



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 4 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during June 2004 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.42 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the amount certified in June 2003. Updated totals for May 2004 show that 3.27 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during June 2004 was 4.61 billion pounds, up 4 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.94 billion pounds, up 6 percent from June 2003, and mature chickens at 70.1 million pounds, were down 3 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 591 million pounds, down 3 percent, and ducks totaled 14.6 million pounds, up 20 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during June 2004 averaged 5.23 pounds per bird, up slightly from June 2003. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.65 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during June 2004 averaged 27.5 pounds per bird, up slightly from June 2003.

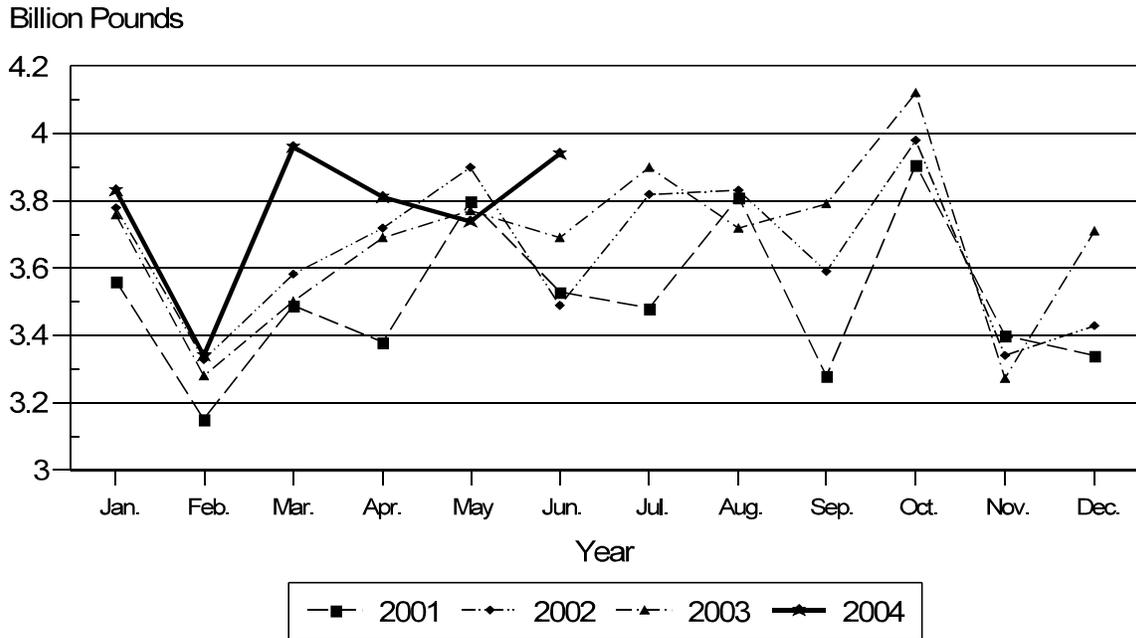
Ante-mortem condemnations during June 2004 totaled 19.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.42 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.40 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 52.1 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.25 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.15 percent a year earlier.

June 2004 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays.  
June 2003 contained 21 weekdays and four Saturdays.

