



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during December 2004 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.33 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in December 2003. Updated totals for November 2004 show that 3.33 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during December 2004 was 4.47 billion pounds, up 2 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.83 billion pounds, up 2 percent from December 2003, and mature chickens at 68.9 million pounds, were up 8 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 552 million pounds, down 1 percent, and ducks totaled 16.2 million pounds, up 7 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during December 2004 averaged 5.30 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from December 2003. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.62 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during December 2004 averaged 27.7 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from December 2003.

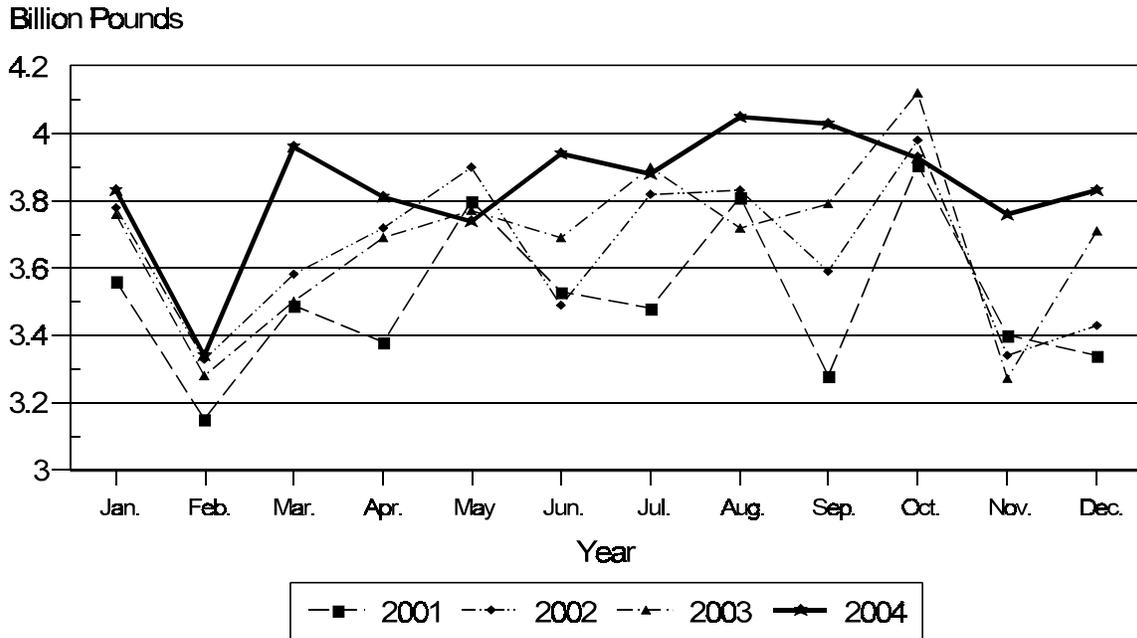
Ante-mortem condemnations during December 2004 totaled 21.1 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.47 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.38 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 51.5 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.28 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.11 percent a year earlier.

December 2004 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. December 2003 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

