



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 1 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during April 2004 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.31 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the amount certified in April 2003. Updated totals for March 2004 show that 3.44 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during April 2004 was 4.45 billion pounds, up 2 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.80 billion pounds, up 3 percent from April 2003, and mature chickens at 68.3 million pounds, were down 7 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 567 million pounds, down 6 percent, and ducks totaled 14.4 million pounds, up 6 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during April 2004 averaged 5.21 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from April 2003. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.65 pounds per bird, up 8 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during April 2004 averaged 27.4 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from April 2003.

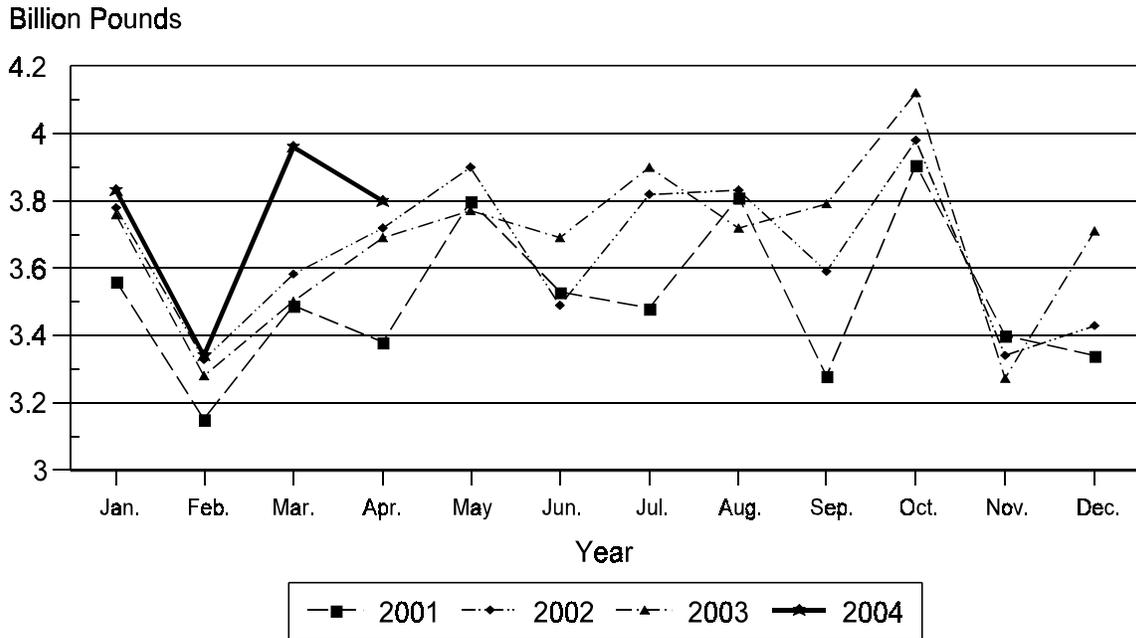
Ante-mortem condemnations during April 2004 totaled 20.5 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.46 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.37 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 50.8 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.27 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.20 percent a year earlier.

April 2004 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays, the same as April 2003.

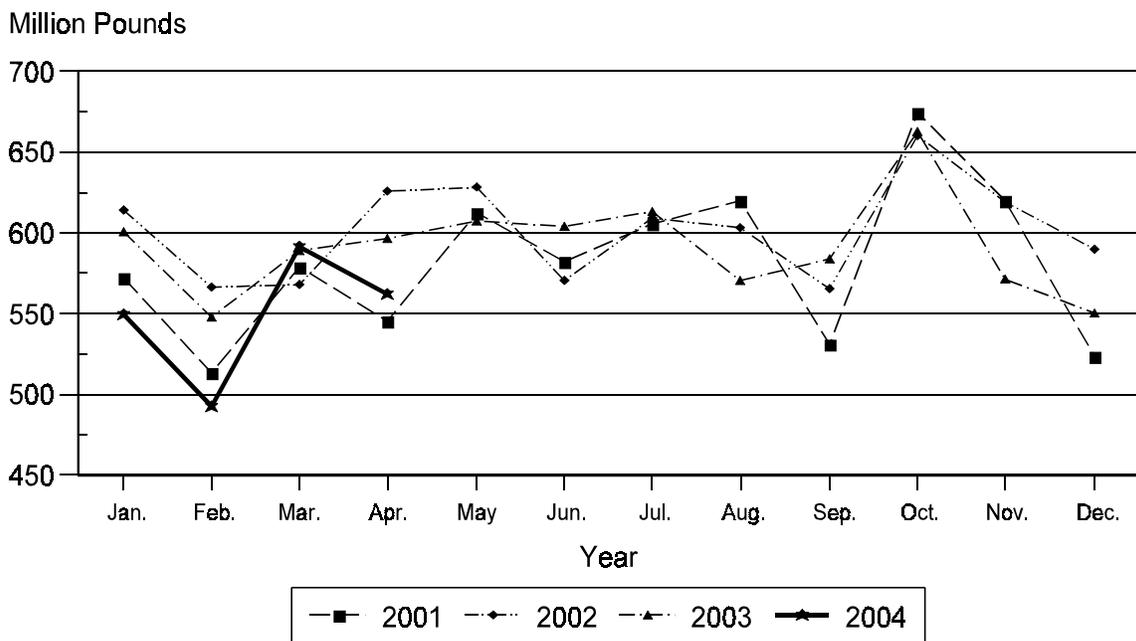
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Young Turkeys: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2001-2004



