



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 14 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during November 2004 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.32 billion pounds, up 14 percent from the amount certified in November 2003. Updated totals for October 2004 show that 3.42 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during November 2004 was 4.44 billion pounds, up 13 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.76 billion pounds, up 15 percent from November 2003, and mature chickens at 65.1 million pounds, were up 19 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 606 million pounds, up 5 percent, and ducks totaled 14.8 million pounds, up 16 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during November 2004 averaged 5.31 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from November 2003. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.72 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during November 2004 averaged 26.3 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from November 2003.

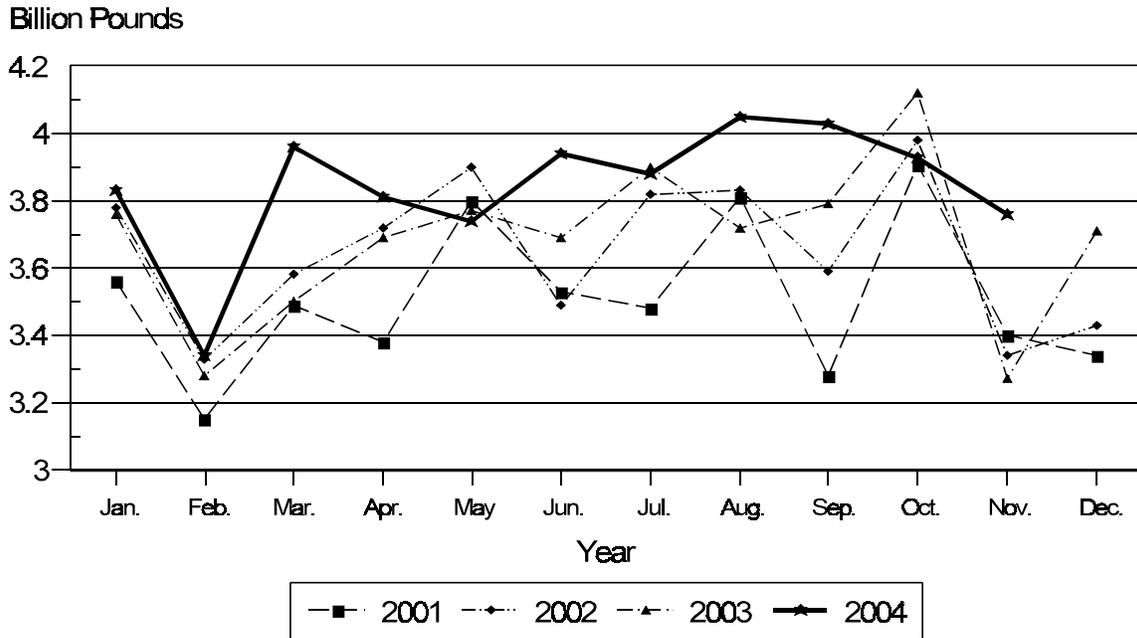
Ante-mortem condemnations during November 2004 totaled 16.8 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.38 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.33 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 48.0 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.20 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.02 percent a year earlier.

November 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. November 2003 contained 20 weekdays (including two holidays) and five Saturdays.

