



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 5 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during September 2004 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.49 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the amount certified in September 2003. Updated totals for August 2004 show that 3.51 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during September 2004 was 4.69 billion pounds, up 5 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.02 billion pounds, up 6 percent from September 2003, and mature chickens at 74.2 million pounds, were up 14 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 575 million pounds, down 3 percent, and ducks totaled 14.9 million pounds, up 9 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during September 2004 averaged 5.34 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from September 2003. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.83 pounds per bird, down 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during September 2004 averaged 26.6 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from September 2003.

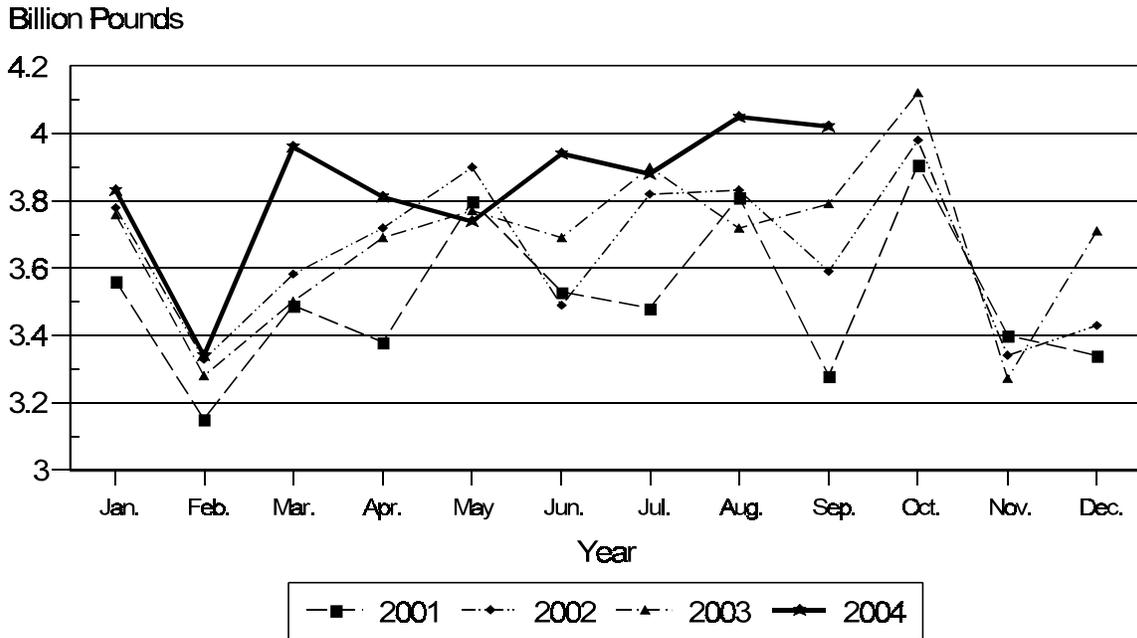
Ante-mortem condemnations during September 2004 totaled 17.3 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.37 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.34 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 52.3 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.24 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.08 percent a year earlier.

September 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays, the same as September last year.

