



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 2 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during May 2004 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.27 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the amount certified in May 2003. Updated totals for April 2004 show that 3.32 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during May 2004 was 4.39 billion pounds, down 2 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.74 billion pounds, down 1 percent from May 2003, and mature chickens at 64.3 million pounds, were down 11 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 564 million pounds, down 8 percent, and ducks totaled 13.8 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during May 2004 averaged 5.24 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from May 2003. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.55 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2004 averaged 27.6 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from May 2003.

Ante-mortem condemnations during May 2004 totaled 16.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.38 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.35 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 47.0 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.19 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.13 percent a year earlier.

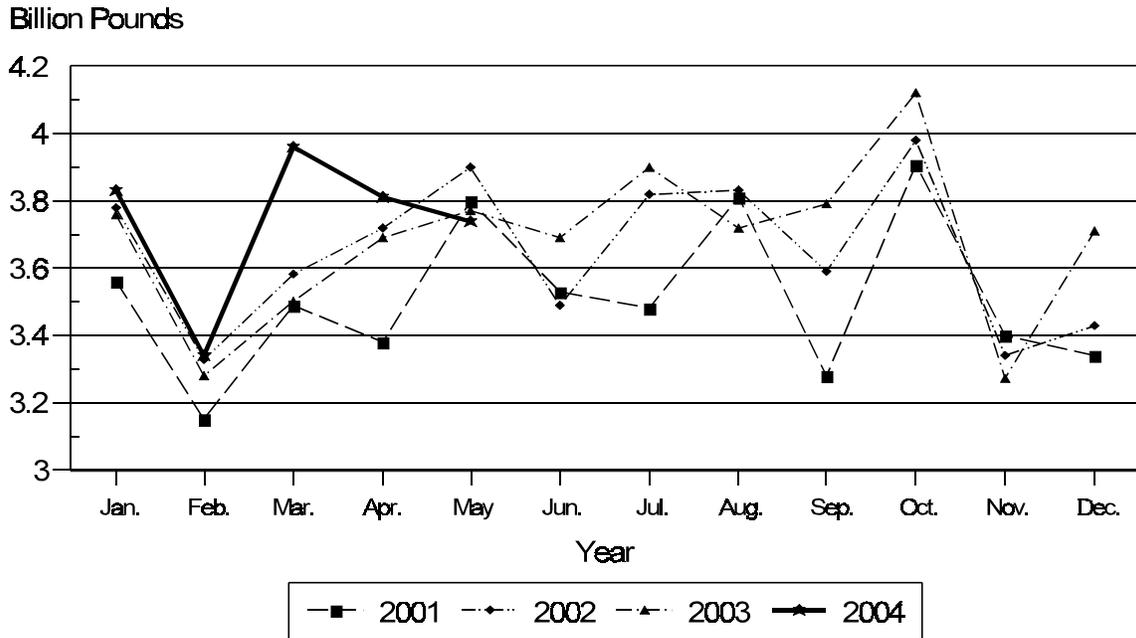
May 2004 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

