



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 6 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during October 2004 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.42 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the amount certified in October 2003. Updated totals for September 2004 show that 3.49 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during October 2004 was 4.60 billion pounds, down 6 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.93 billion pounds, down 5 percent from October 2003, and mature chickens at 69.9 million pounds, were down 2 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 587 million pounds, down 12 percent, and ducks totaled 14.1 million pounds, down 7 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during October 2004 averaged 5.38 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from October 2003. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.76 pounds per bird, down slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during October 2004 averaged 27.0 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from October 2003.

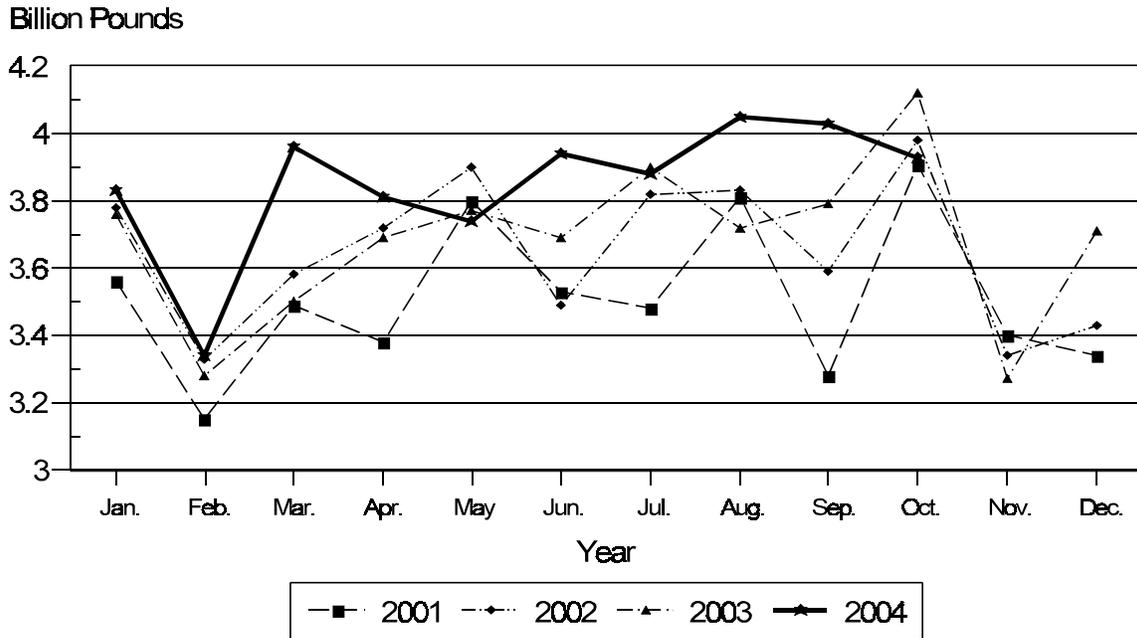
Ante-mortem condemnations during October 2004 totaled 17.5 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.38 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.35 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 51.7 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.25 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.06 percent a year earlier.

October 2004 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. October 2003 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