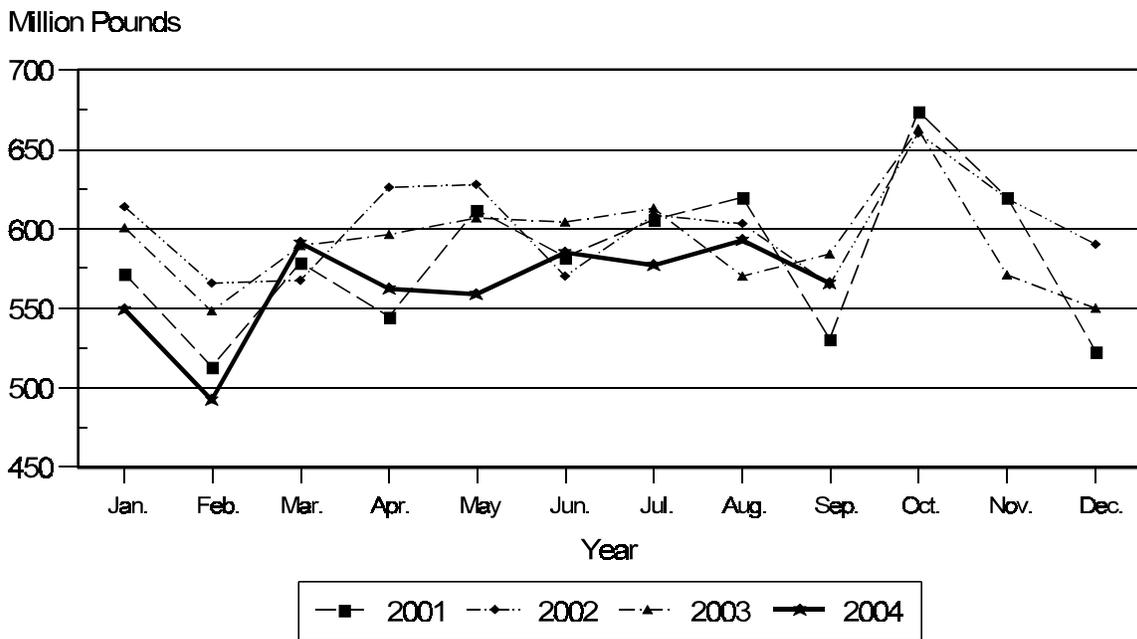
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Young Turkeys: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2001-2004



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

Commodity	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Percent of	
				Sep 2003	Aug 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	729,180	770,656	752,676	103	98
Mature	11,035	12,894	12,720	115	99
Light	5,037	6,388	6,155	122	96
Heavy	5,998	6,506	6,565	109	101
Total	740,215	783,550	765,396	103	98
Turkeys					
Young	22,184	22,246	21,298	96	96
Old	286	292	346	121	118
Total	22,470	22,538	21,644	96	96
Ducks	2,037	2,190	2,210	108	101
	<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	3,791,269	4,049,378	4,023,032	106	99
Mature	65,130	73,818	74,177	114	100
Light	17,261	21,280	20,814	121	98
Heavy	47,869	52,538	53,363	111	102
Total	3,856,399	4,123,196	4,097,209	106	99
Turkeys					
Young	583,788	585,459	566,422	97	97
Old	7,889	7,702	9,014	114	117
Total	591,677	593,161	575,436	97	97
Ducks	13,600	14,505	14,852	109	102
Other Poultry	1,321	995	1,695	128	170
Total Poultry	4,462,997	4,731,857	4,689,192	105	99
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.20	5.25	5.34	103	102
Mature	5.90	5.73	5.83	99	102
Light	3.43	3.33	3.38	99	102
Heavy	7.98	8.08	8.13	102	101
Total	5.21	5.26	5.35	103	102
Turkeys					
Young	26.31	26.32	26.59	101	101
Old	27.63	26.40	26.02	94	99
Total	26.33	26.32	26.58	101	101
Ducks	6.68	6.62	6.72	101	102

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, September 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	6,463,228	6,412,878	6,601,357	102	103
Mature	129,532	114,443	107,936	83	94
Light	74,897	60,335	54,671	73	91
Heavy	54,635	54,108	53,265	97	98
Total	6,592,760	6,527,321	6,709,293	102	103
Turkeys					
Young	198,804	196,622	187,617	94	95
Old	1,806	2,358	2,087	116	89
Total	200,610	198,980	189,704	95	95
Ducks	17,968	17,973	19,311	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	32,930,405	33,163,558	34,568,172	105	104
Mature	687,119	635,571	606,935	88	95
Light	255,349	206,391	183,051	72	89
Heavy	431,770	429,180	423,884	98	99
Total	33,617,524	33,799,129	35,175,107	105	104
Turkeys					
Young	5,325,185	5,308,190	5,067,334	95	95
Old	49,152	63,313	55,574	113	88
Total	5,374,337	5,371,503	5,122,908	95	95
Ducks	119,973	117,760	129,117	108	110
Other Poultry	8,530	7,389	5,171	61	70
Total Poultry	39,120,364	39,295,781	40,432,303	103	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	5.24	103	101
Mature	5.30	5.55	5.62	106	101
Light	3.41	3.42	3.35	98	98
Heavy	7.90	7.93	7.96	101	100
Total	5.10	5.18	5.24	103	101
Turkeys					
Young	26.79	27.00	27.14	101	101
Old	27.21	26.86	26.63	98	99
Total	26.79	26.99	27.14	101	101
Ducks	6.68	6.55	6.69	100	102