**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, April 2004 ¹**

Commodity	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Percent of	
				Apr 2003	Mar 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	712,877	767,646	729,331	102	95
Mature	13,936	12,648	12,076	87	95
Light	8,334	6,148	6,131	74	100
Heavy	5,602	6,500	5,945	106	91
Total	726,813	780,294	741,407	102	95
Turkeys					
Young	21,915	22,079	20,483	93	93
Old	171	229	208	122	91
Total	22,086	22,308	20,691	94	93
Ducks	2,034	2,237	2,169	107	97
	<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	3,692,056	3,960,010	3,797,926	103	96
Mature	73,189	68,152	68,266	93	100
Light	28,539	20,621	20,565	72	100
Heavy	44,650	47,531	47,701	107	100
Total	3,765,245	4,028,162	3,866,192	103	96
Turkeys					
Young	595,946	590,951	561,848	94	95
Old	4,559	6,103	5,454	120	89
Total	600,505	597,054	567,302	94	95
Ducks	13,574	14,912	14,393	106	97
Other Poultry	854	369	347	41	94
Total Poultry	4,380,178	4,640,497	4,448,234	102	96
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.18	5.16	5.21	101	101
Mature	5.25	5.39	5.65	108	105
Light	3.42	3.35	3.35	98	100
Heavy	7.97	7.31	8.02	101	110
Total	5.18	5.16	5.21	101	101
Turkeys					
Young	27.19	26.77	27.43	101	102
Old	26.58	26.71	26.21	99	98
Total	27.19	26.77	27.42	101	102
Ducks	6.67	6.67	6.64	100	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, April 2004 ¹ (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	2,815,179	2,755,154	2,867,362	102	104
Mature	58,519	53,083	45,804	78	86
Light	36,009	30,337	23,366	65	77
Heavy	22,510	22,746	22,438	100	99
Total	2,873,698	2,808,237	2,913,166	101	104
Turkeys					
Young	85,734	84,743	80,847	94	95
Old	759	857	751	99	88
Total	86,493	85,600	81,598	94	95
Ducks	7,996	8,124	8,499	106	105
	<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	14,357,656	14,247,470	14,925,986	104	105
Mature	299,366	281,728	253,643	85	90
Light	122,705	102,825	78,507	64	76
Heavy	176,661	178,903	175,136	99	98
Total	14,657,022	14,529,198	15,179,629	104	104
Turkeys					
Young	2,358,907	2,328,844	2,193,627	93	94
Old	21,251	23,368	20,382	96	87
Total	2,380,158	2,352,212	2,214,009	93	94
Ducks	54,048	53,621	56,963	105	106
Other Poultry	2,958	3,297	1,180	40	36
Total Poultry	17,094,186	16,938,328	17,451,781	102	103
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.10	5.17	5.21	102	101
Mature	5.12	5.31	5.54	108	104
Light	3.41	3.39	3.36	99	99
Heavy	7.85	7.87	7.81	99	99
Total	5.10	5.17	5.21	102	101
Turkeys					
Young	27.51	27.48	27.13	99	99
Old	28.01	27.24	27.13	97	100
Total	27.52	27.48	27.13	99	99
Ducks	6.76	6.60	6.70	99	102

