



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 8 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during August 2004 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.51 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the amount certified in August 2003. Updated totals for July 2004 show that 3.39 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during August 2004 was 4.73 billion pounds, up 8 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.05 billion pounds, up 9 percent from August 2003, and mature chickens at 73.8 million pounds, were up 8 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 593 million pounds, up 2 percent, and ducks totaled 14.5 million pounds, up 17 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during August 2004 averaged 5.25 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from August 2003. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.73 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2004 averaged 26.3 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from August 2003.

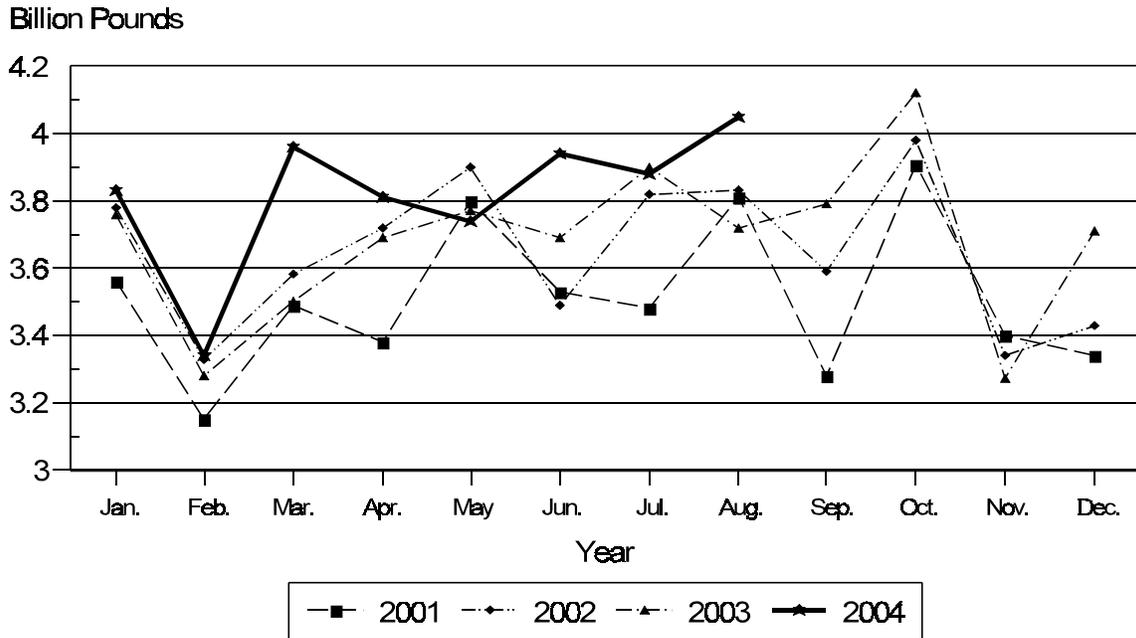
Ante-mortem condemnations during August 2004 totaled 20.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.44 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.48 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 52.9 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.24 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.07 percent a year earlier.

August 2004 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays.
August 2003 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays.

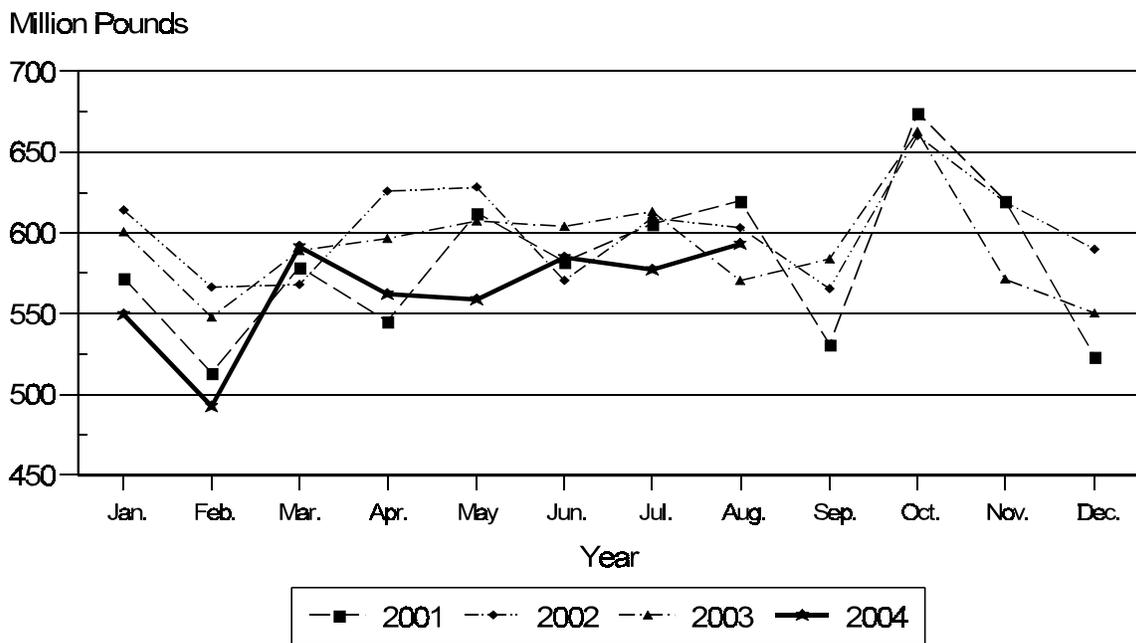
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Young Turkeys: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2001-2004