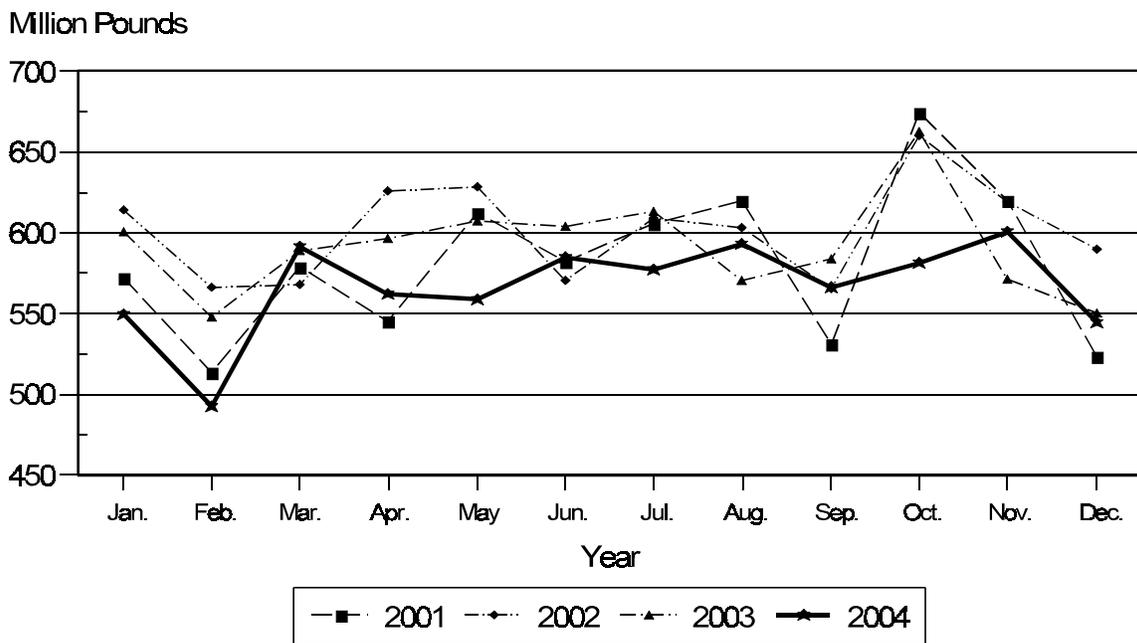
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## Young Chickens: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2001-2004



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



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

Commodity	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Percent of	
				Dec 2003	Nov 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	715,407	708,218	722,753	101	102
Mature	11,429	11,443	12,259	107	107
Light	5,932	5,705	6,140	104	108
Heavy	5,497	5,738	6,119	111	107
Total	726,836	719,661	735,012	101	102
Turkeys					
Young	20,596	22,951	19,641	95	86
Old	155	174	269	174	155
Total	20,751	23,125	19,910	96	86
Ducks	2,212	2,185	2,385	108	109
	<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	3,757,083	3,764,849	3,833,824	102	102
Mature	63,523	65,561	68,920	108	105
Light	19,782	19,387	20,619	104	106
Heavy	43,741	46,174	48,301	110	105
Total	3,820,606	3,830,410	3,902,744	102	102
Turkeys					
Young	551,796	604,605	544,364	99	90
Old	4,413	4,823	7,290	165	151
Total	556,209	609,428	551,654	99	91
Ducks	15,089	14,817	16,175	107	109
Other Poultry	355	860	528	149	61
Total Poultry	4,392,259	4,455,515	4,471,101	102	100
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.25	5.32	5.30	101	100
Mature	5.56	5.73	5.62	101	98
Light	3.33	3.40	3.36	101	99
Heavy	7.96	8.05	7.89	99	98
Total	5.26	5.32	5.31	101	100
Turkeys					
Young	26.79	26.34	27.72	103	105
Old	28.49	27.80	27.08	95	97
Total	26.80	26.35	27.71	103	105
Ducks	6.82	6.78	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, December 2004 <sup>1</sup> (continued)**

Commodity	January to Date			Percent of	
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Number Slaughtered</b>					
Chickens					
Young	8,546,240	8,536,865	8,762,095	103	103
Mature	169,859	147,569	143,773	85	97
Light	96,448	76,605	72,438	75	95
Heavy	73,411	70,964	71,335	97	101
Total	8,716,099	8,684,434	8,905,868	102	103
Turkeys					
Young	268,675	264,753	251,734	94	95
Old	2,569	3,028	2,745	107	91
Total	271,244	267,781	254,479	94	95
Ducks	23,998	24,301	25,967	108	107
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Live Weight</b>					
Chickens					
Young	43,715,247	44,317,531	46,096,469	105	104
Mature	907,955	824,973	811,301	89	98
Light	328,387	261,326	242,713	74	93
Heavy	579,568	563,647	568,588	98	101
Total	44,623,202	45,142,504	46,907,770	105	104
Turkeys					
Young	7,189,257	7,093,431	6,797,595	95	96
Old	69,926	81,480	73,697	105	90
Total	7,259,183	7,174,911	6,871,292	95	96
Ducks	160,319	160,871	174,231	109	108
Other Poultry	12,667	10,016	8,396	66	84
Total Poultry	52,055,371	52,488,302	53,961,689	104	103
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Average Live Weight</b>					
Chickens					
Young	5.12	5.19	5.27	103	102
Mature	5.35	5.59	5.66	106	101
Light	3.40	3.41	3.35	99	98
Heavy	7.89	7.94	8.03	102	101
Total	5.12	5.20	5.27	103	101
Turkeys					
Young	26.76	26.80	27.12	101	101
Old	27.21	26.92	26.84	99	100
Total	26.76	26.80	27.12	101	101
Ducks	6.68	6.62	6.71	100	101