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

Commodity	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Percent of	
				Sep 2003	Aug 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	2,506,296	2,709,680	2,703,643	108	100
Mature	40,019	45,233	46,118	115	102
Light	8,747	10,710	10,625	121	99
Heavy	31,272	34,523	35,493	113	103
Total	2,546,315	2,754,913	2,749,761	108	100
Turkeys					
Young	235,062	244,289	236,564	101	97
Old	4,640	5,189	4,995	108	96
Total	239,702	249,478	241,559	101	97
Ducks	6,023	5,843	5,928	98	101
Other Poultry	201	261	217	108	83
Total Poultry	2,792,241	3,010,495	2,997,465	107	100
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	310,925	278,721	267,894	86	96
Mature	142	510	378	266	74
Light	68	219	103	151	47
Heavy	74	291	275	372	95
Total	311,067	279,231	268,272	86	96
Turkeys					
Young	218,517	217,874	214,671	98	99
Old	1,373	663	1,660	121	250
Total	219,890	218,537	216,331	98	99
Ducks	4,559	4,547	4,635	102	102
Other Poultry	610	355	805	132	227
Total Poultry	536,126	502,670	490,043	91	97
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,817,221	2,988,401	2,971,537	105	99
Mature	40,161	45,743	46,496	116	102
Light	8,815	10,929	10,728	122	98
Heavy	31,346	34,814	35,768	114	103
Total	2,857,382	3,034,144	3,018,033	106	99
Turkeys					
Young	453,579	462,163	451,235	99	98
Old	6,013	5,852	6,655	111	114
Total	459,592	468,015	457,890	100	98
Ducks	10,582	10,390	10,563	100	102
Other Poultry	811	616	1,022	126	166
Total Poultry	3,328,367	3,513,165	3,487,508	105	99

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, September 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	21,999,842	22,071,020	23,273,804	106	105
Mature	399,083	378,649	374,203	94	99
Light	119,775	99,133	92,318	77	93
Heavy	279,308	279,516	281,885	101	101
Total	22,398,925	22,449,669	23,648,007	106	105
Turkeys					
Young	2,097,032	2,171,074	2,140,485	102	99
Old	30,513	40,505	34,473	113	85
Total	2,127,545	2,211,579	2,174,958	102	98
Ducks	31,334	31,895	56,552	180	177
Other Poultry	1,994	1,919	1,833	92	96
Total Poultry	24,559,798	24,695,062	25,881,350	105	105
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,303,666	2,437,707	2,260,218	98	93
Mature	14,241	7,334	3,331	23	45
Light	11,520	5,442	675	6	12
Heavy	2,721	1,892	2,656	98	140
Total	2,317,907	2,445,041	2,263,549	98	93
Turkeys					
Young	2,096,610	2,008,848	1,872,453	89	93
Old	7,049	6,621	6,778	96	102
Total	2,103,659	2,015,469	1,879,231	89	93
Ducks	56,381	53,493	39,647	70	74
Other Poultry	3,235	2,650	1,441	45	54
Total Poultry	4,481,182	4,516,653	4,183,868	93	93
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	24,303,508	24,508,727	25,534,022	105	104
Mature	413,324	385,983	377,534	91	98
Light	131,295	104,575	92,993	71	89
Heavy	282,029	281,408	284,541	101	101
Total	24,716,832	24,894,710	25,911,556	105	104
Turkeys					
Young	4,193,642	4,179,922	4,012,938	96	96
Old	37,562	47,126	41,251	110	88
Total	4,231,204	4,227,048	4,054,189	96	96
Ducks	87,715	85,388	96,199	110	113
Other Poultry	5,229	4,569	3,274	63	72
Total Poultry	29,040,980	29,211,715	30,065,218	104	103