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

Commodity	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Percent of	
				Apr 2003	Mar 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	2,461,489	2,680,315	2,570,658	104	96
Mature	41,876	44,540	41,912	100	94
Light	12,804	10,455	10,072	79	96
Heavy	29,072	34,085	31,840	110	93
Total	2,503,365	2,724,855	2,612,570	104	96
Turkeys					
Young	248,011	260,567	235,849	95	91
Old	2,884	3,616	3,526	122	98
Total	250,895	264,183	239,375	95	91
Ducks	3,443	7,111	6,226	181	88
Other Poultry	189	210	197	104	94
Total Poultry	2,757,892	2,996,359	2,858,368	104	95
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	272,150	230,492	237,975	87	103
Mature	1,639	551	243	15	44
Light	1,411	64	43	3	67
Heavy	228	487	200	88	41
Total	273,789	231,043	238,218	87	103
Turkeys					
Young	223,121	205,983	208,902	94	101
Old	413	688	518	125	75
Total	223,534	206,671	209,420	94	101
Ducks	6,364	4,502	4,437	70	99
Other Poultry	329	25	30	9	120
Total Poultry	504,016	442,241	452,105	90	102
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,733,639	2,910,807	2,808,633	103	96
Mature	43,515	45,091	42,155	97	93
Light	14,215	10,519	10,115	71	96
Heavy	29,300	34,572	32,040	109	93
Total	2,777,154	2,955,898	2,850,788	103	96
Turkeys					
Young	471,132	466,550	444,751	94	95
Old	3,297	4,304	4,044	123	94
Total	474,429	470,854	448,795	95	95
Ducks	9,807	11,613	10,663	109	92
Other Poultry	518	235	227	44	97
Total Poultry	3,261,908	3,438,600	3,310,473	101	96

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, April 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	9,629,917	9,501,946	10,066,756	105	106
Mature	173,408	165,087	157,448	91	95
Light	58,647	48,472	39,705	68	82
Heavy	114,761	116,615	117,743	103	101
Total	9,803,325	9,667,033	10,224,204	104	106
Turkeys					
Young	903,956	967,573	947,484	105	98
Old	13,484	14,953	12,998	96	87
Total	917,440	982,526	960,482	105	98
Ducks	14,909	13,181	26,709	179	203
Other Poultry	822	774	658	80	85
Total Poultry	10,736,496	10,663,514	11,212,053	104	105
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	940,425	1,018,162	949,426	101	93
Mature	5,535	4,313	1,351	24	31
Light	4,730	3,484	107	2	3
Heavy	805	829	1,244	155	150
Total	945,960	1,022,475	950,777	101	93
Turkeys					
Young	949,346	869,470	788,310	83	91
Old	2,629	2,095	2,081	79	99
Total	951,975	871,565	790,391	83	91
Ducks	25,564	25,115	17,163	67	68
Other Poultry	1,012	1,238	128	13	10
Total Poultry	1,924,511	1,920,393	1,758,459	91	92
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	10,570,342	10,520,108	11,016,182	104	105
Mature	178,943	169,400	158,799	89	94
Light	63,377	51,956	39,812	63	77
Heavy	115,566	117,444	118,987	103	101
Total	10,749,285	10,689,508	11,174,981	104	105
Turkeys					
Young	1,853,302	1,837,043	1,735,794	94	94
Old	16,113	17,048	15,079	94	88
Total	1,869,415	1,854,091	1,750,873	94	94
Ducks	40,473	38,296	43,872	108	115
Other Poultry	1,834	2,012	786	43	39
Total Poultry	12,661,007	12,583,907	12,970,512	102	103