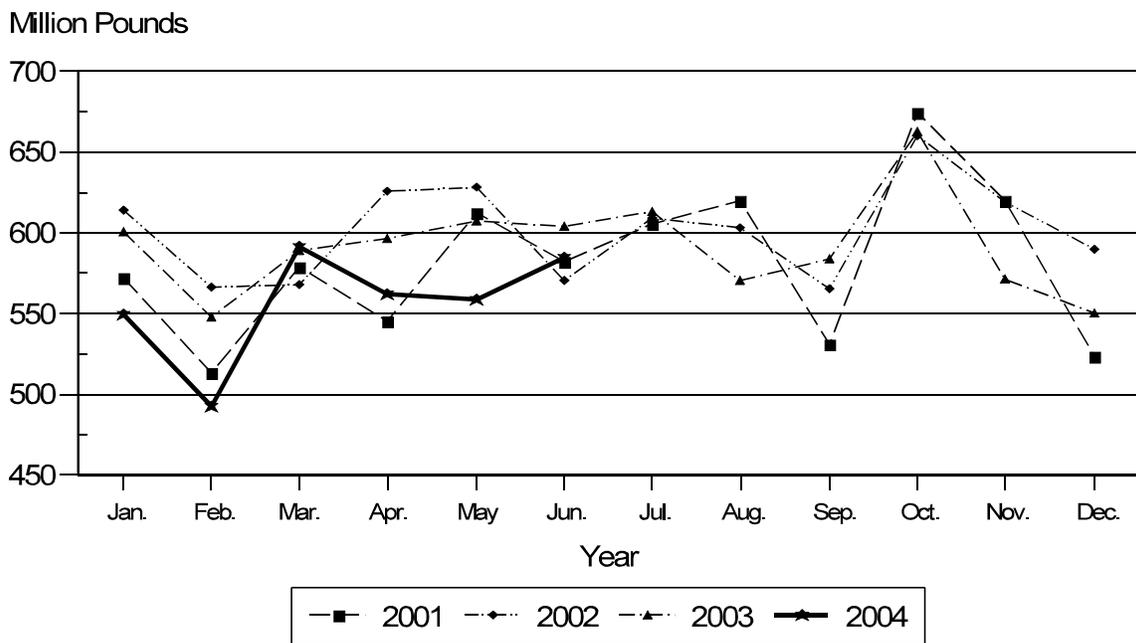
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## Young Chickens: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2001-2004



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



**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,  
United States, June 2004 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Percent of	
				Jun 2003	May 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	714,604	714,731	752,508	105	105
Mature	12,744	11,591	12,403	97	107
Light	6,440	6,112	6,304	98	103
Heavy	6,304	5,479	6,099	97	111
Total	727,348	726,322	764,911	105	105
Turkeys					
Young	22,022	20,239	21,310	97	105
Old	248	196	217	88	111
Total	22,270	20,435	21,527	97	105
Ducks	1,888	2,046	2,196	116	107
	<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	3,728,199	3,743,874	3,935,134	106	105
Mature	72,652	64,299	70,116	97	109
Light	22,294	20,440	21,037	94	103
Heavy	50,358	43,859	49,079	97	112
Total	3,800,851	3,808,173	4,005,250	105	105
Turkeys					
Young	603,366	558,682	585,285	97	105
Old	6,522	5,304	5,800	89	109
Total	609,888	563,986	591,085	97	105
Ducks	12,204	13,766	14,637	120	106
Other Poultry	451	379	414	92	109
Total Poultry	4,423,394	4,386,304	4,611,386	104	105
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.22	5.24	5.23	100	100
Mature	5.70	5.55	5.65	99	102
Light	3.46	3.34	3.34	97	100
Heavy	7.99	8.01	8.05	101	100
Total	5.23	5.24	5.24	100	100
Turkeys					
Young	27.40	27.61	27.47	100	99
Old	26.29	27.07	26.73	102	99
Total	27.39	27.60	27.46	100	99
Ducks	6.46	6.73	6.66	103	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, June 2004 <sup>1</sup> (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>
<b>Number Slaughtered</b>					
Chickens					
Young	4,262,509	4,197,036	4,336,233	102	103
Mature	86,329	78,920	69,798	81	88
Light	51,623	43,941	35,782	69	81
Heavy	34,706	34,979	34,016	98	97
Total	4,348,838	4,275,956	4,406,031	101	103
Turkeys					
Young	130,547	129,122	122,396	94	95
Old	1,037	1,349	1,164	112	86
Total	131,584	130,471	123,560	94	95
Ducks	11,986	12,116	12,741	106	105
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Live Weight</b>					
Chickens					
Young	21,760,273	21,750,093	22,615,146	104	104
Mature	449,641	426,474	388,059	86	91
Light	176,195	149,777	119,985	68	80
Heavy	273,446	276,697	268,074	98	97
Total	22,209,914	22,176,567	23,003,205	104	104
Turkeys					
Young	3,554,387	3,540,864	3,337,595	94	94
Old	28,728	36,585	31,486	110	86
Total	3,583,115	3,577,449	3,369,081	94	94
Ducks	80,667	79,110	85,366	106	108
Other Poultry	4,466	4,601	1,973	44	43
Total Poultry	25,878,162	25,837,727	26,459,625	102	102
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Average Live Weight</b>					
Chickens					
Young	5.11	5.18	5.22	102	101
Mature	5.21	5.40	5.56	107	103
Light	3.41	3.41	3.35	98	98
Heavy	7.88	7.91	7.88	100	100
Total	5.11	5.19	5.22	102	101
Turkeys					
Young	27.23	27.42	27.34	100	100
Old	27.70	27.11	27.05	98	100
Total	27.23	27.42	27.34	100	100
Ducks	6.73	6.53	6.70	100	103