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

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

Commodity	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Percent of	
				Dec 2003	Nov 2004
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Chilled</b>					
Chickens					
Young	2,490,164	2,537,131	2,582,480	104	102
Mature	38,916	40,324	42,169	108	105
Light	10,029	9,793	10,653	106	109
Heavy	28,887	30,531	31,516	109	103
Total	2,529,080	2,577,455	2,624,649	104	102
Turkeys					
Young	247,107	289,551	258,020	104	89
Old	2,209	2,728	4,382	198	161
Total	249,316	292,279	262,402	105	90
Ducks	7,391	5,700	6,104	83	107
Other Poultry	182	247	287	158	116
Total Poultry	2,785,969	2,875,681	2,893,442	104	101
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	273,414	259,215	254,075	93	98
Mature	159	254	295	186	116
Light	102	121			
Heavy	57	133	295	518	222
Total	273,573	259,469	254,370	93	98
Turkeys					
Young	188,954	190,066	176,424	93	93
Old	1,095	847	1,139	104	134
Total	190,049	190,913	177,563	93	93
Ducks	4,393	4,668	5,322	121	114
Other Poultry	55	276	58	105	21
Total Poultry	468,070	455,326	437,313	93	96
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	2,763,578	2,796,346	2,836,555	103	101
Mature	39,075	40,578	42,464	109	105
Light	10,131	9,914	10,653	105	107
Heavy	28,944	30,664	31,811	110	104
Total	2,802,653	2,836,924	2,879,019	103	101
Turkeys					
Young	436,061	479,617	434,444	100	91
Old	3,304	3,575	5,521	167	154
Total	439,365	483,192	439,965	100	91
Ducks	11,784	10,368	11,426	97	110
Other Poultry	237	523	345	146	66
Total Poultry	3,254,039	3,331,007	3,330,755	102	100

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

Commodity	January to Date			Percent of	
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Chilled</b>					
Chickens					
Young	29,140,868	29,549,667	31,015,337	106	105
Mature	529,762	494,784	499,898	94	101
Light	154,690	126,961	122,613	79	97
Heavy	375,072	367,823	377,285	101	103
Total	29,670,630	30,044,451	31,515,235	106	105
Turkeys					
Young	2,919,181	2,959,743	2,948,714	101	100
Old	42,235	50,301	44,859	106	89
Total	2,961,416	3,010,044	2,993,573	101	99
Ducks	41,833	52,061	73,896	177	142
Other Poultry	2,751	2,841	2,621	95	92
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>32,676,630</b>	<b>33,109,397</b>	<b>34,585,325</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	3,098,854	3,199,329	3,047,832	98	95
Mature	17,347	7,871	4,366	25	55
Light	13,969	5,579	979	7	18
Heavy	3,378	2,292	3,387	100	148
Total	3,116,201	3,207,200	3,052,198	98	95
Turkeys					
Young	2,740,537	2,629,294	2,439,820	89	93
Old	10,779	11,019	10,103	94	92
Total	2,751,316	2,640,313	2,449,923	89	93
Ducks	75,026	66,946	54,134	72	81
Other Poultry	4,994	3,694	2,644	53	72
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>5,947,537</b>	<b>5,918,153</b>	<b>5,558,899</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	32,239,722	32,748,996	34,063,169	106	104
Mature	547,109	502,655	504,264	92	100
Light	168,659	132,540	123,592	73	93
Heavy	378,450	370,115	380,672	101	103
Total	32,786,831	33,251,651	34,567,433	105	104
Turkeys					
Young	5,659,718	5,589,037	5,388,534	95	96
Old	53,014	61,320	54,962	104	90
Total	5,712,732	5,650,357	5,443,496	95	96
Ducks	116,859	119,007	128,030	110	108
Other Poultry	7,745	6,535	5,265	68	81
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>38,624,167</b>	<b>39,027,550</b>	<b>40,144,224</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>103</b>