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

Commodity	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Percent of	
				Aug 2003	Jul 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	723,786	742,666	770,555	106	104
Mature	11,685	12,524	12,894	110	103
Light	5,515	6,346	6,388	116	101
Heavy	6,170	6,178	6,506	105	105
Total	735,471	755,190	783,449	107	104
Turkeys					
Young	22,019	21,716	22,246	101	102
Old	339	284	292	86	103
Total	22,358	22,000	22,538	101	102
Ducks	1,893	2,149	2,190	116	102
	<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	3,716,037	3,880,161	4,047,547	109	104
Mature	68,573	70,881	73,818	108	104
Light	19,260	20,972	21,280	110	101
Heavy	49,313	49,909	52,538	107	105
Total	3,784,610	3,951,042	4,121,365	109	104
Turkeys					
Young	570,004	578,224	585,257	103	101
Old	8,583	7,330	7,702	90	105
Total	578,587	585,554	592,959	102	101
Ducks	12,431	14,258	14,505	117	102
Other Poultry	859	508	995	116	196
Total Poultry	4,376,487	4,551,362	4,729,824	108	104
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.13	5.22	5.25	102	101
Mature	5.87	5.66	5.73	98	101
Light	3.49	3.31	3.33	95	101
Heavy	7.99	8.08	8.08	101	100
Total	5.15	5.23	5.26	102	101
Turkeys					
Young	25.89	26.63	26.31	102	99
Old	25.35	25.81	26.40	104	102
Total	25.88	26.62	26.31	102	99
Ducks	6.56	6.63	6.62	101	100

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, August 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	5,776,359	5,683,698	5,848,580	101	103
Mature	115,689	103,408	95,216	82	92
Light	67,385	55,298	48,516	72	88
Heavy	48,304	48,110	46,700	97	97
Total	5,892,048	5,787,106	5,943,796	101	103
Turkeys					
Young	177,301	174,438	166,319	94	95
Old	1,521	2,072	1,741	114	84
Total	178,822	176,510	168,060	94	95
Ducks	15,937	15,936	17,101	107	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	29,416,149	29,372,289	30,543,309	104	104
Mature	611,335	570,441	532,758	87	93
Light	229,938	189,130	162,237	71	86
Heavy	381,397	381,311	370,521	97	97
Total	30,027,484	29,942,730	31,076,067	103	104
Turkeys					
Young	4,767,180	4,724,402	4,500,710	94	95
Old	41,594	55,424	46,560	112	84
Total	4,808,774	4,779,826	4,547,270	95	95
Ducks	106,428	104,160	114,265	107	110
Other Poultry	6,724	6,068	3,476	52	57
Total Poultry	34,949,410	34,832,784	35,741,078	102	103
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.09	5.17	5.22	103	101
Mature	5.28	5.52	5.60	106	101
Light	3.41	3.42	3.34	98	98
Heavy	7.90	7.93	7.93	100	100
Total	5.10	5.17	5.23	103	101
Turkeys					
Young	26.89	27.08	27.11	101	100
Old	27.34	26.75	26.75	98	100
Total	26.89	27.08	27.11	101	100
Ducks	6.68	6.54	6.68	100	102