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, June 2004 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Percent of	
				Jun 2003	May 2004
	<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	2,489,225	2,522,295	2,639,855	106	105
Mature	43,442	38,855	43,198	99	111
Light	10,643	9,966	10,734	101	108
Heavy	32,799	28,889	32,464	99	112
Total	2,532,667	2,561,150	2,683,053	106	105
Turkeys					
Young	245,945	228,628	244,663	99	107
Old	4,424	3,120	3,439	78	110
Total	250,369	231,748	248,102	99	107
Ducks	3,041	5,924	6,049	199	102
Other Poultry	213	198	221	104	112
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>2,786,290</b>	<b>2,799,020</b>	<b>2,937,425</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	270,610	247,884	262,714	97	106
Mature	1,086	369	547	50	148
Light	695	167	56	8	34
Heavy	391	202	491	126	243
Total	271,696	248,253	263,261	97	106
Turkeys					
Young	231,582	216,467	218,440	94	101
Old	507	697	842	166	121
Total	232,089	217,164	219,282	94	101
Ducks	5,793	4,122	4,559	79	111
Other Poultry	80	49	48	60	98
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>509,658</b>	<b>469,588</b>	<b>487,150</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	2,759,835	2,770,179	2,902,569	105	105
Mature	44,528	39,224	43,745	98	112
Light	11,338	10,133	10,790	95	106
Heavy	33,190	29,091	32,955	99	113
Total	2,804,363	2,809,403	2,946,314	105	105
Turkeys					
Young	477,527	445,095	463,103	97	104
Old	4,931	3,817	4,281	87	112
Total	482,458	448,912	467,384	97	104
Ducks	8,834	10,046	10,608	120	106
Other Poultry	293	247	269	92	109
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>3,295,948</b>	<b>3,268,608</b>	<b>3,424,575</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>105</b>

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, June 2004 <sup>1</sup> (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>
<b>Chilled</b>					
Chickens					
Young	14,575,086	14,489,522	15,236,952	105	105
Mature	260,340	251,327	239,501	92	95
Light	83,019	70,608	60,405	73	86
Heavy	177,321	180,719	179,096	101	99
Total	14,835,426	14,740,849	15,476,453	104	105
Turkeys					
Young	1,365,222	1,462,698	1,421,376	104	97
Old	18,478	23,952	19,557	106	82
Total	1,383,700	1,486,650	1,440,933	104	97
Ducks	21,643	19,461	39,082	181	201
Other Poultry	1,259	1,206	1,077	86	89
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>16,242,028</b>	<b>16,248,166</b>	<b>16,957,545</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	1,477,222	1,571,600	1,460,996	99	93
Mature	9,131	6,632	2,267	25	34
Light	7,585	5,242	330	4	6
Heavy	1,546	1,390	1,937	125	139
Total	1,486,353	1,578,232	1,463,263	98	93
Turkeys					
Young	1,432,055	1,328,689	1,223,017	85	92
Old	3,369	2,928	3,620	107	124
Total	1,435,424	1,331,617	1,226,637	85	92
Ducks	37,863	37,161	25,844	68	70
Other Poultry	1,527	1,621	225	15	14
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>2,961,167</b>	<b>2,948,631</b>	<b>2,715,969</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	16,052,308	16,061,122	16,697,948	104	104
Mature	269,471	257,959	241,768	90	94
Light	90,604	75,850	60,735	67	80
Heavy	178,867	182,109	181,033	101	99
Total	16,321,779	16,319,081	16,939,716	104	104
Turkeys					
Young	2,797,277	2,791,387	2,644,393	95	95
Old	21,847	26,880	23,177	106	86
Total	2,819,124	2,818,267	2,667,570	95	95
Ducks	59,506	56,622	64,926	109	115
Other Poultry	2,786	2,827	1,302	47	46
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>19,203,195</b>	<b>19,196,797</b>	<b>19,673,514</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>102</b>