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

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

Commodity	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2003
				Dec 2003	Nov 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	14,196	14,514	18,437	130	127	170,725	191,386	112
Mature	621	642	974	157	152	12,762	12,476	98
Light	263	271	313	119	115	5,839	4,932	84
Heavy	358	371	661	185	178	6,923	7,544	109
Total	14,817	15,156	19,411	131	128	183,487	203,862	111
Turkeys								
Young	1,742	1,586	1,493	86	94	25,910	23,936	92
Old	35	34	46	131	135	1,238	498	40
Total	1,777	1,620	1,539	87	95	27,148	24,434	90
Ducks	25	27	159	636	589	338	551	163
Other Poultry		3	1		33	31	28	90
Total Poultry	16,619	16,806	21,110	127	126	211,004	228,875	108
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Percent of Total Weight Condemned <sup>2</sup>								
Chickens								
Young	0.38	0.39	0.48	126	123	0.39	0.41	105
Mature	0.98	0.98	1.41	144	144	1.55	1.50	97
Light	1.33	1.40	1.52	114	109	2.23	2.03	91
Heavy	0.82	0.80	1.37	167	171	1.23	1.27	103
Total	0.39	0.40	0.50	128	125	0.41	0.43	105
Turkeys								
Young	0.32	0.26	0.27	84	104	0.37	0.35	95
Old	0.80	0.71	0.63	79	89	1.52	0.67	44
Total	0.32	0.27	0.28	88	104	0.38	0.35	92
Ducks	0.16	0.18	0.98	613	544	0.21	0.32	152
Other Poultry	0.10	0.30	0.12	120	40	0.31	0.32	103
Total Poultry	0.38	0.38	0.47	124	124	0.40	0.42	105

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

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

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

Commodity	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2003
				Dec 2003	Nov 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>
<b>N.Y. Dressed Weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young	31,295	34,771	38,633	123	111	362,256	445,789	123
Mature	2,975	2,929	3,044	102	104	41,907	36,661	87
Light	1,543	1,356	1,566	101	115	22,253	17,658	79
Heavy	1,432	1,573	1,478	103	94	19,654	19,003	97
Total	34,270	37,700	41,677	122	111	404,163	482,450	119
Turkeys								
Young	9,189	9,707	9,002	98	93	123,773	118,504	96
Old	201	286	369	184	129	4,735	4,210	89
Total	9,390	9,993	9,371	100	94	128,508	122,714	95
Ducks	348	409	474	136	116	3,503	4,249	121
Other Poultry	5	8	6	120	75	136	94	69
Total Poultry	44,013	48,110	51,528	117	107	536,310	609,507	114
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Percent of Total Weight Condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young	0.93	1.03	1.12	120	109	0.91	1.07	118
Mature	5.20	4.96	4.91	94	99	5.64	5.02	89
Light	8.67	7.77	8.44	97	109	9.46	8.08	85
Heavy	3.64	3.79	3.40	93	90	3.87	3.71	96
Total	1.00	1.09	1.19	119	109	1.00	1.13	113
Turkeys								
Young	1.85	1.78	1.84	99	103	1.94	1.93	99
Old	5.06	6.59	5.63	111	85	6.45	6.35	98
Total	1.88	1.82	1.89	101	104	1.99	1.98	99
Ducks	2.56	3.06	3.26	127	107	2.42	2.71	112
Other Poultry	1.64	1.02	1.25	76	123	1.51	1.31	87
Total Poultry	1.11	1.20	1.28	115	107	1.14	1.25	110

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

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected.