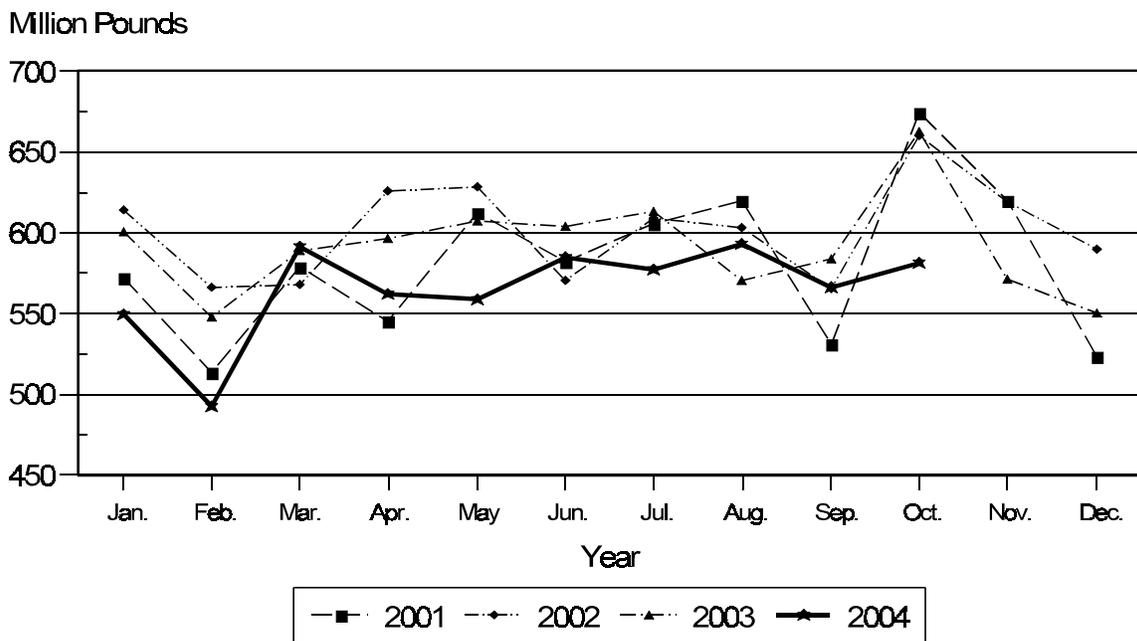
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Young Turkeys: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2001-2004



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

Commodity	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Percent of	
				Oct 2003	Sep 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	781,906	753,919	730,381	93	97
Mature	12,310	12,720	12,135	99	95
Light	5,982	6,155	5,922	99	96
Heavy	6,328	6,565	6,213	98	95
Total	794,216	766,639	742,516	93	97
Turkeys					
Young	25,122	21,298	21,521	86	101
Old	267	346	215	81	62
Total	25,389	21,644	21,736	86	100
Ducks	2,241	2,210	2,086	93	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	4,122,769	4,025,997	3,928,579	95	98
Mature	71,051	74,177	69,885	98	94
Light	20,453	20,814	19,656	96	94
Heavy	50,598	53,363	50,229	99	94
Total	4,193,820	4,100,174	3,998,464	95	98
Turkeys					
Young	662,629	566,422	581,228	88	103
Old	7,025	9,014	6,010	86	67
Total	669,654	575,436	587,238	88	102
Ducks	15,226	14,852	14,122	93	95
Other Poultry	1,518	1,762	1,740	115	99
Total Poultry	4,880,218	4,692,224	4,601,564	94	98
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.27	5.34	5.38	102	101
Mature	5.77	5.83	5.76	100	99
Light	3.42	3.38	3.32	97	98
Heavy	8.00	8.13	8.08	101	99
Total	5.28	5.35	5.39	102	101
Turkeys					
Young	26.38	26.59	27.00	102	102
Old	26.33	26.02	27.91	106	107
Total	26.38	26.58	27.01	102	102
Ducks	6.79	6.72	6.77	100	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, October 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	7,236,312	7,194,784	7,332,981	101	102
Mature	144,905	126,753	120,071	83	95
Light	83,287	66,317	60,593	73	91
Heavy	61,618	60,436	59,478	97	98
Total	7,381,217	7,321,537	7,453,052	101	102
Turkeys					
Young	223,576	221,744	209,138	94	94
Old	2,084	2,625	2,302	110	88
Total	225,660	224,369	211,440	94	94
Ducks	20,103	20,214	21,397	106	106
	<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	36,930,335	37,286,327	38,499,716	104	103
Mature	770,356	706,622	676,820	88	96
Light	283,359	226,844	202,707	72	89
Heavy	486,997	479,778	474,113	97	99
Total	37,700,691	37,992,949	39,176,536	104	103
Turkeys					
Young	5,987,196	5,970,819	5,648,562	94	95
Old	56,635	70,338	61,584	109	88
Total	6,043,831	6,041,157	5,710,146	94	95
Ducks	134,336	132,986	143,239	107	108
Other Poultry	10,754	8,907	6,978	65	78
Total Poultry	43,889,612	44,175,999	45,036,899	103	102
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.10	5.18	5.26	103	102
Mature	5.32	5.57	5.64	106	101
Light	3.40	3.42	3.35	99	98
Heavy	7.90	7.94	7.97	101	100
Total	5.11	5.19	5.26	103	101
Turkeys					
Young	26.78	26.93	27.14	101	101
Old	27.17	26.80	26.75	98	100
Total	26.78	26.92	27.14	101	101
Ducks	6.68	6.58	6.69	100	102