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,  
United States, June 2004 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2003
				Jun 2003	May 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	13,923	14,023	16,205	116	116	85,613	95,143	111
Mature	1,310	815	1,485	113	182	6,626	5,791	87
Light	543	400	536	99	134	3,458	2,300	67
Heavy	767	415	949	124	229	3,168	3,491	110
Total	15,233	14,838	17,690	116	119	92,239	100,934	109
Turkeys								
Young	2,474	1,677	1,738	70	104	13,512	12,249	91
Old	85	71	41	48	58	758	251	33
Total	2,559	1,748	1,779	70	102	14,270	12,500	88
Ducks	31	24	120	387	500	166	256	154
Other Poultry	1		1	100		16	2	13
Total Poultry	17,824	16,610	19,590	110	118	106,691	113,692	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 <sup>2</sup>								
Chickens								
Young	0.37	0.37	0.41	111	111	0.39	0.41	105
Mature	1.80	1.27	2.12	118	167	1.55	1.49	96
Light	2.44	1.96	2.55	105	130	2.31	1.92	83
Heavy	1.52	0.95	1.93	127	203	1.15	1.30	113
Total	0.40	0.39	0.44	110	113	0.42	0.42	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.41	0.30	0.30	73	100	0.38	0.37	97
Old	1.30	1.35	0.71	55	53	2.07	0.80	39
Total	0.42	0.31	0.30	71	97	0.40	0.37	93
Ducks	0.25	0.17	0.82	328	482	0.21	0.30	143
Other Poultry	0.18	0.10	0.13	72	130	0.33	0.14	42
Total Poultry	0.40	0.38	0.42	105	111	0.41	0.42	102

<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, June 2004 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2003
				Jun 2003	May 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	31,333	33,784	38,424	123	114	188,405	220,997	117
Mature	3,576	3,143	2,856	80	91	23,524	18,545	79
Light	1,934	1,515	1,412	73	93	13,257	9,391	71
Heavy	1,642	1,628	1,444	88	89	10,267	9,154	89
Total	34,909	36,927	41,280	118	112	211,929	239,542	113
Turkeys								
Young	10,012	9,333	10,106	101	108	63,379	59,240	93
Old	421	365	376	89	103	2,571	2,164	84
Total	10,433	9,698	10,482	100	108	65,950	61,404	93
Ducks	275	326	319	116	98	1,775	2,072	117
Other Poultry	7	5	6	86	120	82	33	40
Total Poultry	45,624	46,956	52,087	114	111	279,736	303,051	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 <sup>2</sup>								
Chickens								
Young	0.93	1.00	1.08	116	108	0.96	1.07	111
Mature	5.47	5.43	4.53	83	83	6.13	5.31	87
Light	9.64	8.23	7.46	77	91	9.83	8.70	89
Heavy	3.62	4.12	3.27	90	79	4.12	3.79	92
Total	1.02	1.08	1.15	113	106	1.06	1.14	108
Turkeys								
Young	1.84	1.86	1.92	104	103	1.99	1.97	99
Old	7.17	7.64	7.20	100	94	7.81	7.63	98
Total	1.90	1.91	1.97	104	103	2.05	2.02	99
Ducks	2.51	2.63	2.42	96	92	2.49	2.70	108
Other Poultry	1.89	1.74	1.64	87	94	1.99	1.98	99
Total Poultry	1.15	1.19	1.25	109	105	1.20	1.26	105