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,  
by State and United States, December 2004**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	<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	88,845	89,505	463,764	467,679	5.22	5.23
AR	97,926	98,558	498,421	488,910	5.09	4.96
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	23,112	24,254	149,517	154,485	6.47	6.37
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	101,471	106,096	511,265	539,294	5.04	5.08
KY	21,248	21,890	116,302	119,108	5.47	5.44
LA	15,714	16,229	88,630	92,344	5.64	5.69
MD	11,940	11,983	56,887	57,220	4.76	4.77
MS	61,807	63,078	342,809	353,383	5.55	5.60
MO	33,579	33,482	152,218	157,524	4.53	4.70
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	54,034	54,486	350,531	351,807	6.49	6.46
OH	3,146	3,214	17,428	17,674	5.54	5.50
PA	9,378	9,720	49,619	51,831	5.29	5.33
SC	21,000	20,294	125,524	121,045	5.98	5.96
TN	20,011	19,864	102,706	104,664	5.13	5.27
TX	53,413	54,970	277,566	277,344	5.20	5.05
VA	27,042	27,889	139,263	139,395	5.15	5.00
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	64,552	67,241	322,399	340,117	4.99	5.06
US	708,218	722,753	3,764,849	3,833,824	5.32	5.30

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

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	<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	345,797	347,972	4,376	5,080	1.05	1.21
AR	359,179	352,992	5,110	5,113	1.14	1.16
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	107,738	111,103	1,938	2,225	1.44	1.60
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	373,010	392,894	3,483	4,518	0.76	0.93
KY	88,470	88,626	1,114	1,096	1.06	1.02
LA	63,224	66,387	437	485	0.55	0.58
MD	41,104	41,545	709	599	1.38	1.16
MS	258,057	262,060	2,465	2,750	0.80	0.86
MO	113,569	117,047	1,133	1,413	0.83	1.00
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	269,147	270,532	3,452	4,695	1.09	1.48
OH	12,799	12,728	260	342	1.66	2.15
PA	35,339	36,089	747	844	1.67	1.81
SC	94,929	91,367	692	702	0.61	0.64
TN	79,310	79,938	758	908	0.82	0.96
TX	217,384	215,556	2,718	2,739	1.09	1.10
VA	103,419	103,526	1,282	1,786	1.02	1.42
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	233,871	246,193	4,097	3,338	1.41	1.09
US	2,796,346	2,836,555	34,771	38,633	1.03	1.12

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

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

<sup>2</sup>Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected.

**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,  
by State and United States, 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		*	160,853	60,115	*	1,921
CA		*	*	7,175	218	508
DE		7,912	109,237	41,282	*	6,365
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		374	70,444	32,396	185	4,219
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		154	93,208	50,658	171	1,683
VA		*	54,434	22,129	25	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		4,469	179,874	100,304	6,922	29,651
US		18,077	1,217,430	487,272	9,123	45,665
Mature Birds						
Light		2,966	188,887	20,291	144	77,066
Heavy		678	48,779	1,767	107	9,062
US		3,644	237,666	22,058	251	86,128

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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 <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	3,226	24,268	20,642	7,544	104,385	308,001
AR	7,121	21,593	29,485	1,945	47,679	335,242
CA	264	*	1,355	1,282	*	103,886
DE	2,030	8,069	8,834	*	46,732	233,564
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	2,515	34,726	9,267	6,875	65,265	226,266
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	7,117	7,823	1,378	15,475	178,674
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	29,835	195,785	186,860	43,755	602,497	2,836,299
Mature Birds						
Light	7,684	6,411	112,770	577	63,184	479,980
Heavy	1,372	8,151	13,717	623	77,495	161,751
US	9,056	14,562	126,487	1,200	140,679	641,731

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

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

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		349	108,809	60,538	*	*
AR		1,638	184,910	101,693	4,244	2,383
CA		*	*	6,524	188	734
DE		*	111,153	52,899	*	7,361
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		345	76,422	62,537	175	4,505
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		53	54,187	*	43	*
LA		96	18,824	4,341	*	*
MD		*	44,321	25,859	*	*
MS		245	68,453	35,186	597	1,189
MO		1,196	95,365	25,135	*	2,390
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		321	105,906	64,164	*	*
OH		10	16,934	*	13	50
PA		*	34,870	21,271	406	315
SC		75	*	*	75	*
TN		161	52,791	11,543	125	529
TX		272	88,219	45,680	105	1,715
VA		248	56,944	26,750	*	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		28,869	216,499	90,867	3,233	25,106
US		33,878	1,334,607	634,987	9,204	46,277
Mature Birds						
Light	1	2,822	217,723	21,192	189	87,563
Heavy		3,439	61,792	2,443	85	10,322
US	1	6,261	279,515	23,635	274	97,885