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Commodity	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2003
				Apr 2003	Mar 2004	2003	2004	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			
Live Weight				<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Chickens								
Young	13,332	16,385	17,276	130	105	58,985	64,891	110
Mature	1,113	786	890	80	113	4,184	3,491	83
Light	614	264	419	68	159	2,320	1,364	59
Heavy	499	522	471	94	90	1,864	2,127	114
Total	14,445	17,171	18,166	126	106	63,169	68,382	108
Turkeys								
Young	1,860	2,509	2,308	124	92	9,135	8,834	97
Old	84	25	41	49	164	578	139	24
Total	1,944	2,534	2,349	121	93	9,713	8,973	92
Ducks	34	27	30	88	111	112	112	100
Other Poultry	2					13	1	8
Total Poultry	16,425	19,732	20,545	125	104	73,007	77,468	106
	<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	0.36	0.41	0.45	125	110	0.41	0.43	105
Mature	1.52	1.15	1.30	86	113	1.48	1.38	93
Light	2.15	1.28	2.04	95	159	2.26	1.74	77
Heavy	1.12	1.10	0.99	88	90	1.04	1.21	116
Total	0.38	0.43	0.47	124	109	0.43	0.45	105
Turkeys								
Young	0.31	0.42	0.41	132	98	0.39	0.40	103
Old	1.83	0.41	0.75	41	183	2.47	0.68	28
Total	0.32	0.42	0.41	128	98	0.41	0.41	100
Ducks	0.25	0.18	0.21	84	117	0.21	0.19	90
Other Poultry	0.24	0.11	0.08	33	73	0.37	0.16	43
Total Poultry	0.37	0.43	0.46	124	107	0.43	0.44	102

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, April 2004 ¹**

Commodity	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2003
				Apr 2003	Mar 2004	2003	2004	
	<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	31,209	40,070	36,887	118	92	126,266	148,711	118
Mature	4,430	3,335	3,401	77	102	16,291	12,546	77
Light	2,620	1,548	1,624	62	105	9,183	6,464	70
Heavy	1,810	1,787	1,777	98	99	7,108	6,082	86
Total	35,639	43,405	40,288	113	93	142,557	161,257	113
Turkeys								
Young	11,105	11,479	9,774	88	85	42,927	39,801	93
Old	363	494	361	99	73	1,764	1,423	81
Total	11,468	11,973	10,135	88	85	44,691	41,224	92
Ducks	317	382	347	109	91	1,147	1,427	124
Other Poultry	17	9	5	29	56	62	22	35
Total Poultry	47,441	55,769	50,775	107	91	188,457	203,930	108
	<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	0.94	1.12	1.08	115	96	0.98	1.11	113
Mature	6.72	5.44	5.54	82	102	6.42	5.50	86
Light	10.20	8.34	8.77	86	105	9.92	9.15	92
Heavy	4.50	4.18	4.14	92	99	4.41	3.86	88
Total	1.05	1.20	1.16	110	97	1.09	1.18	108
Turkeys								
Young	2.07	2.16	1.93	93	89	2.05	2.02	99
Old	8.85	8.99	7.36	83	82	8.39	7.76	92
Total	2.12	2.23	1.99	94	89	2.11	2.07	98
Ducks	2.59	2.84	2.68	103	94	2.38	2.78	117
Other Poultry	2.26	2.91	1.80	80	62	2.09	2.18	104
Total Poultry	1.20	1.34	1.27	106	95	1.24	1.30	105

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, April 2004**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	93,271	90,781	484,867	470,667	5.20	5.18
AR	107,209	101,195	518,082	499,322	4.83	4.93
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	24,248	23,001	155,574	146,387	6.42	6.36
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	106,673	104,575	527,091	513,912	4.94	4.91
KY	25,095	22,334	124,010	119,086	4.94	5.33
LA	17,088	16,926	94,452	92,288	5.53	5.45
MD	12,993	11,955	65,776	59,734	5.06	5.00
MS	70,439	66,006	368,390	354,824	5.23	5.38
MO	35,808	32,471	154,438	149,065	4.31	4.59
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	59,253	52,178	361,766	329,624	6.11	6.32
OH	3,491	3,285	18,678	17,746	5.35	5.40
PA	9,989	9,052	52,089	48,697	5.21	5.38
SC	22,201	21,414	131,527	126,725	5.92	5.92
TN	19,572	21,976	101,470	104,183	5.18	4.74
TX	56,930	54,101	287,992	275,607	5.06	5.09
VA	28,839	27,494	140,590	140,682	4.87	5.12
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	74,547	70,587	373,218	349,377	5.01	4.95
US	767,646	729,331	3,960,010	3,797,926	5.16	5.21