May 2003 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

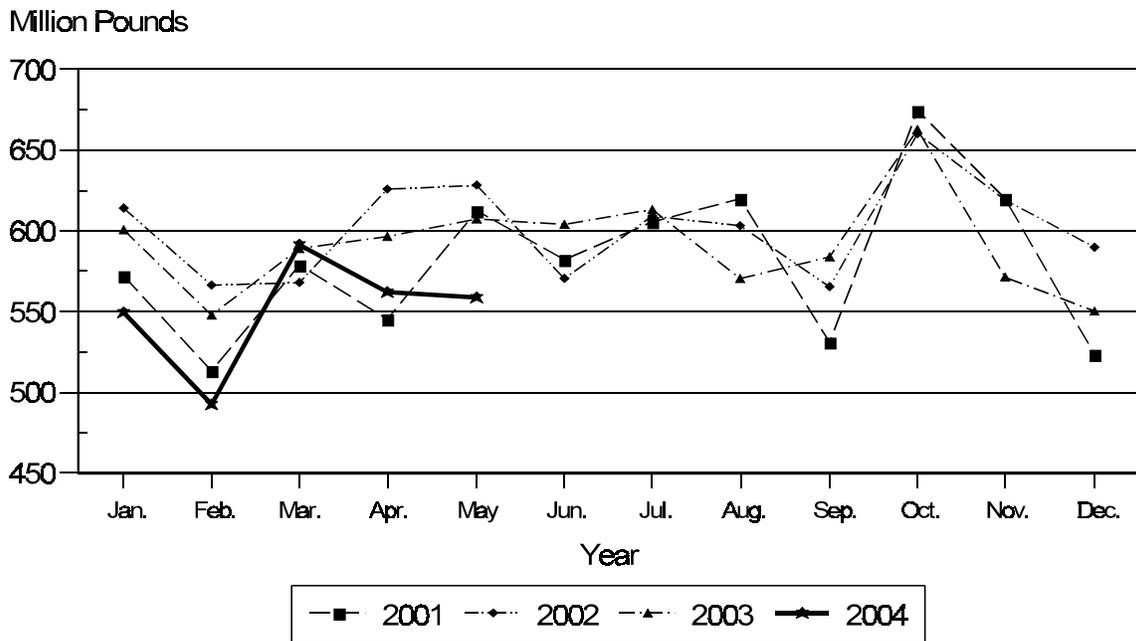
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Young Turkeys: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2001-2004



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

Commodity	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Percent of	
				May 2003	Apr 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	727,278	730,963	714,660	98	98
Mature	13,093	12,076	11,591	89	96
Light	7,164	6,131	6,112	85	100
Heavy	5,929	5,945	5,479	92	92
Total	740,371	743,039	726,251	98	98
Turkeys					
Young	22,357	20,483	20,239	91	99
Old	244	208	196	80	94
Total	22,601	20,691	20,435	90	99
Ducks	2,104	2,169	2,046	97	94
	<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	3,774,424	3,808,078	3,743,544	99	98
Mature	72,094	68,267	64,283	89	94
Light	24,658	20,566	20,440	83	99
Heavy	47,436	47,701	43,843	92	92
Total	3,846,518	3,876,345	3,807,827	99	98
Turkeys					
Young	608,654	561,849	558,657	92	99
Old	6,695	5,454	5,304	79	97
Total	615,349	567,303	563,961	92	99
Ducks	13,285	14,393	13,766	104	96
Other Poultry	853	347	379	44	109
Total Poultry	4,476,005	4,458,388	4,385,933	98	98
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.19	5.21	5.24	101	101
Mature	5.51	5.65	5.55	101	98
Light	3.44	3.35	3.34	97	100
Heavy	8.00	8.02	8.00	100	100
Total	5.20	5.22	5.24	101	100
Turkeys					
Young	27.22	27.43	27.60	101	101
Old	27.48	26.21	27.07	99	103
Total	27.22	27.42	27.60	101	101
Ducks	6.31	6.64	6.73	107	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, May 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	3,577,280	3,482,432	3,583,654	100	103
Mature	73,024	66,176	57,395	79	87
Light	44,350	37,501	29,478	66	79
Heavy	28,674	28,675	27,917	97	97
Total	3,650,304	3,548,608	3,641,049	100	103
Turkeys					
Young	109,237	107,100	101,086	93	94
Old	867	1,101	947	109	86
Total	110,104	108,201	102,033	93	94
Ducks	10,221	10,228	10,545	103	103
	<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	18,265,310	18,021,894	18,679,682	102	104
Mature	376,358	353,822	317,927	84	90
Light	151,071	127,483	98,948	65	78
Heavy	225,287	226,339	218,979	97	97
Total	18,641,668	18,375,716	18,997,609	102	103
Turkeys					
Young	2,984,152	2,937,498	2,752,285	92	94
Old	24,248	30,063	25,686	106	85
Total	3,008,400	2,967,561	2,777,971	92	94
Ducks	68,924	66,906	70,729	103	106
Other Poultry	3,770	4,150	1,559	41	38
Total Poultry	21,722,762	21,414,333	21,847,868	101	102
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.11	5.18	5.21	102	101
Mature	5.15	5.35	5.54	108	104
Light	3.41	3.40	3.36	99	99
Heavy	7.86	7.89	7.84	100	99
Total	5.11	5.18	5.22	102	101
Turkeys					
Young	27.32	27.43	27.31	100	100
Old	27.97	27.29	27.12	97	99
Total	27.32	27.42	27.31	100	100
Ducks	6.74	6.54	6.71	100	103