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

Commodity	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Percent of	
				Oct 2003	Sep 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	2,772,827	2,701,840	2,620,906	95	97
Mature	43,444	46,118	43,202	99	94
Light	10,385	10,625	9,849	95	93
Heavy	33,059	35,493	33,353	101	94
Total	2,816,271	2,747,958	2,664,108	95	97
Turkeys					
Young	288,573	236,564	260,613	90	110
Old	4,124	4,995	3,276	79	66
Total	292,697	241,559	263,889	90	109
Ducks	6,806	5,928	5,540	81	93
Other Poultry	552	249	211	38	85
Total Poultry	3,116,326	2,995,694	2,933,748	94	98
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	279,926	268,331	273,775	98	102
Mature	292	378	486	166	129
Light	35	103	183	523	178
Heavy	257	275	303	118	110
Total	280,218	268,709	274,261	98	102
Turkeys					
Young	234,217	214,671	200,868	86	94
Old	1,526	1,660	1,339	88	81
Total	235,743	216,331	202,207	86	93
Ducks	5,088	4,635	4,497	88	97
Other Poultry	712	822	841	118	102
Total Poultry	521,761	490,497	481,806	92	98
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	3,052,753	2,970,171	2,894,681	95	97
Mature	43,736	46,496	43,688	100	94
Light	10,420	10,728	10,032	96	94
Heavy	33,316	35,768	33,656	101	94
Total	3,096,489	3,016,667	2,938,369	95	97
Turkeys					
Young	522,790	451,235	461,481	88	102
Old	5,650	6,655	4,615	82	69
Total	528,440	457,890	466,096	88	102
Ducks	11,894	10,563	10,037	84	95
Other Poultry	1,264	1,071	1,052	83	98
Total Poultry	3,638,087	3,486,191	3,415,554	94	98

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, October 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	24,649,484	24,843,847	25,892,907	105	104
Mature	447,858	422,093	417,405	93	99
Light	132,547	109,518	102,167	77	93
Heavy	315,311	312,575	315,238	100	101
Total	25,097,342	25,265,940	26,310,312	105	104
Turkeys					
Young	2,391,702	2,459,647	2,401,098	100	98
Old	34,390	44,629	37,749	110	85
Total	2,426,092	2,504,276	2,438,847	101	97
Ducks	35,043	38,701	62,092	177	160
Other Poultry	2,285	2,471	2,076	91	84
Total Poultry	27,560,762	27,811,388	28,813,327	105	104
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,607,369	2,717,633	2,534,430	97	93
Mature	16,145	7,626	3,817	24	50
Light	13,110	5,477	858	7	16
Heavy	3,035	2,149	2,959	97	138
Total	2,623,514	2,725,259	2,538,247	97	93
Turkeys					
Young	2,322,201	2,243,065	2,073,321	89	92
Old	8,778	8,147	8,117	92	100
Total	2,330,979	2,251,212	2,081,438	89	92
Ducks	62,945	58,581	44,144	70	75
Other Poultry	4,313	3,362	2,299	53	68
Total Poultry	5,021,751	5,038,414	4,666,128	93	93
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	27,256,853	27,561,480	28,427,337	104	103
Mature	464,003	429,719	421,222	91	98
Light	145,657	114,995	103,025	71	90
Heavy	318,346	314,724	318,197	100	101
Total	27,720,856	27,991,199	28,848,559	104	103
Turkeys					
Young	4,713,903	4,702,712	4,474,419	95	95
Old	43,168	52,776	45,866	106	87
Total	4,757,071	4,755,488	4,520,285	95	95
Ducks	97,988	97,282	106,236	108	109
Other Poultry	6,598	5,833	4,375	66	75
Total Poultry	32,582,513	32,849,802	33,479,455	103	102