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Commodity	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2003
				Sep 2003	Aug 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>
Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	12,454	16,180	14,245	114	88	132,009	143,669	109
Mature	751	1,237	1,026	137	83	10,781	9,662	90
Light	273	550	446	163	81	5,013	3,903	78
Heavy	478	687	580	121	84	5,768	5,759	100
Total	13,205	17,417	15,271	116	88	142,790	153,331	107
Turkeys								
Young	1,758	3,096	1,934	110	62	20,162	19,323	96
Old	89	41	37	42	90	1,109	392	35
Total	1,847	3,137	1,971	107	63	21,271	19,715	93
Ducks	33	28	27	82	96	259	342	132
Other Poultry	4	6	5	125	83	23	16	70
Total Poultry	15,089	20,588	17,274	114	84	164,343	173,404	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	0.33	0.40	0.35	106	88	0.40	0.41	103
Mature	1.15	1.68	1.38	120	82	1.70	1.59	94
Light	1.58	2.58	2.15	136	83	2.43	2.13	88
Heavy	1.00	1.31	1.09	109	83	1.34	1.36	101
Total	0.34	0.42	0.37	109	88	0.42	0.43	102
Turkeys								
Young	0.30	0.53	0.34	113	64	0.38	0.38	100
Old	1.13	0.53	0.41	36	77	1.75	0.70	40
Total	0.31	0.53	0.34	110	64	0.40	0.38	95
Ducks	0.24	0.19	0.18	75	95	0.22	0.26	118
Other Poultry	0.30	0.55	0.32	107	58	0.31	0.33	106
Total Poultry	0.34	0.44	0.37	109	84	0.42	0.42	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, September 2004 ¹**

Commodity	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2003
				Sep 2003	Aug 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	28,513	38,537	38,346	134	100	275,664	334,133	121
Mature	2,974	3,062	3,056	103	100	33,097	27,483	83
Light	1,462	1,332	1,360	93	102	17,815	13,349	75
Heavy	1,512	1,730	1,696	112	98	15,282	14,134	92
Total	31,487	41,599	41,402	131	100	308,761	361,616	117
Turkeys								
Young	11,087	10,688	10,175	92	95	94,270	90,117	96
Old	394	328	395	100	120	3,932	3,306	84
Total	11,481	11,016	10,570	92	96	98,202	93,423	95
Ducks	279	310	300	108	97	2,555	2,998	117
Other Poultry	15	11	12	80	109	113	68	60
Total Poultry	43,262	52,936	52,284	121	99	409,631	458,105	112
	<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	0.84	1.06	1.06	126	100	0.92	1.06	115
Mature	5.07	4.61	4.58	90	99	5.79	5.03	87
Light	9.41	6.96	7.26	77	104	9.59	8.10	84
Heavy	3.51	3.66	3.53	101	96	3.96	3.70	93
Total	0.91	1.12	1.12	123	100	1.02	1.13	111
Turkeys								
Young	2.11	2.03	2.00	95	99	1.97	1.97	100
Old	5.54	4.73	4.87	88	103	6.90	6.61	96
Total	2.16	2.06	2.04	94	99	2.03	2.02	100
Ducks	2.28	2.37	2.25	99	95	2.41	2.58	107
Other Poultry	1.18	1.24	0.77	65	62	1.69	1.56	92
Total Poultry	1.08	1.24	1.24	115	100	1.16	1.25	108