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

Commodity	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Percent of	
				May 2003	Apr 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	2,498,351	2,578,704	2,519,722	101	98
Mature	42,798	41,912	38,843	91	93
Light	11,493	10,072	9,966	87	99
Heavy	31,305	31,840	28,877	92	91
Total	2,541,149	2,620,616	2,558,565	101	98
Turkeys					
Young	249,180	236,450	228,626	92	97
Old	4,575	3,526	3,120	68	88
Total	253,755	239,976	231,746	91	97
Ducks	3,239	6,626	5,924	183	89
Other Poultry	219	197	198	90	101
Total Poultry	2,798,362	2,867,415	2,796,433	100	98
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	282,828	238,947	247,884	88	104
Mature	1,233	243	369	30	152
Light	1,063	43	167	16	388
Heavy	170	200	202	119	101
Total	284,061	239,190	248,253	87	104
Turkeys					
Young	227,637	208,702	216,501	95	104
Old	326	518	697	214	135
Total	227,963	209,220	217,198	95	104
Ducks	6,253	4,437	4,122	66	93
Other Poultry	303	30	49	16	163
Total Poultry	518,580	452,877	469,622	91	104
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,781,179	2,817,651	2,767,606	100	98
Mature	44,031	42,155	39,212	89	93
Light	12,556	10,115	10,133	81	100
Heavy	31,475	32,040	29,079	92	91
Total	2,825,210	2,859,806	2,806,818	99	98
Turkeys					
Young	476,817	445,152	445,127	93	100
Old	4,901	4,044	3,817	78	94
Total	481,718	449,196	448,944	93	100
Ducks	9,492	11,063	10,046	106	91
Other Poultry	522	227	247	47	109
Total Poultry	3,316,942	3,320,292	3,266,055	98	98

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, May 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	12,243,644	12,000,297	12,594,524	103	105
Mature	217,865	207,885	196,291	90	94
Light	71,392	59,965	49,671	70	83
Heavy	146,473	147,920	146,620	100	99
Total	12,461,509	12,208,182	12,790,815	103	105
Turkeys					
Young	1,146,201	1,216,753	1,176,711	103	97
Old	15,389	19,528	16,118	105	83
Total	1,161,590	1,236,281	1,192,829	103	96
Ducks	18,634	16,420	33,033	177	201
Other Poultry	1,042	993	856	82	86
Total Poultry	13,642,775	13,461,876	14,017,533	103	104
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	1,221,607	1,300,990	1,198,282	98	92
Mature	7,574	5,546	1,720	23	31
Light	6,482	4,547	274	4	6
Heavy	1,092	999	1,446	132	145
Total	1,229,181	1,306,536	1,200,002	98	92
Turkeys					
Young	1,201,655	1,097,107	1,004,611	84	92
Old	2,990	2,421	2,778	93	115
Total	1,204,645	1,099,528	1,007,389	84	92
Ducks	32,518	31,368	21,285	65	68
Other Poultry	1,296	1,541	177	14	11
Total Poultry	2,467,640	2,438,973	2,228,853	90	91
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	13,465,251	13,301,287	13,792,806	102	104
Mature	225,439	213,431	198,011	88	93
Light	77,874	64,512	49,945	64	77
Heavy	147,565	148,919	148,066	100	99
Total	13,690,690	13,514,718	13,990,817	102	104
Turkeys					
Young	2,347,856	2,313,860	2,181,322	93	94
Old	18,379	21,949	18,896	103	86
Total	2,366,235	2,335,809	2,200,218	93	94
Ducks	51,152	47,788	54,318	106	114
Other Poultry	2,338	2,534	1,033	44	41
Total Poultry	16,110,415	15,900,849	16,246,386	101	102