<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, June 2004**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	<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	86,880	94,007	447,995	477,149	5.16	5.08
AR	96,227	101,290	482,090	513,419	5.01	5.07
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	23,330	24,308	148,019	157,070	6.34	6.46
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	99,446	106,183	501,459	529,198	5.04	4.98
KY	22,392	23,466	120,413	123,894	5.38	5.28
LA	15,329	15,938	83,073	85,898	5.42	5.39
MD	12,438	12,517	62,132	63,487	5.00	5.07
MS	64,172	67,428	352,410	357,845	5.49	5.31
MO	33,291	36,311	156,100	164,587	4.69	4.53
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	56,318	58,030	351,192	365,054	6.24	6.29
OH	3,399	3,341	18,232	17,362	5.36	5.20
PA	9,612	10,446	50,674	52,787	5.27	5.05
SC	21,212	21,813	123,520	125,747	5.82	5.76
TN	19,356	20,000	96,095	103,449	4.96	5.17
TX	54,561	56,430	270,963	293,322	4.97	5.20
VA	26,988	30,363	139,128	151,055	5.16	4.98
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	69,780	70,637	340,379	353,811	4.88	5.01
US	714,731	752,508	3,743,874	3,935,134	5.24	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, June 2004**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	<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	327,816	348,906	4,462	4,850	1.11	1.13
AR	352,240	369,054	4,494	5,323	1.04	1.15
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	106,510	112,747	2,678	2,040	2.01	1.44
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	364,957	383,138	3,794	4,525	0.84	0.95
KY	89,365	91,961	757	1,095	0.70	0.98
LA	59,524	63,157	353	354	0.47	0.46
MD	44,262	46,457	648	602	1.16	1.05
MS	266,452	274,808	2,252	2,601	0.71	0.81
MO	113,411	120,244	1,193	1,130	0.85	0.76
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	268,732	277,192	3,522	5,583	1.11	1.70
OH	13,360	12,555	240	225	1.46	1.44
PA	35,820	37,036	805	817	1.76	1.72
SC	92,192	94,230	739	779	0.66	0.69
TN	73,359	77,893	681	747	0.79	0.80
TX	210,469	226,973	2,532	2,640	1.04	1.00
VA	103,513	111,787	1,199	1,616	0.96	1.19
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	248,197	254,431	3,435	3,497	1.12	1.10
US	2,770,179	2,902,569	33,784	38,424	1.00	1.08

\* 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, 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		*	*	3,588	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		*	55,417	26,374	543	*
MO		1,263	64,395	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		31,681	182,522	50,854	7,381	30,892
US		34,249	1,179,476	465,355	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 <sup>1</sup>
	<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	334	*	2,003	*	8,030	119,147
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	275,584
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	8,188	1,013	47,942	155,557
MO	1,432	9,564	13,374	*	33,292	138,464
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	34,031	202,880	184,212	66,895	641,041	2,858,022
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

\* 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, June 2004**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		400	125,551	66,863	1,379	2,834
AR		*	162,590	58,462	*	1,599
CA		*	*	3,892	215	923
DE		*	99,345	26,716	*	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		*	83,618	33,572	*	3,372
IN		*	4,985	*	*	*
KY		*	38,828	9,561	*	1,728
LA		*	19,707	5,007	*	166
MD		*	38,370	10,070	39	*
MS		416	68,015	21,149	773	715
MO		1,259	67,811	11,311	*	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		488	107,274	48,425	*	*
OH		*	14,039	*	*	59
PA		*	23,856	11,490	*	385
SC		228	14,725	*	*	1,054
TN		*	47,793	9,726	144	381
TX		*	86,000	33,779	212	1,534
VA		*	46,789	10,079	13	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		23,712	178,937	35,002	7,334	24,581
US		26,503	1,228,233	395,104	10,109	39,331
Mature Birds						
Light	2	2,599	179,055	17,726	166	88,774
Heavy		655	60,024	5,120	141	8,803
US	2	3,254	239,079	22,846	307	97,577