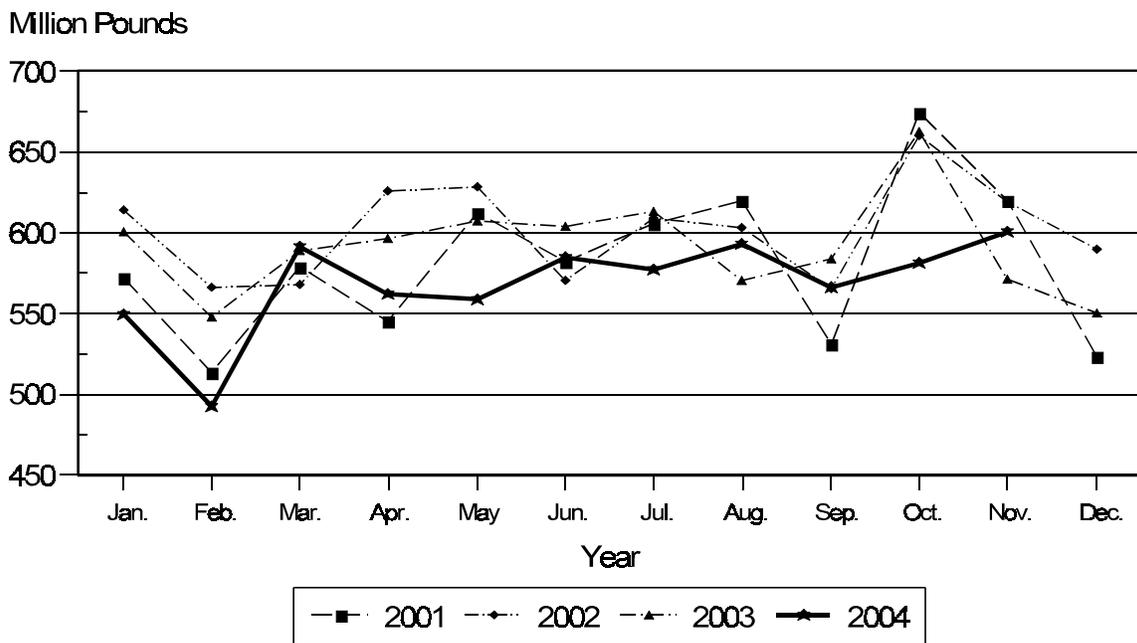
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Young Turkeys: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2001-2004



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

Commodity	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Percent of	
				Nov 2003	Oct 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	626,674	728,524	707,640	113	97
Mature	9,387	12,135	11,388	121	94
Light	4,356	5,922	5,705	131	96
Heavy	5,031	6,213	5,683	113	91
Total	636,061	740,659	719,028	113	97
Turkeys					
Young	22,413	21,525	22,916	102	106
Old	248	215	174	70	81
Total	22,661	21,740	23,090	102	106
Ducks	1,875	2,086	2,184	116	105
	<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	3,274,121	3,926,659	3,755,805	115	96
Mature	54,828	69,885	65,110	119	93
Light	14,700	19,656	19,387	132	99
Heavy	40,128	50,229	45,723	114	91
Total	3,328,949	3,996,544	3,820,915	115	96
Turkeys					
Young	570,816	581,292	601,307	105	103
Old	6,729	6,010	4,823	72	80
Total	577,545	587,302	606,130	105	103
Ducks	12,796	14,122	14,806	116	105
Other Poultry	754	1,770	860	114	49
Total Poultry	3,920,044	4,599,738	4,442,711	113	97
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.22	5.39	5.31	102	99
Mature	5.84	5.76	5.72	98	99
Light	3.37	3.32	3.40	101	102
Heavy	7.98	8.08	8.05	101	100
Total	5.23	5.40	5.31	102	98
Turkeys					
Young	25.47	27.00	26.24	103	97
Old	27.13	27.91	27.80	102	100
Total	25.49	27.01	26.25	103	97
Ducks	6.83	6.77	6.78	99	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, November 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	7,883,736	7,821,458	8,038,764	102	103
Mature	156,729	136,140	131,459	84	97
Light	89,298	70,673	66,298	74	94
Heavy	67,431	65,467	65,161	97	100
Total	8,040,465	7,957,598	8,170,223	102	103
Turkeys					
Young	247,393	244,157	232,058	94	95
Old	2,295	2,873	2,476	108	86
Total	249,688	247,030	234,534	94	95
Ducks	21,899	22,089	23,581	108	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	40,267,970	40,560,448	42,253,601	105	104
Mature	837,219	761,450	741,930	89	97
Light	304,300	241,544	222,094	73	92
Heavy	532,919	519,906	519,836	98	100
Total	41,105,189	41,321,898	42,995,531	105	104
Turkeys					
Young	6,606,582	6,541,635	6,249,933	95	96
Old	62,332	77,067	66,407	107	86
Total	6,668,914	6,618,702	6,316,340	95	95
Ducks	146,441	145,782	158,045	108	108
Other Poultry	11,747	9,661	7,868	67	81
Total Poultry	47,932,291	48,096,043	49,477,784	103	103
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.11	5.19	5.26	103	101
Mature	5.34	5.59	5.66	106	101
Light	3.41	3.42	3.35	98	98
Heavy	7.90	7.94	8.03	102	101
Total	5.11	5.19	5.27	103	102
Turkeys					
Young	26.70	26.79	27.06	101	101
Old	27.16	26.83	26.82	99	100
Total	26.71	26.79	27.06	101	101
Ducks	6.69	6.60	6.70	100	102