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	3,243	26,418	20,578	7,149	120,805	352,050
AR	8,252	28,624	29,879	4,023	54,393	420,039
CA	357	*	1,829	1,448	9,830	*
DE	2,418	11,297	10,512	2,213	52,825	272,103
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	2,672	42,162	8,715	5,685	67,582	270,800
IN	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	186	9,286	3,416	1,374	*	*
LA	289	3,763	2,570	*	*	32,651
MD	*	8,497	*	*	*	*
MS	1,708	16,399	11,936	1,962	38,296	175,971
MO	1,355	8,109	9,737	*	24,245	168,526
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	3,111	274	*	26,401
NC	2,939	16,626	16,103	5,372	108,698	330,141
OH	89	*	*	*	*	*
PA	1,003	*	6,753	*	12,955	83,308
SC	*	4,646	1,941	1,653	4,687	36,530
TN	961	11,734	4,623	*	*	126,664
TX	811	7,278	7,838	1,615	16,764	170,297
VA	1,376	9,926	5,536	2,475	19,954	127,498
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	4,139	21,554	44,165	6,043	191,990	677,643
US	31,798	226,319	189,242	41,286	723,024	3,270,622
Mature Birds						
Light	7,854	6,499	128,530	2,170	67,379	541,922
Heavy	1,505	13,274	21,444	300	79,189	193,793
US	9,359	19,773	149,974	2,470	146,568	735,715

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

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

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	<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	3,053	3,012	57,136	55,155	18.72	18.31
CA	*	1,298	*	31,613	*	24.36
IA	*	*	*	*	*	*
MN	3,440	2,745	91,603	77,387	26.63	28.20
MO	1,458	1,460	44,884	46,725	30.78	32.00
NC	3,173	*	86,291	*	27.19	*
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	11,827	11,126	324,691	333,484	27.45	29.97
US	22,951	19,641	604,605	544,364	26.34	27.72

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	<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	46,755	45,840	849	575	1.65	1.16
CA	*	26,165	*	650	*	2.29
IA	*	*	*	*	*	*
MN	73,286	61,848	2,043	1,944	2.48	2.79
MO	35,621	36,602	849	848	2.10	2.02
NC	68,703	*	805	*	1.04	*
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	255,252	263,989	5,161	4,985	1.77	1.66
US	479,617	434,444	9,707	9,002	1.78	1.84

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

<sup>2</sup>Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected.

**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,  
by State and United States, 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	28,639	8,196	3,048	66
US		28	86,807	8,680	4,058	70
Old (Breeders)						
US		2	3,814	611	6	70
	<b>Bruises</b>	<b>Cadaver</b>	<b>Contam- ination</b>	<b>Overscald</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total <sup>1</sup></b>
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young (Mature)						
AR	*	*	*	*	*	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	343	2,901	3,829	1,671	17,403	55,473
US	670	5,393	5,467	1,713	24,502	137,388
Old (Breeders)						
US	18	41	144	1	2,909	7,616

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

**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,  
by State and United States, December 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		*	6,504	669	*	9
CA		*	4,545	*		*
IA			5,745	1,101	*	*
MN	*	*	21,768	*	*	4
MO			9,405	*		*
NC		*	*	*		*
OH		2	*	*	*	*
PA		*	*	1,124	*	*
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States	319	48	28,938	4,476	4,437	29
US	319	50	76,905	7,370	4,437	42
Old (Breeders)						
US		6	4,287	904	12	166
	<b>Bruises</b>	<b>Cadaver</b>	<b>Contam- ination</b>	<b>Overscald</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total <sup>1</sup></b>
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young (Mature)						
AR	*	1,170	*	*	2,487	*
CA	*	184	116	*	*	6,086
IA	83	*	*	*	113	10,383
MN	*	395	440	*	1,985	27,103
MO	*	120	236	*	*	11,351
NC	49	579	*	537	1,838	5,904
OH	7	*	10	*	*	*
PA	128	*	206	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	378	2,305	3,689	1,731	12,267	59,349
US	645	4,753	4,697	2,268	18,690	120,176
Old (Breeders)						
US	21	81	218	1	2,212	7,908

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

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

## Poultry Slaughter Estimates

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

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## 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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