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

Commodity	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Percent of	
				Aug 2003	Jul 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	2,464,953	2,622,440	2,708,065	110	103
Mature	41,108	43,351	45,233	110	104
Light	9,599	10,578	10,710	112	101
Heavy	31,509	32,773	34,523	110	105
Total	2,506,061	2,665,791	2,753,298	110	103
Turkeys					
Young	230,126	238,551	244,288	106	102
Old	4,926	4,700	5,189	105	110
Total	235,052	243,251	249,477	106	103
Ducks	3,366	5,608	5,843	174	104
Other Poultry	229	278	261	114	94
Total Poultry	2,744,708	2,914,928	3,008,879	110	103
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	277,354	252,607	278,555	100	110
Mature	256	176	510	199	290
Light	90	23	219	243	952
Heavy	166	153	291	175	190
Total	277,610	252,783	279,065	101	110
Turkeys					
Young	219,161	216,891	217,874	99	100
Old	1,433	835	663	46	79
Total	220,594	217,726	218,537	99	100
Ducks	5,670	4,620	4,547	80	98
Other Poultry	315	56	355	113	634
Total Poultry	504,189	475,185	502,504	100	106
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,742,307	2,875,047	2,986,620	109	104
Mature	41,364	43,527	45,743	111	105
Light	9,689	10,601	10,929	113	103
Heavy	31,675	32,926	34,814	110	106
Total	2,783,671	2,918,574	3,032,363	109	104
Turkeys					
Young	449,287	455,442	462,162	103	101
Old	6,359	5,535	5,852	92	106
Total	455,646	460,977	468,014	103	102
Ducks	9,036	10,228	10,390	115	102
Other Poultry	544	334	616	113	184
Total Poultry	3,248,897	3,390,113	3,511,383	108	104

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, August 2004 ¹ (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	19,665,391	19,564,724	20,568,546	105	105
Mature	354,444	338,630	328,085	93	97
Light	107,981	90,386	81,693	76	90
Heavy	246,463	248,244	246,392	100	99
Total	20,019,835	19,903,354	20,896,631	104	105
Turkeys					
Young	1,862,667	1,936,012	1,903,920	102	98
Old	26,067	35,865	29,478	113	82
Total	1,888,734	1,971,877	1,933,398	102	98
Ducks	28,010	25,872	50,624	181	196
Other Poultry	1,744	1,718	1,616	93	94
Total Poultry	21,938,323	21,902,821	22,882,269	104	104
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,041,693	2,126,782	1,992,158	98	94
Mature	12,449	7,192	2,953	24	41
Light	10,287	5,374	572	6	11
Heavy	2,162	1,818	2,381	110	131
Total	2,054,142	2,133,974	1,995,111	97	93
Turkeys					
Young	1,892,211	1,790,331	1,657,782	88	93
Old	5,679	5,248	5,118	90	98
Total	1,897,890	1,795,579	1,662,900	88	93
Ducks	49,901	48,934	35,012	70	72
Other Poultry	2,393	2,040	636	27	31
Total Poultry	4,004,326	3,980,527	3,693,659	92	93
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	21,707,084	21,691,506	22,560,704	104	104
Mature	366,893	345,822	331,038	90	96
Light	118,268	95,760	82,265	70	86
Heavy	248,625	250,062	248,773	100	99
Total	22,073,977	22,037,328	22,891,742	104	104
Turkeys					
Young	3,754,878	3,726,343	3,561,702	95	96
Old	31,746	41,113	34,596	109	84
Total	3,786,624	3,767,456	3,596,298	95	95
Ducks	77,911	74,806	85,636	110	114
Other Poultry	4,137	3,758	2,252	54	60
Total Poultry	25,942,649	25,883,348	26,575,928	102	103