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Commodity	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2003
				May 2003	Apr 2004	2003	2004	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	12,705	17,300	14,023	110	81	71,690	78,938	110
Mature	1,132	890	815	72	92	5,316	4,306	81
Light	595	419	400	67	95	2,915	1,764	61
Heavy	537	471	415	77	88	2,401	2,542	106
Total	13,837	18,190	14,838	107	82	77,006	83,244	108
Turkeys								
Young	1,903	2,308	1,678	88	73	11,038	10,512	95
Old	95	41	71	75	173	673	210	31
Total	1,998	2,349	1,749	88	74	11,711	10,722	92
Ducks	23	30	24	104	80	135	136	101
Other Poultry	2					15	1	7
Total Poultry	15,860	20,569	16,611	105	81	88,867	94,103	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	0.34	0.45	0.37	109	82	0.40	0.42	105
Mature	1.57	1.30	1.27	81	98	1.50	1.35	90
Light	2.41	2.04	1.96	81	96	2.29	1.78	78
Heavy	1.13	0.99	0.95	84	96	1.06	1.16	109
Total	0.36	0.47	0.39	108	83	0.42	0.44	105
Turkeys								
Young	0.31	0.41	0.30	97	73	0.38	0.38	100
Old	1.42	0.75	1.35	95	180	2.24	0.81	36
Total	0.32	0.41	0.31	97	76	0.39	0.39	100
Ducks	0.18	0.21	0.17	94	81	0.20	0.19	95
Other Poultry	0.23	0.08	0.10	43	125	0.34	0.14	41
Total Poultry	0.35	0.46	0.38	109	83	0.41	0.43	105

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

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

Commodity	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2003
				May 2003	Apr 2004	2003	2004	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
N.Y. Dressed Weight								
Chickens								
Young	30,806	36,965	33,780	110	91	157,072	182,569	116
Mature	3,657	3,401	3,143	86	92	19,948	15,689	79
Light	2,140	1,624	1,515	71	93	11,323	7,979	70
Heavy	1,517	1,777	1,628	107	92	8,625	7,710	89
Total	34,463	40,366	36,923	107	91	177,020	198,258	112
Turkeys								
Young	10,440	9,774	9,333	89	95	53,367	49,134	92
Old	386	361	365	95	101	2,150	1,788	83
Total	10,826	10,135	9,698	90	96	55,517	50,922	92
Ducks	353	347	326	92	94	1,500	1,753	117
Other Poultry	13	5	5	38	100	75	27	36
Total Poultry	45,655	50,853	46,952	103	92	234,112	250,960	107
	<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	0.91	1.08	1.00	110	93	0.97	1.09	112
Mature	5.64	5.54	5.43	96	98	6.26	5.48	88
Light	9.64	8.77	8.23	85	94	9.87	8.96	91
Heavy	3.55	4.14	4.12	116	100	4.23	3.91	92
Total	1.00	1.16	1.08	108	93	1.07	1.16	108
Turkeys								
Young	1.91	1.93	1.86	97	96	2.02	1.98	98
Old	6.40	7.36	7.64	119	104	7.95	7.73	97
Total	1.95	1.99	1.91	98	96	2.08	2.04	98
Ducks	2.95	2.68	2.63	89	98	2.49	2.75	110
Other Poultry	1.66	1.80	1.74	105	97	2.00	2.08	104
Total Poultry	1.13	1.27	1.19	105	94	1.21	1.28	106