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, September 2004**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<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	97,686	92,824	500,413	490,460	5.12	5.28
AR	105,398	101,277	530,404	515,135	5.03	5.09
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	25,746	24,744	169,305	164,264	6.58	6.64
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	108,968	108,195	547,812	550,804	5.03	5.09
KY	24,517	24,189	126,551	128,838	5.16	5.33
LA	16,772	15,821	94,337	87,167	5.62	5.51
MD	13,238	13,126	66,868	67,020	5.05	5.11
MS	68,629	66,774	375,641	368,549	5.47	5.52
MO	37,386	34,941	171,703	167,479	4.59	4.79
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	57,877	58,163	363,642	372,501	6.28	6.40
OH	3,470	3,513	18,830	19,069	5.43	5.43
PA	8,946	10,062	46,759	54,415	5.23	5.41
SC	22,775	22,048	127,851	129,316	5.61	5.87
TN	21,207	19,875	107,381	101,722	5.06	5.12
TX	58,510	57,625	301,055	298,416	5.15	5.18
VA	29,145	29,123	147,207	150,382	5.05	5.16
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	70,386	70,376	353,619	357,495	5.02	5.08
US	770,656	752,676	4,049,378	4,023,032	5.25	5.34

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

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	August	September	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
			August	September	August	September
	<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	370,548	358,510	4,742	5,330	1.05	1.21
AR	381,536	374,855	5,474	5,289	1.15	1.14
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	121,876	118,010	2,640	1,996	1.73	1.35
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	397,193	400,961	4,354	4,468	0.88	0.90
KY	94,676	95,194	728	1,029	0.64	0.89
LA	63,615	61,001	393	813	0.46	1.04
MD	47,688	48,491	658	705	1.09	1.17
MS	283,396	272,884	2,748	3,464	0.81	1.04
MO	125,151	121,187	1,298	1,280	0.84	0.85
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	281,943	291,303	4,796	4,223	1.47	1.26
OH	13,816	14,028	194	211	1.14	1.23
PA	32,459	38,953	720	690	1.71	1.41
SC	95,186	97,061	760	775	0.66	0.67
TN	82,515	78,522	764	738	0.79	0.81
TX	231,243	233,259	2,631	2,561	0.97	0.95
VA	109,422	110,200	1,201	1,127	0.91	0.83
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	256,138	257,118	4,436	3,647	1.39	1.13
US	2,988,401	2,971,537	38,537	38,346	1.06	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, 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		660	*	3,470	413	601
DE		4,332	108,062	26,025	*	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		254	70,128	24,312	382	4,154
IN		*	5,294	*	*	*
KY		*	38,310	10,058	*	2,124
LA		*	18,821	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		337	*	*	*	*
NC		343	108,210	36,938	*	*
OH		*	11,642	*	*	43
PA		109	24,907	11,886	254	338
SC		*	16,897	*	*	*
TN	*	120	49,299	*	162	310
TX		*	80,486	29,089	*	1,577
VA		*	43,190	7,966	*	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	1,838	2,485	178,942	49,461	9,829	25,684
US	1,838	18,153	1,230,636	352,249	12,415	39,047
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	118,544	368,582
AR	7,813	19,613	32,448	4,033	53,610	330,464
CA	434	7,473	1,725	*	*	*
DE	2,522	17,975	11,491	3,835	35,974	215,501
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	3,547	34,695	9,154	15,963	42,832	205,421
IN	*	727	223	*	*	*
KY	*	9,211	3,218	*	6,043	69,777
LA	449	2,840	4,002	*	*	32,600
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	*	*	2,273	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	1,300	12,099	7,069	*	*	107,307
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	4,485	14,075	38,322	10,855	172,412	356,415
US	37,276	233,122	199,001	59,343	611,669	2,794,749
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

* 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, September 2004**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	*	424	129,509	54,808	*	3,077
AR	*	774	153,731	50,616	*	1,787
CA		*	*	6,298	*	433
DE		3,847	110,468	24,286	42	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA	*	*	72,241	24,564	364	4,071
IN		*	5,091	*	*	*
KY		35	45,342	*	*	*
LA		*	18,819	2,819	59	197
MD		*	50,399	11,381	58	*
MS		*	70,293	30,917	734	*
MO		1,387	66,762	11,893	*	2,071
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	347	*	2,084	*	*
NC	*	408	116,530	38,786	115	*
OH		6	13,635	*	*	28
PA		*	27,385	11,173	224	251
SC	*	*	15,535	*	43	*
TN		*	47,675	10,262	122	329
TX		*	72,508	29,901	*	1,553
VA		184	46,023	9,324	*	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	1,269	8,513	169,646	86,237	10,766	28,327
US	1,269	15,957	1,231,592	405,349	12,527	42,124
Mature Birds						
Light		2,039	157,930	16,563	500	93,642
Heavy		1,313	54,141	2,427	177	10,347
US		3,352	212,071	18,990	677	103,989