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Commodity	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2003
				Oct 2003	Sep 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	13,471	14,259	14,750	109	103	145,480	158,433	109
Mature	762	1,026	1,198	157	117	11,543	10,860	94
Light	343	446	445	130	100	5,356	4,348	81
Heavy	419	580	753	180	130	6,187	6,512	105
Total	14,233	15,285	15,948	112	104	157,023	169,293	108
Turkeys								
Young	2,593	1,934	1,534	59	79	22,755	20,857	92
Old	52	37	26	50	70	1,161	418	36
Total	2,645	1,971	1,560	59	79	23,916	21,275	89
Ducks	30	27	23	77	85	289	365	126
Other Poultry	5	6	7	140	117	28	24	86
Total Poultry	16,913	17,289	17,538	104	101	181,256	190,957	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	0.33	0.35	0.38	115	109	0.39	0.40	103
Mature	1.07	1.38	1.71	160	124	1.63	1.60	98
Light	1.68	2.15	2.26	135	105	2.36	2.14	91
Heavy	0.83	1.09	1.50	181	138	1.29	1.37	106
Total	0.34	0.37	0.40	118	108	0.41	0.42	102
Turkeys								
Young	0.39	0.34	0.26	67	76	0.38	0.37	97
Old	0.74	0.41	0.43	58	105	1.65	0.68	41
Total	0.39	0.34	0.27	69	79	0.40	0.37	93
Ducks	0.20	0.18	0.16	80	89	0.22	0.25	114
Other Poultry	0.34	0.32	0.38	112	119	0.31	0.34	110
Total Poultry	0.35	0.37	0.38	109	103	0.41	0.42	102

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

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

Commodity	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2003
				Oct 2003	Sep 2004	2003	2004	
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
N.Y. Dressed Weight								
Chickens								
Young	31,552	38,405	38,189	121	99	307,216	372,381	121
Mature	3,367	3,056	3,205	95	105	36,464	30,688	84
Light	1,655	1,360	1,387	84	102	19,470	14,736	76
Heavy	1,712	1,696	1,818	106	107	16,994	15,952	94
Total	34,919	41,461	41,394	119	100	343,680	403,069	117
Turkeys								
Young	11,085	10,175	9,678	87	95	105,355	99,795	95
Old	330	395	249	75	63	4,262	3,555	83
Total	11,415	10,570	9,927	87	94	109,617	103,350	94
Ducks	320	300	368	115	123	2,875	3,366	117
Other Poultry	11	12	11	100	92	124	79	64
Total Poultry	46,665	52,343	51,700	111	99	456,296	509,864	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	0.85	1.06	1.08	127	102	0.92	1.06	115
Mature	5.27	4.58	5.09	97	111	5.73	5.04	88
Light	8.99	7.26	7.84	87	108	9.54	8.08	85
Heavy	3.76	3.53	4.02	107	114	3.94	3.74	95
Total	0.93	1.12	1.15	124	103	1.01	1.13	112
Turkeys								
Young	1.86	2.00	1.85	99	93	1.96	1.96	100
Old	5.21	4.87	4.62	89	95	6.73	6.42	95
Total	1.89	2.04	1.88	99	92	2.02	2.01	100
Ducks	2.33	2.25	2.90	124	129	2.40	2.61	109
Other Poultry	0.87	0.78	0.75	86	96	1.55	1.35	87
Total Poultry	1.06	1.24	1.25	118	101	1.15	1.25	109