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

Commodity	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Percent of	
				Nov 2003	Oct 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	2,215,656	2,623,725	2,533,690	114	97
Mature	33,775	43,202	40,003	118	93
Light	7,414	9,849	9,793	132	99
Heavy	26,361	33,353	30,210	115	91
Total	2,249,431	2,666,927	2,573,693	114	97
Turkeys					
Young	252,989	260,658	288,512	114	111
Old	3,463	3,276	2,728	79	83
Total	256,452	263,934	291,240	114	110
Ducks	5,969	5,540	5,693	95	103
Other Poultry	188	222	247	131	111
Total Poultry	2,512,040	2,936,623	2,870,873	114	98
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	208,282	273,887	256,430	123	94
Mature	86	486	254	295	52
Light		183	121		66
Heavy	86	303	133	155	44
Total	208,368	274,373	256,684	123	94
Turkeys					
Young	197,275	200,877	190,066	96	95
Old	1,777	1,339	847	48	63
Total	199,052	202,216	190,913	96	94
Ducks	3,972	4,497	4,667	117	104
Other Poultry	277	852	276	100	32
Total Poultry	411,669	481,938	452,540	110	94
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,423,938	2,897,612	2,790,120	115	96
Mature	33,861	43,688	40,257	119	92
Light	7,414	10,032	9,914	134	99
Heavy	26,447	33,656	30,343	115	90
Total	2,457,799	2,941,300	2,830,377	115	96
Turkeys					
Young	450,264	461,535	478,578	106	104
Old	5,240	4,615	3,575	68	77
Total	455,504	466,150	482,153	106	103
Ducks	9,941	10,037	10,360	104	103
Other Poultry	465	1,074	523	112	49
Total Poultry	2,923,709	3,418,561	3,323,413	114	97

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, November 2004¹ (continued)**

Commodity	January to Date			Percent of	
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Chilled					
Chickens					
Young	26,867,010	27,059,503	28,429,416	106	105
Mature	488,262	455,868	457,408	94	100
Light	142,938	116,932	111,960	78	96
Heavy	345,324	338,936	345,448	100	102
Total	27,355,272	27,515,371	28,886,824	106	105
Turkeys					
Young	2,666,833	2,712,636	2,689,655	101	99
Old	37,857	48,092	40,477	107	84
Total	2,704,690	2,760,728	2,730,132	101	99
Ducks	38,192	44,670	67,785	177	152
Other Poultry	2,531	2,659	2,334	92	88
Total Poultry	30,100,685	30,323,428	31,687,075	105	104
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,845,361	2,925,915	2,790,972	98	95
Mature	16,638	7,712	4,071	24	53
Light	13,420	5,477	979	7	18
Heavy	3,218	2,235	3,092	96	138
Total	2,861,999	2,933,627	2,795,043	98	95
Turkeys					
Young	2,535,020	2,440,340	2,263,396	89	93
Old	9,666	9,924	8,964	93	90
Total	2,544,686	2,450,264	2,272,360	89	93
Ducks	68,505	62,553	48,811	71	78
Other Poultry	4,677	3,639	2,586	55	71
Total Poultry	5,479,867	5,450,083	5,118,800	93	94
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	29,712,371	29,985,418	31,220,388	105	104
Mature	504,900	463,580	461,479	91	100
Light	156,358	122,409	112,939	72	92
Heavy	348,542	341,171	348,540	100	102
Total	30,217,271	30,448,998	31,681,867	105	104
Turkeys					
Young	5,201,853	5,152,976	4,953,051	95	96
Old	47,523	58,016	49,441	104	85
Total	5,249,376	5,210,992	5,002,492	95	96
Ducks	106,697	107,223	116,596	109	109
Other Poultry	7,208	6,298	4,920	68	78
Total Poultry	35,580,552	35,773,511	36,805,875	103	103