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	3,955	26,402	24,113	14,281	155,171	415,980
AR	7,707	21,502	32,680	5,562	48,594	327,539
CA	331	*	1,953	1,389	1,422	*
DE	2,369	18,883	12,735	*	35,317	221,088
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	3,506	32,558	8,646	7,971	45,447	201,213
IN	*	672	442	*	*	*
KY	*	9,258	2,976	*	*	*
LA	311	2,800	3,040	*	1,596	30,258
MD	*	8,994	*	*	*	123,887
MS	2,326	13,220	13,350	451	33,833	167,037
MO	1,419	6,994	11,600	*	26,800	129,841
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	3,657	562	*	24,487
NC	3,425	22,716	20,777	6,952	73,924	292,865
OH	*	*	*	*	*	26,448
PA	1,510	4,504	5,190	*	21,969	72,581
SC	743	5,625	2,232	1,762	3,000	42,204
TN	1,187	11,055	7,340	*	20,637	100,833
TX	1,055	6,521	7,828	938	10,569	131,380
VA	1,317	10,083	5,896	3,846	14,809	94,478
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	4,548	14,411	41,016	14,333	106,238	421,450
US	35,709	216,198	205,471	58,047	599,326	2,823,569
Mature Birds						
Light	6,547	7,179	98,823	1,640	74,977	459,840
Heavy	1,309	9,417	16,015	1,424	82,066	178,636
US	7,856	16,596	114,838	3,064	157,043	638,476

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<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	2,711	2,688	49,576	50,180	18.29	18.67
CA	1,200	*	32,276	*	26.90	*
IA	*	*	*	*	*	*
MN	3,726	3,686	88,314	87,576	23.70	23.76
MO	1,715	1,555	52,648	47,890	30.70	30.80
NC	3,356	3,285	87,564	89,341	26.09	27.20
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	9,538	10,084	275,081	291,435	28.84	28.90
US	22,246	21,298	585,459	566,422	26.32	26.59

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<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	42,436	42,053	589	524	1.32	1.16
CA	26,340	*	852	*	2.93	*
IA	*	*	*	*	*	*
MN	68,780	70,144	1,651	1,805	2.08	2.29
MO	41,097	36,831	993	930	2.09	2.16
NC	68,981	71,870	2,054	1,277	2.61	1.59
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	214,529	230,337	4,549	5,639	1.84	2.15
US	462,163	451,235	10,688	10,175	2.03	2.00

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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, 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	3,008	778	8,870	46,958
US	488	6,527	4,236	825	17,058	113,554
Old (Breeders)						
US	22	313	132	11	1,012	6,187

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**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, September 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			4,297	637	30	*
CA		*	*	*	*	*
IA			3,917	541	*	*
MN		*	19,005	*	*	*
MO			11,664	*	*	*
NC			*	*		4
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA			*	*	*	*
VA			*	*		*
Other States		30	31,149	6,211	3,914	171
US		30	70,032	7,389	3,944	175
Old (Breeders)						
US		21	4,097	831	12	139
	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	15	649	*	*	*	10,078
CA	22	240	*	*	*	*
IA	*	161	337	*	*	*
MN	88	641	547	*	2,937	25,983
MO	*	*	*	*	*	18,112
NC	42	*	644	*	1,835	9,402
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	290	3,274	2,943	1,620	22,539	56,819
US	457	4,965	4,471	1,620	27,311	120,394
Old (Breeders)						
US	19	217	164	4	3,174	8,678

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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.

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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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