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

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	349,825	346,666	5,219	4,783	1.20	1.13
AR	374,314	360,012	4,922	5,113	1.06	1.14
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	111,759	105,773	2,140	2,178	1.53	1.65
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	380,184	370,667	5,638	4,146	1.19	0.90
KY	91,400	87,149	828	863	0.74	0.81
LA	63,590	64,658	419	413	0.49	0.50
MD	47,173	43,854	757	737	1.28	1.37
MS	279,147	270,009	2,679	2,939	0.81	0.92
MO	111,150	109,924	1,538	1,454	1.11	1.08
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	282,679	257,345	4,505	3,717	1.38	1.25
OH	13,760	13,381	261	224	1.55	1.41
PA	36,446	34,133	822	769	1.75	1.75
SC	98,855	95,174	887	845	0.75	0.74
TN	76,948	77,722	818	772	0.90	0.82
TX	223,205	213,041	3,480	3,176	1.34	1.28
VA	102,689	103,844	1,340	1,240	1.06	0.98
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	267,683	255,281	3,817	3,518	1.14	1.12
US	2,910,807	2,808,633	40,070	36,887	1.12	1.08

* 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, March 2004**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	*	*	116,825	51,887	*	*
AR		768	198,687	115,685	3,481	2,264
CA		1,316	*	5,180	367	801
DE		*	110,208	57,479	43	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA	*	590	83,589	60,150	*	4,752
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		*	43,595	16,268	*	*
LA		72	18,456	6,595	54	*
MD		*	44,522	30,204	33	*
MS		228	68,841	35,282	560	734
MO		1,643	90,358	30,828	454	2,079
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		1,005	112,041	78,245	139	11,314
OH		*	20,370	*	*	67
PA		*	27,294	21,693	301	566
SC	*	*	14,189	*	28	1,075
TN		*	43,768	15,054	186	715
TX	*	*	120,473	91,264	368	2,575
VA		238	49,402	24,409	*	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	44	24,154	211,112	49,076	2,826	22,891
US	44	30,038	1,373,730	689,299	8,840	49,833
Mature Birds						
Light		2,583	192,519	12,360	141	82,258
Heavy		684	61,143	3,529	222	10,953
US		3,267	253,662	15,889	363	93,211

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	4,329	24,643	20,670	7,251	159,053	389,497
AR	8,336	21,376	32,351	3,093	68,541	454,582
CA	737	5,886	2,208	*	*	134,022
DE	2,584	11,342	11,404	*	49,686	261,925
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	3,645	32,792	10,569	7,659	103,838	307,955
IN	85	*	342	*	*	*
KY	214	6,908	4,289	*	*	87,128
LA	*	3,049	2,772	*	3,108	37,611
MD	*	8,830	*	*	*	149,349
MS	2,553	17,935	10,904	531	62,120	199,688
MO	1,282	*	9,929	*	47,228	198,076
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	2,459	336	4,131	15,440
NC	3,843	29,298	22,638	8,353	162,384	429,260
OH	126	806	*	*	*	34,738
PA	1,173	4,160	5,604	*	28,486	89,755
SC	629	*	2,003	*	5,458	49,198
TN	970	8,857	4,403	564	*	87,643
TX	1,090	8,307	9,583	805	24,519	259,059
VA	1,553	10,253	8,787	2,325	33,597	134,222
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	5,038	33,129	46,697	13,726	125,141	227,939
US	38,187	227,571	207,612	44,643	877,290	3,547,087
Mature Birds						
Light	6,528	9,668	137,748	1,269	79,370	524,444
Heavy	1,710	14,610	21,540	1,786	75,626	191,803
US	8,238	24,278	159,288	3,055	154,996	716,247

* 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, April 2004**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	*	349	110,960	54,760	*	*
AR	*	*	171,728	89,600	3,023	1,959
CA		*	*	4,051	198	719
DE	*	*	107,794	55,875	52	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA	*	509	80,409	47,961	*	3,564
IN		*	6,531	*	*	*
KY		*	40,765	18,867	14	*
LA		*	18,373	5,183	*	*
MD		*	43,370	27,061	50	*
MS	*	*	62,571	33,312	665	744
MO		1,643	75,015	21,477	440	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		615	97,708	68,783	91	7,770
OH		*	16,166	*	19	42
PA		244	22,753	15,343	249	352
SC	*	*	14,296	*	*	*
TN	*	*	46,181	9,619	135	548
TX		*	104,795	70,514	*	1,885
VA	*	*	46,139	18,338	*	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	5,272	43,679	193,238	38,822	4,102	22,210
US	5,272	47,039	1,258,792	579,566	9,038	39,793
Mature Birds						
Light		2,968	201,497	12,734	163	95,324
Heavy		870	65,864	3,522	273	9,360
US		3,838	267,361	16,256	436	104,684