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Commodity	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2003
				Nov 2003	Oct 2004	2003	2004	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			
Live Weight				<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Chickens								
Young	11,049	14,752	14,497	131	98	156,529	172,932	110
Mature	598	1,198	641	107	54	12,141	11,501	95
Light	220	445	271	123	61	5,576	4,619	83
Heavy	378	753	370	98	49	6,565	6,882	105
Total	11,647	15,950	15,138	130	95	168,670	184,433	109
Turkeys								
Young	1,413	1,534	1,585	112	103	24,168	22,442	93
Old	42	26	34	81	131	1,203	452	38
Total	1,455	1,560	1,619	111	104	25,371	22,894	90
Ducks	24	23	27	113	117	313	392	125
Other Poultry	3	7	3	100	43	31	27	87
Total Poultry	13,129	17,540	16,787	128	96	194,385	207,746	107
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Percent of Total Weight Condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.34	0.38	0.39	115	103	0.39	0.40	103
Mature	1.09	1.71	0.98	90	57	1.59	1.55	97
Light	1.49	2.26	1.40	94	62	2.31	2.08	90
Heavy	0.94	1.50	0.81	86	54	1.26	1.32	105
Total	0.35	0.40	0.40	114	100	0.41	0.42	102
Turkeys								
Young	0.25	0.26	0.26	104	100	0.37	0.36	97
Old	0.62	0.43	0.71	115	165	1.56	0.68	44
Total	0.25	0.27	0.27	108	100	0.38	0.36	95
Ducks	0.19	0.16	0.18	95	113	0.22	0.25	114
Other Poultry	0.33	0.38	0.30	91	79	0.32	0.34	106
Total Poultry	0.33	0.38	0.38	115	100	0.40	0.41	103

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

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

Commodity	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2003
				Nov 2003	Oct 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	23,745	38,193	34,688	146	91	330,961	407,073	123
Mature	2,468	3,205	2,923	118	91	38,932	33,611	86
Light	1,240	1,387	1,356	109	98	20,710	16,092	78
Heavy	1,228	1,818	1,567	128	86	18,222	17,519	96
Total	26,213	41,398	37,611	143	91	369,893	440,684	119
Turkeys								
Young	9,229	9,678	9,692	105	100	114,584	109,487	96
Old	272	249	286	105	115	4,534	3,841	85
Total	9,501	9,927	9,978	105	101	119,118	113,328	95
Ducks	280	368	409	146	111	3,155	3,775	120
Other Poultry	7	12	8	114	67	131	88	67
Total Poultry	36,001	51,705	48,006	133	93	492,297	557,875	113
	<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	0.81	1.08	1.03	127	95	0.91	1.06	116
Mature	5.00	5.09	4.99	100	98	5.68	5.03	89
Light	9.37	7.84	7.77	83	99	9.53	8.05	84
Heavy	3.40	4.02	3.81	112	95	3.89	3.74	96
Total	0.87	1.15	1.09	125	95	0.99	1.13	114
Turkeys								
Young	1.80	1.85	1.79	99	97	1.95	1.94	99
Old	4.50	4.62	6.59	146	143	6.53	6.43	98
Total	1.83	1.88	1.83	100	97	2.00	1.99	100
Ducks	2.43	2.90	3.06	126	106	2.40	2.65	110
Other Poultry	1.03	0.75	1.02	99	136	1.51	1.31	87
Total Poultry	1.02	1.25	1.20	118	96	1.14	1.24	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, November 2004**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<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	89,463	88,965	479,560	463,764	5.36	5.21
AR	101,135	97,812	517,952	497,396	5.12	5.09
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	24,165	23,112	156,631	149,517	6.48	6.47
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	103,636	99,988	535,228	503,886	5.16	5.04
KY	23,056	21,248	125,822	116,302	5.46	5.47
LA	15,839	15,714	89,975	88,630	5.68	5.64
MD	12,796	11,940	63,206	56,887	4.94	4.76
MS	64,960	61,807	364,277	342,809	5.61	5.55
MO	33,849	33,579	162,173	152,218	4.79	4.53
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	55,878	54,033	368,187	350,530	6.59	6.49
OH	3,342	3,146	18,555	17,428	5.55	5.54
PA	10,162	9,378	54,551	49,590	5.37	5.29
SC	21,247	21,000	124,976	125,524	5.88	5.98
TN	18,222	20,011	94,845	102,706	5.20	5.13
TX	55,438	53,313	282,832	276,956	5.10	5.19
VA	28,123	27,042	144,670	139,263	5.14	5.15
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	67,213	65,552	343,219	322,399	5.11	4.92
US	728,524	707,640	3,926,659	3,755,805	5.39	5.31