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Commodity	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2003
				Aug 2003	Jul 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	16,626	18,086	16,177	97	89	119,555	129,421	108
Mature	1,748	1,608	1,237	71	77	10,030	8,636	86
Light	644	607	550	85	91	4,740	3,457	73
Heavy	1,104	1,001	687	62	69	5,290	5,179	98
Total	18,374	19,694	17,414	95	88	129,585	138,057	107
Turkeys								
Young	2,310	2,045	3,096	134	151	18,404	17,389	94
Old	98	63	41	42	65	1,020	355	35
Total	2,408	2,108	3,137	130	149	19,424	17,744	91
Ducks	32	30	28	88	93	226	315	139
Other Poultry	1	3	6	600	200	19	11	58
Total Poultry	20,815	21,835	20,585	99	94	149,254	156,127	105
	<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	0.45	0.47	0.40	89	85	0.41	0.41	100
Mature	2.55	2.27	1.68	66	74	1.76	1.62	92
Light	3.34	2.89	2.58	77	89	2.51	2.13	85
Heavy	2.24	2.01	1.31	58	65	1.39	1.40	101
Total	0.49	0.50	0.42	86	84	0.43	0.43	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.40	0.35	0.53	133	151	0.39	0.39	100
Old	1.14	0.85	0.53	46	62	1.84	0.76	41
Total	0.42	0.36	0.53	126	147	0.41	0.39	95
Ducks	0.26	0.21	0.19	73	90	0.22	0.27	123
Other Poultry	0.16	0.63	0.56	350	89	0.31	0.33	106
Total Poultry	0.48	0.48	0.44	92	92	0.43	0.43	100

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

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

Commodity	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2003
				Aug 2003	Jul 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	28,642	36,239	38,518	134	106	247,151	295,768	120
Mature	2,972	2,820	3,062	103	109	30,123	24,427	81
Light	1,438	1,266	1,332	93	105	16,353	11,989	73
Heavy	1,534	1,554	1,730	113	111	13,770	12,438	90
Total	31,614	39,059	41,580	132	106	277,274	320,195	115
Turkeys								
Young	9,862	10,018	10,688	108	107	83,183	79,942	96
Old	428	417	328	77	79	3,538	2,911	82
Total	10,290	10,435	11,016	107	106	86,721	82,853	96
Ducks	245	308	310	127	101	2,276	2,698	119
Other Poultry	9	12	11	122	92	98	56	57
Total Poultry	42,158	49,814	52,917	126	106	366,369	405,802	111
	<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	0.86	1.04	1.06	123	102	0.93	1.06	114
Mature	4.82	4.42	4.61	96	104	5.87	5.09	87
Light	8.30	6.71	6.96	84	104	9.61	8.21	85
Heavy	3.46	3.46	3.66	106	106	4.01	3.73	93
Total	0.93	1.10	1.12	120	102	1.03	1.13	110
Turkeys								
Young	1.92	1.92	2.03	106	106	1.96	1.97	101
Old	5.53	6.33	4.73	86	75	7.09	6.95	98
Total	1.98	1.98	2.06	104	104	2.02	2.02	100
Ducks	2.19	2.40	2.37	108	99	2.43	2.62	108
Other Poultry	1.14	2.67	1.24	109	46	1.80	1.94	108
Total Poultry	1.07	1.22	1.24	116	102	1.17	1.25	107

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, August 2004**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	90,019	97,686	466,207	500,413	5.18	5.12
AR	100,513	105,398	503,683	530,404	5.01	5.03
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	24,290	25,746	152,418	169,305	6.27	6.58
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	106,733	108,460	531,826	545,693	4.98	5.03
KY	23,254	24,517	123,257	126,551	5.30	5.16
LA	16,109	16,719	84,386	94,072	5.24	5.63
MD	12,428	13,238	62,670	66,868	5.04	5.05
MS	66,647	68,629	359,428	375,641	5.39	5.47
MO	34,860	37,386	163,966	171,703	4.70	4.59
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	57,333	57,877	357,684	363,641	6.24	6.28
OH	3,479	3,470	18,458	18,830	5.31	5.43
PA	10,014	8,946	52,060	46,759	5.20	5.23
SC	22,007	22,775	124,731	127,851	5.67	5.61
TN	20,330	21,102	98,755	106,765	4.86	5.06
TX	56,286	58,850	291,215	301,055	5.17	5.12
VA	28,617	29,145	140,567	147,207	4.91	5.05
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	69,747	70,611	348,850	354,789	5.00	5.02
US	742,666	770,555	3,880,161	4,047,547	5.22	5.25

