52,099	449,622
CA	*	*	2,458	672	7,656	142,005
DE	2,232	15,015	12,662	2,622	28,890	242,340
FL	853	4,056	*	752	11,575	59,693
GA	3,432	38,305	12,659	6,091	87,824	303,645
IN	72	*	366	*	*	*
KY	205	8,439	2,772	*	4,059	68,611
LA	285	2,034	*	*	*	28,671
MD	*	14,328	*	*	15,668	132,066
MS	2,601	21,088	10,618	279	47,668	185,756
MO	1,200	11,089	8,893	*	34,530	165,681
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	3,387	*	*	*
NC	4,367	33,655	22,775	9,049	127,088	397,771
OH	*	990	*	*	*	30,552
PA	1,323	6,615	4,130	236	14,467	75,704
SC	523	4,888	*	*	*	*
TN	1,068	10,712	4,304	754	12,359	93,699
TX	1,100	7,917	8,311	797	15,073	253,096
VA	1,768	14,225	*	*	19,784	153,986
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	7,069	21,863	63,049	12,441	68,339	277,887
US	38,756	262,028	213,147	47,881	655,075	3,402,305
Mature Birds						
Light	6,918	13,599	121,556	575	65,382	549,845
Heavy	1,689	11,031	22,775	784	63,386	175,852
US	8,607	24,630	144,331	1,359	128,768	725,697

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

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

**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, February 2004**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	127,711	56,063	*	3,780
AR	*	*	190,719	145,750	3,193	2,208
CA	*	*	*	4,618	1,034	1,038
DE		*	93,702	52,057	26	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA	*	381	82,367	70,691	*	4,295
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	*	28,017	*	23	*
LA	*	*	16,234	6,897	*	166
MD		*	42,043	28,920	38	*
MS		*	64,385	45,251	*	603
MO		1,009	78,331	31,523	463	1,901
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	*	485	94,200	78,204	*	10,458
OH		*	14,320	*	*	*
PA		*	22,552	14,649	192	576
SC	*	*	14,729	*	23	1,105
TN	*	109	44,059	17,158	291	945
TX	*	70	116,886	*	497	2,878
VA	*	256	50,367	*	7	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	4,079	19,531	185,023	263,517	2,767	20,654
US	4,079	21,852	1,265,645	815,298	8,554	50,607
Mature Birds						
Light		2,363	197,321	12,725	141	85,680
Heavy	258	742	46,331	2,482	257	6,960
US	258	3,105	243,652	15,207	398	92,640

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**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, February 2004 (continued)**

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	3,369	25,871	22,220	10,819	134,356	385,311
AR	7,384	28,478	32,743	1,383	109,036	522,249
CA	*	*	1,826	487	8,751	120,023
DE	2,012	10,332	10,883	2,692	33,528	221,266
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	3,047	35,881	10,549	7,420	138,241	353,068
IN	49	*	282	*	*	18,592
KY	161	5,915	*	*	7,663	77,146
LA	*	2,663	*	285	*	32,392
MD	*	11,274	*	529	*	151,663
MS	2,479	17,362	11,176	669	65,783	209,493
MO	1,205	9,124	7,752	774	37,854	169,936
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	2,356	447	*	*
NC	3,076	32,557	16,921	7,070	130,795	374,043
OH	*	837	*	*	*	25,762
PA	1,315	3,710	3,938	*	25,520	74,074
SC	609	*	1,292	*	3,559	41,313
TN	1,203	9,886	4,646	*	*	98,846
TX	881	7,919	7,077	1,950	18,239	312,486
VA	1,356	9,503	*	*	20,441	132,033
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	6,217	25,257	56,389	10,061	122,987	208,660
US	34,363	236,569	190,050	44,586	856,753	3,528,356
Mature Birds						
Light	4,619	6,416	131,270	829	104,591	545,955
Heavy	1,104	9,357	12,265	778	32,623	113,157
US	5,723	15,773	143,535	1,607	137,214	659,112

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Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, by State and United States, February 2004

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	3,186	2,649	57,475	47,024	18.04	17.75
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
IA	*	*	*	*	*	*
MN	2,673	2,578	77,756	69,877	29.09	27.11
MO	1,494	1,446	45,996	42,565	30.80	29.44
NC	2,982	2,703	80,222	70,466	26.90	26.07
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	9,611	8,963	287,687	261,760	29.93	29.20
US	19,946	18,339	549,136	491,692	27.53	26.81

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Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, by State and United States, February 2004

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>
AR	49,098	39,299	902	672	1.74	1.59
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
IA	*	*	*	*	*	*
MN	61,863	55,897	1,439	1,343	2.06	2.14
MO	35,971	35,003	997	973	2.41	2.54
NC	64,002	56,729	904	835	1.25	1.32
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	224,553	202,078	5,195	5,288	2.01	2.24
US	435,487	389,006	9,437	9,111	1.91	2.06

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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 2004**

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		*	12,287	*	20	*
CA		*	4,696	*		*
IA			*	2,000	*	*
MN		*	16,807	*	*	20
MO			*	*		
NC		*	*	*	*	*
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA		*	*	*	4	
VA		*	*	*		*
Other States		328	52,870	12,326	4,132	68
US		328	86,660	14,326	4,156	88
Old (Breeders)						
US		43	2,920	427	23	232
	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	*	1,032	*	586	*	18,691
CA	34	*	*	*	*	5,937
IA	*	*	*	*	*	11,731
MN	*	*	436	*	1,453	22,490
MO	*	422	326	*	*	16,570
NC	*	*	440	*	388	6,435
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	233	*	229	*	*	13,403
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	455	7,434	4,098	1,489	9,024	38,380
US	722	8,888	5,529	2,075	10,865	133,637
Old (Breeders)						
US	26	341	147	4	310	4,473

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**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, February 2004**

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		*	*	906	16	*
CA		*	*	*	*	9
IA			*	*	*	*
MN		*	17,234	2,286	*	*
MO			10,027	*	*	*
NC			*	*	3	*
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA		*	*	382	*	2
VA		*	*	*	*	
Other States	4,798	41	46,382	12,288	3,750	72
US	4,798	41	73,643	15,862	3,769	83
Old (Breeders)						
US			3,626	351	23	74
	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	*	633	*	*	1,374	*
CA	*	*	*	231	*	*
IA	73	433	*	*	*	*
MN	*	*	529	*	2,259	23,674
MO	*	*	361	*	*	13,264
NC	*	*	376	184	*	11,057
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*		894	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	797	5,460	3,611	2,084	10,815	80,315
US	870	6,526	4,877	2,499	15,342	128,310
Old (Breeders)						
US	8	42	81	2	680	4,887

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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.

Procedures and Reliability: Plant inspectors submit forms (FSIS 6000-21) weekly summarizing the plant's activity. When inconsistencies in the data are detected, the reports are returned to the inspectors for correction. Inspectors correct or validate the report and resubmit it. The reports cover weekly activities through Saturday night and reported data are allocated to the appropriate month as it enters the database.

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

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

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

State data are published for selected states for young chickens and young turkeys. State data are not published if less than three plants operate for a species in a State, or if one plant has 60 percent or more of the total live weight for that species. Data for all states not published are included in the "Other States" category. Also included in this category are data for published states that are confidential (denoted by an *). Data for all states are included in the U.S. totals. For 2002, young chickens were killed in 34 states, young turkeys in 21 states.

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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