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	4,152	25,998	26,078	8,834	118,489	380,578
AR	8,458	20,472	30,482	8,835	50,162	345,883
CA	417	7,094	2,227	*	10,511	126,325
DE	2,569	18,954	12,090	3,355	31,177	210,132
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	3,514	30,072	10,048	14,602	73,880	253,454
IN	50	*	297	*	*	*
KY	*	10,001	*	1,175	7,782	75,358
LA	441	2,813	*	*	3,671	35,226
MD	*	6,799	*	794	*	102,321
MS	2,387	12,583	9,093	740	38,845	154,716
MO	1,519	11,353	13,739	470	22,030	132,561
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	1,978	342	4,875	14,827
NC	3,566	24,372	21,975	8,855	89,927	314,792
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	1,138	3,785	6,647	282	35,404	84,994
SC	702	4,191	2,153	3,158	4,522	40,261
TN	1,328	7,206	6,462	2,038	*	96,533
TX	1,318	7,701	7,723	*	11,257	150,886
VA	1,519	15,159	8,324	*	14,596	105,165
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	4,080	9,137	45,025	13,782	98,257	217,104
US	37,158	217,690	204,341	67,262	615,385	2,841,116
Mature Birds						
Light	6,431	3,829	100,373	2,360	76,054	477,369
Heavy	1,519	11,325	24,016	1,516	73,645	186,764
US	7,950	15,154	124,389	3,876	149,699	664,133

\* 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, June 2004**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	May	June	May	June	May	June
	<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	2,693	2,500	50,939	46,791	18.92	18.72
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
IA	*	*	*	*	*	*
MN	3,006	3,190	80,911	84,961	26.92	26.63
MO	1,502	1,620	45,964	49,479	30.60	30.55
NC	3,025	3,280	86,193	90,467	28.49	27.58
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	10,013	10,720	294,675	313,587	29.43	29.25
US	20,239	21,310	558,682	585,285	27.61	27.47

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	May	June	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
			May	June	May	June
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	42,557	39,303	634	640	1.38	1.52
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
IA	*	*	*	*	*	*
MN	64,431	66,736	1,584	1,714	2.18	2.24
MO	36,338	39,007	860	1,023	2.08	2.30
NC	68,644	71,623	1,113	1,260	1.43	1.55
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	233,125	246,434	5,142	5,469	1.94	1.94
US	445,095	463,103	9,333	10,106	1.86	1.92

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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, May 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		*	5,077	*	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	25,415	5,530	3,306	76
US		31	62,075	5,827	3,325	96
Old (Breeders)						
US		2	7,727	581	23	91
	<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	*	568	*	*	779	*
CA	*	*	*	*	*	6,246
IA	*	358	306	*	527	*
MN	144	*	682	100	*	26,038
MO	*	*	245	*	*	9,928
NC	38	*	*	157	1,408	7,066
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	11	2,018	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	402	4,433	2,939	1,348	11,390	49,929
US	584	5,359	4,172	1,616	16,122	99,207
Old (Breeders)						
US	8	106	194	12	6,992	15,736

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**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,  
by State and United States, June 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			4,615	*	*	*
CA		*	6,825	*	*	*
IA			*	*	*	2
MN		*	16,614	*	899	*
MO			9,363	*		*
NC		*	*	*	4	4
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA			*	*	*	6
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States		55	30,747	7,479	3,468	32
US		55	68,164	7,479	4,371	44
Old (Breeders)						
US		6	4,872	639	32	206
	<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	*	*	*	*	1,218	*
CA	*	191	137	*	331	8,059
IA	39	*	311	*	488	*
MN	92	544	740	*	2,992	23,760
MO	*	*	199	*	*	12,523
NC	35	*	476	*	2,914	8,845
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	151	*	*	*	2,216	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	240	5,892	2,459	1,471	5,155	55,217
US	557	6,627	4,322	1,471	15,314	108,404
Old (Breeders)						
US	19	156	108	1	3,006	9,045

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

## Poultry Slaughter Estimates

**Data Sources:** Primary data for poultry slaughter estimates are obtained from the Poultry Inspection Form (FSIS 6000-21). This form is completed by inspectors of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA for all Federally Inspected (FI) plants. Over 99 percent of the total U.S. slaughter for any species is under FI. The FSIS 6000-21 forms collect number of head slaughtered daily under FI by species and class as well as condemnations and total live and dressed weights. Approximately 350 plants in the U.S. are operated under Federal Inspection.

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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.

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**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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