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, May 2004**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<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	90,781	86,880	470,667	447,995	5.18	5.16
AR	100,875	96,227	499,322	482,090	4.95	5.01
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	23,001	23,330	146,387	148,019	6.36	6.34
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	104,575	99,382	513,912	501,165	4.91	5.04
KY	22,227	22,392	118,442	120,413	5.33	5.38
LA	16,984	15,329	92,765	83,073	5.46	5.42
MD	11,955	12,438	59,734	62,132	5.00	5.00
MS	66,207	64,172	355,952	352,406	5.38	5.49
MO	32,471	33,290	149,068	156,096	4.59	4.69
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	53,978	56,318	338,806	351,192	6.28	6.24
OH	3,285	3,399	17,746	18,232	5.40	5.36
PA	9,052	9,612	48,697	50,674	5.38	5.27
SC	21,414	21,212	126,725	123,520	5.92	5.82
TN	21,976	19,356	104,183	96,095	4.74	4.96
TX	54,101	54,561	275,607	270,963	5.09	4.97
VA	27,494	26,988	140,682	139,128	5.12	5.16
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	70,587	69,774	349,383	340,351	4.95	4.88
US	730,963	714,660	3,808,078	3,743,544	5.21	5.24

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

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<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	346,666	327,816	4,783	4,462	1.13	1.11
AR	360,012	352,240	5,113	4,494	1.14	1.04
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	105,773	106,510	2,178	2,678	1.65	2.01
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	370,667	364,706	4,146	3,791	0.90	0.84
KY	86,698	89,365	855	757	0.80	0.70
LA	66,278	59,524	414	353	0.50	0.47
MD	43,854	44,262	737	648	1.37	1.16
MS	270,371	266,449	2,944	2,252	0.92	0.71
MO	109,926	113,409	1,454	1,193	1.08	0.85
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	264,841	266,435	3,797	3,522	1.25	1.11
OH	13,381	13,360	224	240	1.41	1.46
PA	34,137	35,820	769	805	1.75	1.76
SC	95,174	92,192	845	739	0.74	0.66
TN	77,722	73,359	772	681	0.82	0.79
TX	213,041	210,469	3,176	2,532	1.28	1.04
VA	103,844	103,513	1,240	1,199	0.98	0.96
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	255,266	248,177	3,518	3,434	1.12	1.12
US	2,817,651	2,767,606	36,965	33,780	1.08	1.00

* 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, 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		1,179	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	420	3,564
IN		*	6,531	*	*	*
KY		*	40,256	18,665	14	*
LA		*	18,450	5,217	*	*
MD		*	43,370	27,061	50	*
MS		274	62,571	33,312	665	744
MO		1,643	75,015	21,477	440	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		619	99,677	69,055	91	9,098
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		42,226	193,238	38,822	3,682	22,201
US		47,043	1,260,329	579,670	9,038	41,112
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	370,030
AR	7,969	19,919	29,577	1,705	61,462	388,121
CA	503	6,324	2,254	*	*	134,173
DE	2,380	10,759	10,620	1,939	46,769	268,589
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	3,478	29,957	11,242	6,775	83,320	267,635
IN	60	*	374	*	*	*
KY	198	6,327	*	1,934	7,393	80,034
LA	*	2,987	3,434	*	3,789	36,555
MD	*	8,124	*	549	*	137,702
MS	2,711	15,288	10,435	659	59,864	186,523
MO	1,517	11,813	*	714	35,739	171,270
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	2,414	452	2,720	*
NC	3,356	21,097	20,318	5,639	103,617	332,567
OH	126	*	*	*	*	31,759
PA	978	3,624	5,132	214	25,124	74,013
SC	669	6,534	1,781	*	3,772	44,405
TN	1,148	7,442	5,073	*	*	96,921
TX	1,103	8,188	8,492	460	16,301	212,116
VA	1,446	9,973	8,376	*	23,267	112,822
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	4,768	10,024	59,846	14,089	113,832	203,954
US	36,408	200,989	201,420	46,152	727,028	3,149,189
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