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

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	344,444	370,338	4,753	4,742	1.13	1.05
AR	361,912	381,536	4,812	5,474	1.06	1.15
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	110,401	121,876	1,819	2,640	1.33	1.73
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	385,861	395,391	4,195	4,329	0.88	0.88
KY	91,398	94,676	697	728	0.63	0.64
LA	62,526	63,436	405	392	0.53	0.46
MD	45,239	47,688	591	658	1.05	1.09
MS	271,096	283,396	2,651	2,748	0.82	0.81
MO	122,433	125,151	1,256	1,298	0.85	0.84
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	277,256	281,942	4,032	4,796	1.25	1.47
OH	13,540	13,816	204	194	1.23	1.14
PA	36,045	32,459	1,180	720	2.52	1.71
SC	93,834	95,186	1,281	760	1.14	0.66
TN	76,470	82,060	765	760	0.86	0.79
TX	224,667	231,243	3,046	2,631	1.16	0.97
VA	105,285	109,422	1,144	1,201	0.90	0.91
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	252,640	257,004	3,408	4,447	1.09	1.39
US	2,875,047	2,986,620	36,239	38,518	1.04	1.06

* 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, July 2004**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		233	125,739	88,554	*	*
AR		*	152,638	47,940	*	1,733
CA		*	*	4,115	191	744
DE		5,386	91,904	20,423	*	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		*	79,163	26,655	*	3,448
IN		*	4,667	*	*	*
KY		*	36,947	7,115	*	1,763
LA		*	19,925	3,083	*	176
MD		*	38,653	8,358	64	*
MS		308	73,757	19,412	690	1,014
MO		1,254	68,306	12,936	436	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		570	114,741	39,860	*	*
OH		7	10,586	*	53	24
PA		1,300	24,973	10,684	*	330
SC		*	17,699	*	110	*
TN		*	44,342	*	150	288
TX		*	79,861	*	228	1,361
VA		*	41,225	6,761	*	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		9,198	174,360	69,870	9,261	26,254
US		18,256	1,199,486	365,766	11,183	37,135
Mature Birds						
Light		2,817	157,797	17,281	165	78,311
Heavy		725	60,076	2,778	125	9,026
US		3,542	217,873	20,059	290	87,337

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	4,303	38,151	26,545	4,801	113,019	405,510
AR	7,619	18,733	29,444	2,066	46,508	311,947
CA	437	7,453	2,205	*	*	*
DE	2,459	20,050	11,776	5,032	31,224	193,951
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	3,830	34,077	9,917	10,711	60,185	228,623
IN	*	*	209	*	*	*
KY	215	10,282	*	*	4,514	67,090
LA	427	2,474	3,201	110	*	31,441
MD	*	8,734	*	1,805	*	112,421
MS	2,458	13,317	9,774	802	36,661	158,193
MO	*	10,784	16,709	1,251	25,101	140,846
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	1,867	*	*	*
NC	3,460	25,335	21,716	7,627	83,441	305,410
OH	*	1,224	*	*	*	*
PA	1,318	*	6,897	196	35,012	85,900
SC	759	4,686	*	2,873	4,012	42,609
TN	1,424	9,466	*	*	*	98,807
TX	1,428	7,009	8,402	1,801	10,316	139,580
VA	1,418	11,960	7,465	*	11,736	88,803
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	5,454	12,341	48,230	15,897	117,313	332,151
US	37,009	236,076	204,357	54,972	579,042	2,743,282
Mature Birds						
Light	10,314	5,085	97,342	949	71,941	442,002
Heavy	1,254	9,419	16,727	559	70,950	171,639
US	11,568	14,504	114,069	1,508	142,891	613,641

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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, August 2004**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		385	126,366	47,996	*	*
AR		*	156,074	50,168	*	1,773
CA		663	*	3,480	413	604
DE		4,332	108,062	26,025	*	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		254	69,998	24,266	381	4,153
IN		*	5,294	*	*	*
KY		*	38,310	10,058	*	2,124
LA		*	18,795	3,349	74	225
MD		7,791	43,955	9,027	49	*
MS		*	68,277	29,403	952	*
MO		1,325	81,776	13,101	300	2,218
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		335	*	*	*	*
NC		343	108,210	36,938	*	*
OH		*	11,642	*	*	43
PA		109	24,907	11,886	254	338
SC		*	16,897	*	*	*
TN		117	48,965	*	157	297
TX		*	80,486	29,089	*	1,577
VA		*	43,190	7,966	*	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		2,485	179,318	49,420	9,826	25,678
US		18,151	1,230,522	352,172	12,406	39,030
Mature Birds						
Light		2,328	171,143	20,280	229	70,651
Heavy		814	62,145	2,439	242	9,983
US		3,142	233,288	22,719	471	80,634