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

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<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	351,673	345,797	4,884	4,376	1.13	1.05
AR	375,367	358,512	5,692	5,094	1.22	1.14
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	114,907	107,738	1,962	1,938	1.39	1.44
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	388,307	367,940	4,004	3,422	0.83	0.75
KY	94,952	88,470	1,287	1,114	1.14	1.06
LA	64,060	63,224	561	437	0.69	0.55
MD	45,335	41,104	752	709	1.32	1.38
MS	271,525	258,057	2,907	2,465	0.89	0.80
MO	117,511	113,569	1,143	1,133	0.78	0.83
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	277,991	269,146	3,577	3,452	1.08	1.09
OH	13,789	12,799	217	260	1.30	1.66
PA	39,424	35,339	714	747	1.45	1.67
SC	93,758	94,929	1,703	692	1.51	0.61
TN	72,736	79,310	701	758	0.82	0.82
TX	219,974	216,896	2,842	2,712	1.12	1.09
VA	108,306	103,419	1,733	1,282	1.33	1.02
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	247,997	233,871	3,514	4,097	1.14	1.41
US	2,897,612	2,790,120	38,193	34,688	1.08	1.03

* 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, October 2004**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		259	115,309	40,877	*	*
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		*	70,372	39,165	711	*
MO		1,411	70,818	10,680	*	2,040
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		312	99,235	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	179,710	127,744	10,422	26,820
US		16,301	1,237,730	483,173	11,570	44,047
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	3,608	23,517	20,480	6,517	119,398	335,779
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	2,288	14,168	10,369	609	42,183	181,635
MO	1,335	6,483	10,940	*	23,496	128,521
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	3,177	*	*	*
NC	2,827	17,213	16,954	4,275	70,859	260,648
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	374,418
US	33,043	208,968	192,806	49,355	589,779	2,866,772
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

* 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, November 2004**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		234	106,087	36,781	*	*
AR		*	160,613	60,115	*	1,921
CA		*	*	7,175	218	508
DE		7,912	109,237	41,282	*	6,365
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		374	69,135	32,016	185	4,216
IN		20	*	*	43	*
KY		*	42,777	*	30	*
LA		90	18,086	3,751	54	360
MD		3,262	41,312	17,086	26	*
MS		*	70,349	31,049	584	*
MO		1,093	73,301	14,255	371	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		329	99,644	42,621	*	*
OH		*	17,108	*	27	84
PA		*	27,283	18,430	325	394
SC		*	*	*	69	*
TN		140	53,433	9,240	73	480
TX		153	92,924	50,629	171	1,680
VA		*	54,434	22,129	25	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		4,468	179,874	100,304	6,922	29,651
US		18,075	1,215,597	486,863	9,123	45,659
Mature Birds						
Light		2,966	188,887	20,291	144	77,066
Heavy		678	48,223	1,767	107	8,920
US		3,644	237,110	22,058	251	85,986