* 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, May 2004**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		340	118,713	81,652	*	*
AR		*	154,126	66,042	*	1,795
CA		*	*	3,586	205	1,028
DE		*	100,106	40,758	70	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		*	77,262	35,816	*	3,621
IN		*	5,930	*	165	*
KY		*	36,943	10,853	*	*
LA		*	16,788	5,765	52	132
MD		*	38,939	15,027	58	*
MS		*	55,416	26,374	543	*
MO		1,263	64,392	12,386	278	*
NJ		2	*	*	*	*
NY		314	*	*	*	*
NC		402	102,280	51,968	*	*
OH		*	16,188	*	30	*
PA		*	23,250	13,187	290	342
SC		*	13,755	*	96	988
TN		148	43,551	8,469	*	434
TX		99	86,457	42,616	*	1,475
VA		*	42,854	*	8	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		31,679	182,468	50,854	7,381	30,892
US		34,247	1,179,418	465,353	9,176	40,707
Mature Birds						
Light		2,756	181,657	14,792	132	88,981
Heavy		605	52,747	3,751	168	7,981
US		3,361	234,404	18,543	300	96,962

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	4,045	25,224	21,689	8,279	125,743	389,694
AR	7,615	19,119	26,643	2,613	47,661	329,320
CA	331	*	2,003	*	7,921	118,979
DE	2,476	11,916	10,416	4,388	52,465	242,957
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	3,262	31,808	10,861	27,947	83,967	275,582
IN	*	*	272	*	*	*
KY	174	8,325	*	*	9,083	72,295
LA	356	2,817	*	*	2,528	31,257
MD	*	7,854	*	634	*	117,129
MS	2,291	12,023	8,187	1,010	47,936	155,546
MO	1,432	9,564	13,374	*	33,290	138,459
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	2,200	468	6,211	16,287
NC	3,046	24,102	18,991	6,198	71,544	289,447
OH	*	1,165	*	*	*	37,263
PA	1,009	3,401	4,940	*	35,069	81,904
SC	709	4,833	1,941	*	5,657	39,996
TN	1,119	7,752	5,716	*	*	82,047
TX	995	6,739	7,587	*	11,348	159,253
VA	1,223	11,432	8,348	3,293	13,598	98,194
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	3,945	14,806	41,043	12,062	86,903	182,227
US	34,028	202,880	184,211	66,892	640,924	2,857,836
Mature Birds						
Light	6,466	7,460	104,675	1,289	90,748	498,956
Heavy	1,104	7,569	16,505	2,582	67,852	160,864
US	7,570	15,029	121,180	3,871	158,600	659,820

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<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	2,964	2,693	55,006	50,939	18.56	18.92
CA	1,103	*	29,783	*	27.01	*
IA	*	*	*	*	*	*
MN	2,811	3,006	76,053	80,911	27.05	26.92
MO	1,497	1,502	46,426	45,964	31.01	30.60
NC	3,097	3,025	88,097	86,168	28.44	28.48
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	9,011	10,013	266,484	294,675	29.57	29.43
US	20,483	20,239	561,849	558,657	27.43	27.60

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	April	May	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
			April	May	April	May
	<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	46,189	42,557	686	634	1.39	1.38
CA	24,096	*	704	*	2.63	*
IA	*	*	*	*	*	*
MN	60,153	64,431	1,537	1,584	2.25	2.18
MO	36,407	36,338	1,021	860	2.44	2.08
NC	68,946	68,676	1,178	1,113	1.49	1.44
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	209,361	233,125	4,648	5,142	1.94	1.94
US	445,152	445,127	9,774	9,333	1.93	1.86

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature)						
AR		*	5,077	*	19	11
CA		5	5,084	*	*	*
IA			3,613	*	*	*
MN		*	15,627	*	*	*
MO			7,259	*		*
NC		*	*	*		2
OH		*	*	*	*	
PA			*	297		7
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States		26	25,411	5,529	3,306	76
US		31	62,071	5,826	3,325	96
Old (Breeders)						
US		2	7,727	581	23	91
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature)						
AR	*	568	*	*	779	*
CA	*	*	*	*	*	6,246
IA	*	358	306	*	527	*
MN	144	*	682	100	*	26,038
MO	*	*	245	*	*	9,928
NC	38	*	*	157	1,410	7,048
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	11	2,018	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	402	4,419	2,938	1,348	11,390	49,929
US	584	5,345	4,171	1,616	16,124	99,189
Old (Breeders)						
US	8	106	194	12	6,992	15,736

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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.

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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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