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, October 2004**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	92,824	89,456	487,260	479,457	5.25	5.36
AR	101,277	101,135	515,135	517,952	5.09	5.12
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	24,744	24,165	164,264	156,631	6.64	6.48
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	108,574	103,636	552,454	535,228	5.09	5.16
KY	24,189	23,056	128,838	125,822	5.33	5.46
LA	15,821	15,839	87,167	89,975	5.51	5.68
MD	13,126	12,796	67,020	63,206	5.11	4.94
MS	67,033	64,826	370,071	363,304	5.52	5.60
MO	34,941	33,849	167,479	162,173	4.79	4.79
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	58,163	55,878	372,501	368,187	6.40	6.59
OH	3,513	3,342	19,069	18,555	5.43	5.55
PA	10,062	10,162	54,415	54,551	5.41	5.37
SC	22,048	21,247	129,316	124,976	5.87	5.88
TN	19,875	18,222	101,722	97,845	5.12	5.37
TX	57,625	57,438	298,416	282,832	5.18	4.92
VA	29,290	28,123	151,284	144,670	5.17	5.14
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	70,814	67,211	359,586	343,215	5.08	5.11
US	753,919	730,381	4,025,997	3,928,579	5.34	5.38

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

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	358,510	351,590	5,330	4,884	1.22	1.13
AR	374,855	375,367	5,289	5,692	1.14	1.22
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	118,010	114,907	1,996	1,962	1.35	1.39
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	400,165	388,307	4,473	4,004	0.90	0.83
KY	95,194	94,952	1,029	1,287	0.89	1.14
LA	61,001	64,060	813	561	1.04	0.69
MD	48,491	45,335	705	752	1.17	1.32
MS	274,120	270,685	3,467	2,903	1.04	0.89
MO	121,187	117,511	1,280	1,143	0.85	0.78
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	287,289	275,991	4,223	3,577	1.26	1.08
OH	14,028	13,789	211	217	1.23	1.30
PA	38,953	39,420	690	714	1.41	1.45
SC	97,061	93,758	775	1,703	0.67	1.51
TN	78,522	72,736	738	701	0.81	0.80
TX	233,259	219,974	2,561	2,842	0.95	1.12
VA	110,960	108,306	1,134	1,733	0.83	1.33
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	258,566	247,993	3,691	3,514	1.14	1.14
US	2,970,171	2,894,681	38,405	38,189	1.06	1.08

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

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected.

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	129,509	54,808	*	3,077
AR		*	153,731	50,616	*	1,787
CA		*	*	6,365	*	464
DE		3,847	110,468	24,286	42	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		*	72,487	24,622	*	4,081
IN		*	5,091	*	*	*
KY		35	45,342	*	*	*
LA		*	18,819	2,819	59	197
MD		*	50,399	11,381	58	*
MS		*	70,300	30,917	734	*
MO		1,387	66,762	11,893	*	2,071
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		352	*	2,085	*	*
NC		408	116,530	38,786	*	*
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		*	46,500	9,352	17	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		9,914	172,557	86,237	11,310	28,406
US		15,981	1,235,233	405,503	12,609	42,244
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	415,099
AR	7,707	21,502	32,680	5,562	48,594	327,535
CA	345	*	1,969	1,392	3,078	*
DE	2,369	18,883	12,735	*	35,317	221,088
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	3,509	32,624	8,698	8,005	45,922	202,154
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	13,221	13,350	455	33,833	167,049
MO	1,419	6,994	11,600	*	26,800	129,841
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	3,681	562	10,161	24,553
NC	3,425	22,716	20,777	6,952	73,924	292,864
OH	*	*	*	*	*	26,448
PA	1,510	4,504	5,190	*	21,969	72,581
SC	743	5,625	2,232	1,762	3,000	41,825
TN	1,187	11,055	7,340	*	20,637	100,833
TX	1,055	6,521	7,828	938	10,569	131,380
VA	1,328	10,175	6,033	3,913	14,928	95,491
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	4,558	14,477	41,016	14,333	96,094	426,302
US	35,747	216,423	205,700	58,155	601,593	2,829,188
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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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, October 2004**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		260	115,309	40,952	*	*
AR		*	157,323	52,260	*	1,784
CA		*	*	6,277	*	615
DE		4,476	114,635	33,408	*	5,873
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		405	75,021	34,114	232	4,184
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		54	44,735	*	*	*
LA		72	18,013	3,245	*	247
MD		*	48,546	16,167	*	*
MS		*	70,296	39,153	711	*
MO		1,411	70,818	10,680	*	2,040
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		312	99,233	37,659	*	*
OH		9	14,512	*	19	33
PA		*	29,168	13,477	*	291
SC		170	15,187	*	120	*
TN		127	46,115	7,628	66	373
TX		*	85,093	44,644	*	1,787
VA		320	53,938	15,828	*	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		8,686	179,709	127,744	10,420	26,842
US		16,302	1,237,651	483,236	11,568	44,069
Mature Birds						
Light		1,902	180,628	20,378	202	68,933
Heavy	813	1,499	51,615	2,772	126	10,113
US	813	3,401	232,243	23,150	328	79,046