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	3,226	24,268	20,642	7,544	104,385	308,001
AR	7,121	21,578	29,484	1,945	47,665	334,971
CA	264	*	1,355	1,282	*	103,886
DE	2,030	8,069	8,834	*	46,732	233,564
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	2,450	33,764	9,143	6,873	64,711	222,867
IN	*	565	182	*	*	*
KY	164	*	2,803	*	*	*
LA	255	3,038	2,615	*	*	30,514
MD	*	*	*	*	*	*
MS	2,007	14,602	12,637	1,064	36,333	170,289
MO	1,343	6,951	11,062	*	27,086	138,224
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	2,673	323	5,236	17,376
NC	2,632	15,742	15,779	7,076	75,811	271,422
OH	84	698	*	*	*	*
PA	952	4,792	5,364	*	11,817	72,038
SC	568	4,079	2,768	1,184	4,285	34,927
TN	1,037	9,186	4,904	*	*	104,912
TX	1,007	7,102	7,807	1,378	12,830	175,681
VA	1,299	10,292	5,409	3,111	17,411	118,829
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	3,331	30,067	43,258	11,973	144,982	492,135
US	29,770	194,793	186,719	43,753	599,284	2,829,636
Mature Birds						
Light	7,684	6,411	112,770	577	63,184	479,980
Heavy	1,360	8,124	13,712	623	77,466	160,980
US	9,044	14,535	126,482	1,200	140,650	640,960

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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, November 2004

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<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	2,753	3,053	53,198	57,136	19.32	18.72
CA	1,834	*	46,008	*	25.08	*
IA	*	*	*	*	*	*
MN	3,393	3,440	87,140	91,603	25.68	26.63
MO	1,572	1,458	49,280	44,884	31.34	30.78
NC	3,204	3,173	87,297	84,291	27.24	26.56
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	8,769	11,792	258,369	323,393	29.46	27.42
US	21,525	22,916	581,292	601,307	27.00	26.24

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	October	November	October	November	October	November
	<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	43,737	46,755	1,066	849	2.23	1.65
CA	37,203	*	995	*	2.40	*
IA	*	*	*	*	*	*
MN	70,312	73,286	1,511	2,043	1.93	2.48
MO	38,405	35,621	967	849	2.18	2.10
NC	70,270	68,703	957	805	1.22	1.06
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	201,608	254,213	4,182	5,146	1.80	1.77
US	461,535	478,578	9,678	9,692	1.85	1.79

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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, 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	29,868	5,431	4,418	90
US	2,298	22	75,249	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	46,379
US	653	5,091	5,201	2,292	23,780	126,311
Old (Breeders)						
US	21	64	101	3	973	4,517

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**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, November 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			7,175	*	35	*
CA		*	7,212	484	*	4
IA			4,927	*	*	*
MN		*	24,358	*	975	*
MO			10,953	*		*
NC		*	3,543	*		*
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA		*	*	*	*	*
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States		28	28,564	8,194	3,048	66
US		28	86,732	8,678	4,058	70
Old (Breeders)						
US		2	3,814	611	6	70
	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	*	*	*	*	*	15,243
CA	*	709	170	25	1,188	9,857
IA	*	188	*	*	150	*
MN	137	568	623	*	2,275	31,610
MO	*	*	*	*	*	17,773
NC	51	896	568	*	1,590	7,432
OH	*	131	54	*	*	*
PA	139	*	223	17	1,896	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	341	2,881	3,827	1,671	17,388	55,357
US	668	5,373	5,465	1,713	24,487	137,272
Old (Breeders)						
US	18	41	144	1	2,909	7,616

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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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