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	4,440	31,504	23,727	10,273	118,587	368,625
AR	7,813	19,613	32,448	4,033	53,610	330,464
CA	434	7,505	1,731	*	*	*
DE	2,522	17,975	11,491	3,835	35,974	215,501
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	3,519	34,359	9,091	15,930	42,671	204,622
IN	*	727	223	*	*	*
KY	*	9,211	3,218	*	6,043	69,777
LA	449	2,834	4,000	*	*	32,565
MD	*	9,498	*	839	*	110,430
MS	2,521	13,386	10,394	1,517	37,996	166,064
MO	1,618	9,356	15,676	413	29,316	155,099
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	2,235	592	*	*
NC	3,162	22,590	18,903	6,553	87,360	292,383
OH	*	*	*	*	*	24,323
PA	1,470	*	4,366	200	*	78,418
SC	781	5,733	*	*	3,778	45,866
TN	1,296	12,079	7,050	*	*	105,027
TX	1,354	7,693	8,919	1,103	9,612	140,304
VA	1,380	14,654	7,091	3,167	14,192	95,795
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	4,478	14,058	38,322	10,857	172,069	356,435
US	37,237	232,775	198,885	59,312	611,208	2,791,698
Mature Birds						
Light	7,643	5,412	105,257	1,536	67,023	451,502
Heavy	1,511	8,061	19,957	933	83,575	189,660
US	9,154	13,473	125,214	2,469	150,598	641,162

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	2,596	2,711	48,103	49,576	18.53	18.29
CA	*	1,200	*	32,276	*	26.90
IA	*	*	*	*	*	*
MN	3,334	3,726	85,663	88,314	25.69	23.70
MO	1,580	1,715	49,500	52,648	31.33	30.70
NC	3,285	3,356	84,796	87,564	25.82	26.09
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	10,921	9,538	310,162	274,879	28.40	28.82
US	21,716	22,246	578,224	585,257	26.63	26.31

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	July	August	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
			July	August	July	August
	<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	40,132	42,436	611	589	1.41	1.32
CA	*	26,340	*	852	*	2.93
IA	*	*	*	*	*	*
MN	67,738	68,780	1,510	1,651	1.96	2.08
MO	38,159	41,097	1,042	993	2.34	2.09
NC	68,639	68,981	1,259	2,054	1.65	2.61
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	240,774	214,528	5,596	4,549	2.00	1.84
US	455,442	462,162	10,018	10,688	1.92	2.03

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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, July 2004**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature)						
AR		*	3,971	*	*	2
CA		*	5,496	*	7	*
IA			4,456	1,227	*	*
MN		*	15,235	*	*	*
MO			9,100	*		
NC			*	*		
OH		*	*	*	*	
PA		*	*	*	*	*
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States		35	31,250	5,738	3,950	76
US		35	69,508	6,965	3,957	78
Old (Breeders)						
US		1	4,917	733	20	175
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature)						
AR	32	605	*	*	1,232	*
CA	15	*	78	*	590	6,918
IA	*	270	*	*	443	8,842
MN	88	425	601	*	2,703	21,925
MO	*	*	*	*	*	12,616
NC	20	*	450	*	2,336	8,580
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	309	5,311	3,194	2,694	11,181	54,239
US	464	6,611	4,323	2,694	18,485	113,120
Old (Breeders)						
US	25	152	103	1	3,548	9,675

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**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, August 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		*	4,230	511	25	10
CA		*	6,140	226	*	*
IA			4,074	726	*	
MN		*	19,613	*	1,153	*
MO			9,796	*		
NC			*	*		*
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA		*	*	*	*	*
VA		*	*	*		*
Other States		28	27,754	6,371	3,590	173
US		28	71,607	7,834	4,768	183
Old (Breeders)						
US		7	3,801	727	18	144
	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	24	913	*	*	1,407	8,579
CA	*	207	117	6	*	8,081
IA	38	183	*	*	239	*
MN	*	557	564	41	3,166	27,216
MO	*	*	*	*	1,669	13,032
NC	*	*	547	*	1,707	9,688
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	79	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	347	4,667	3,007	778	8,868	46,955
US	488	6,527	4,235	825	17,056	113,551
Old (Breeders)						
US	22	313	132	11	1,012	6,187

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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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