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	3,998	22,609	22,052	11,023	140,059	371,650
AR	7,969	19,919	29,577	1,705	61,462	391,306
CA	503	6,324	2,254	*	*	134,173
DE	2,380	10,759	10,620	1,939	46,769	268,647
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	3,478	29,957	11,242	6,775	83,320	267,658
IN	60	*	374	*	*	*
KY	200	6,371	*	2,058	7,729	81,277
LA	*	2,987	3,433	*	3,785	36,439
MD	*	8,124	*	549	*	137,702
MS	2,711	15,288	10,435	659	59,864	186,902
MO	1,517	11,813	*	714	35,739	171,270
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	2,414	452	2,720	*
NC	3,207	20,113	18,798	5,265	101,312	323,662
OH	126	*	*	*	*	31,759
PA	978	3,624	5,132	214	25,124	74,013
SC	669	6,534	1,781	*	3,772	44,407
TN	1,148	7,442	5,073	*	*	96,925
TX	1,103	8,188	8,492	460	16,301	212,116
VA	1,446	9,973	8,376	*	23,267	112,823
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	4,768	10,024	59,863	14,089	113,832	203,954
US	36,261	200,049	199,916	45,902	725,055	3,146,683
Mature Birds						
Light	6,923	8,332	120,196	1,447	93,058	542,642
Heavy	1,495	12,475	24,346	824	76,106	195,135
US	8,418	20,807	144,542	2,271	169,164	737,777

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	3,015	2,964	55,343	55,006	18.35	18.56
CA	*	1,103	*	29,783	*	27.01
IA	*	*	*	*	*	*
MN	2,920	2,811	80,854	76,053	27.69	27.05
MO	1,551	1,497	45,498	46,426	29.34	31.01
NC	3,659	3,097	88,282	88,096	24.13	28.44
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	10,934	9,011	320,974	266,484	29.36	29.57
US	22,079	20,483	590,951	561,848	26.77	27.43

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	45,804	46,189	766	686	1.54	1.39
CA	*	24,096	*	704	*	2.63
IA	*	*	*	*	*	*
MN	64,765	60,153	2,338	1,537	3.21	2.25
MO	34,787	36,407	1,000	1,021	2.44	2.44
NC	68,664	69,145	1,069	1,178	1.34	1.49
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	252,530	208,761	6,306	4,648	2.18	1.94
US	466,550	444,751	11,479	9,774	2.16	1.93

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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, March 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		2	6,551	*	*	*
CA		*	*	41	*	*
IA			4,625	1,722	*	*
MN		*	19,749	*	*	*
MO		*	11,247	*	*	*
NC			*	*		*
OH		*	*	*	*	
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States	3	33	37,140	14,361	4,797	82
US	3	35	79,312	16,124	4,797	82
Old (Breeders)						
US		1	8,287	486	28	84
	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	*	626	*	*	1,480	11,047
CA	50	*	*	224	*	*
IA	74	481	467	*	299	9,536
MN	*	652	595	*	1,749	28,356
MO	*	*	302	*	*	14,696
NC	83	1,172	513	274	1,703	7,869
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	564	3,104	2,692	682	8,915	55,550
US	771	6,035	4,569	1,180	14,146	127,054
Old (Breeders)						
US	32	159	162	25	2,159	11,423

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**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, April 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			5,428	*	*	*
CA		*	6,758	55	*	*
IA			4,558	1,208	*	*
MN		*	17,845	2,170	*	9
MO			11,409	*		
NC		*	*	*		*
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA			*	211	*	*
VA		*	*	*		*
Other States		41	26,729	4,765	4,384	46
US		41	72,727	8,409	4,384	55
Old (Breeders)						
US		1	5,776	835	18	94
	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	*	796	*	*	1,034	*
CA	55	*	*	*	*	7,603
IA	98	581	*	*	187	8,718
MN	*	*	668	*	2,397	24,681
MO	63	*	249	*	*	14,897
NC	104	937	507	*	1,429	7,571
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	1,618	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	476	3,187	3,216	1,668	5,264	46,680
US	796	5,501	4,640	1,668	11,929	110,150
Old (Breeders)						
US	6	161	361	17	4,002	11,271

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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.

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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.

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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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