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	3,613	23,487	20,489	6,526	119,448	335,919
AR	7,735	25,620	32,173	2,347	47,662	332,287
CA	283	*	1,506	*	4,698	119,311
DE	2,316	14,253	11,661	*	40,276	232,155
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	2,948	33,710	9,406	8,554	64,205	232,779
IN	*	*	199	*	*	*
KY	*	*	3,033	*	*	*
LA	307	3,333	2,282	*	1,944	29,642
MD	*	9,096	*	2,378	*	133,917
MS	2,287	14,165	10,368	609	42,130	181,489
MO	1,335	6,483	10,940	*	23,496	128,521
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	3,177	*	*	*
NC	2,827	17,213	16,954	4,275	70,856	260,642
OH	*	*	*	*	*	27,088
PA	1,170	4,431	4,590	1,030	13,963	69,907
SC	625	3,824	2,118	*	3,609	39,546
TN	*	9,357	4,931	1,728	*	94,030
TX	1,090	5,704	7,113	1,171	11,405	158,729
VA	1,350	12,711	6,438	5,726	16,594	116,380
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	5,161	25,548	45,436	15,020	129,487	374,417
US	33,047	208,935	192,814	49,364	589,773	2,866,759
Mature Birds						
Light	9,507	5,666	128,560	1,308	72,694	489,778
Heavy	1,406	7,218	17,845	584	95,755	189,746
US	10,913	12,884	146,405	1,892	168,449	679,524

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¹ 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, October 2004

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	2,688	2,753	50,180	53,198	18.67	19.32
CA	*	1,834	*	46,008	*	25.08
IA	*	*	*	*	*	*
MN	3,686	3,393	87,576	87,140	23.76	25.68
MO	1,555	1,572	47,890	49,280	30.80	31.34
NC	3,285	3,204	89,341	87,294	27.20	27.24
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	10,084	8,765	291,435	258,308	28.90	29.47
US	21,298	21,521	566,422	581,228	26.59	27.00

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	42,053	43,737	524	1,066	1.16	2.23
CA	*	37,203	*	995	*	2.40
IA	*	*	*	*	*	*
MN	70,144	70,312	1,805	1,511	2.29	1.93
MO	36,831	38,405	930	967	2.16	2.18
NC	71,870	70,268	1,277	957	1.59	1.22
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	230,337	201,556	5,639	4,182	2.15	1.80
US	451,235	461,481	10,175	9,678	2.00	1.85

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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, 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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**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, October 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			5,586	730	40	7
CA		*	*	*	*	*
IA			5,005	522	*	*
MN		*	20,493	*	*	*
MO		*	10,309	*	*	*
NC	*	*	3,988	*	*	*
OH		*	*	68	*	*
PA		*	*	419	*	*
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States	2,298	22	29,867	5,431	4,418	90
US	2,298	22	75,248	7,170	4,458	97
Old (Breeders)						
US		4	2,744	455	15	137
	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	*	*	*	*	*	13,194
CA	*	535	224	*	1,157	11,087
IA	56	232	236	*	*	*
MN	*	494	610	*	2,462	27,166
MO	*	*	*	*	*	17,382
NC	83	*	801	74	1,401	11,103
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	140	*	1,374	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	514	3,830	3,190	2,218	17,386	46,378
US	653	5,091	5,201	2,292	23,780	126,310
Old (Breeders)						
US	21	64	101	3	973	4,517

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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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