



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 6 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during February 2005 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.08 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the amount certified in February 2004. Updated totals for January 2005 show that 3.30 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during February 2005 was 4.15 billion pounds, up 6 percent from 3.93 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.57 billion pounds, up 7 percent from February 2004, and mature chickens at 60.7 million pounds, were up 14 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 507 million pounds, down 2 percent, and ducks totaled 13.6 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during February 2005 averaged 5.28 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from February 2004. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.62 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during February 2005 averaged 29.1 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from February 2004.

Ante-mortem condemnations during February 2005 totaled 21.9 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.53 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.44 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 47.6 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.28 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.38 percent a year earlier.

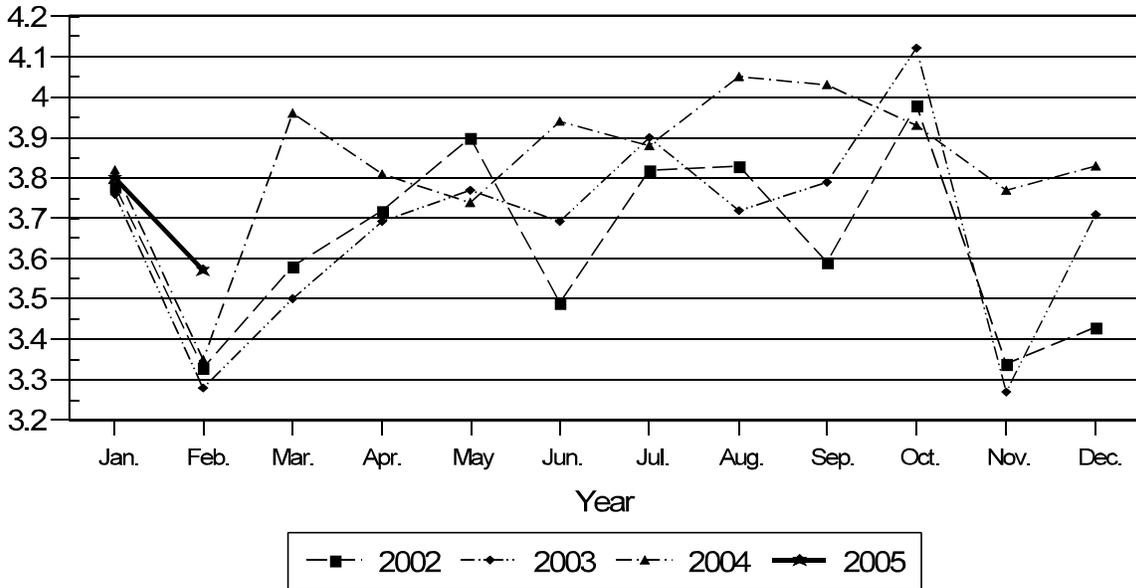
February 2005 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays, the same as February 2004. February 2004 was a leap year with the 29th being a Sunday.

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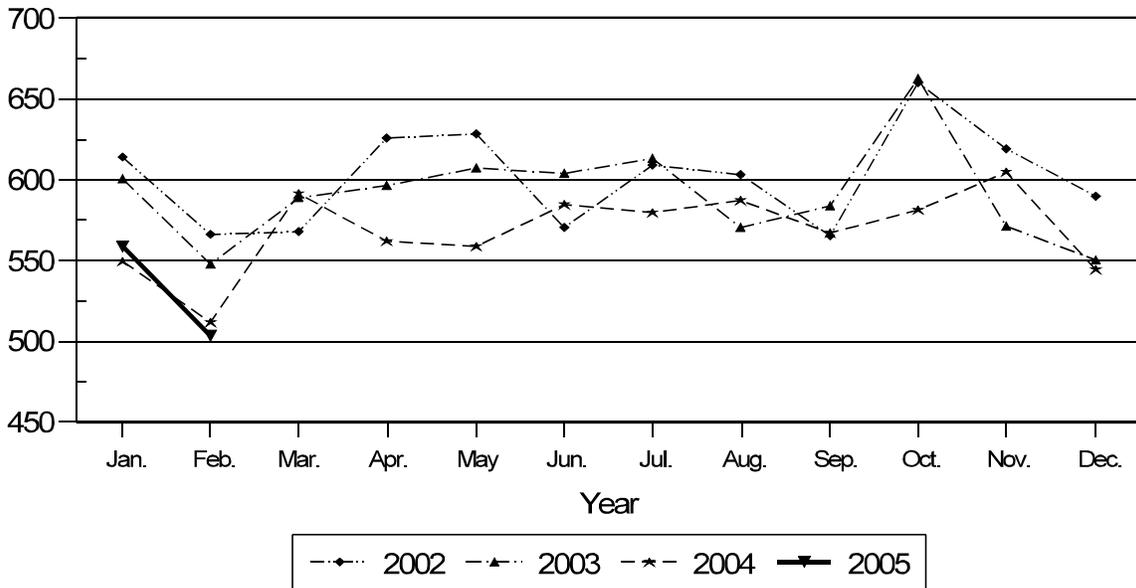
Young Chickens: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2002-2005

Billion Pounds



Young Turkeys: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2002-2005

Million Pounds



**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, February 2005¹**

Commodity	Feb 2004	Jan 2005	Feb 2005	Percent of	
				Feb 2004	Jan 2005
	<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	646,358	711,739	675,731	105	95
Mature	9,755	11,087	10,807	111	97
Light	5,249	5,833	5,489	105	94
Heavy	4,506	5,254	5,318	118	101
Total	656,113	722,826	686,538	105	95
Turkeys					
Young	18,335	19,413	17,300	94	89
Old	107	202	147	137	73
Total	18,442	19,615	17,447	95	89
Ducks	1,940	2,295	2,019	104	88
	<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	3,347,079	3,800,315	3,565,916	107	94
Mature	53,115	62,181	60,720	114	98
Light	17,133	19,050	18,077	106	95
Heavy	35,982	43,131	42,643	119	99
Total	3,400,194	3,862,496	3,626,636	107	94
Turkeys					
Young	511,819	558,938	502,927	98	90
Old	2,830	5,727	3,824	135	67
Total	514,649	564,665	506,751	98	90
Ducks	13,050	15,521	13,621	104	88
Other Poultry	242	484	380	157	79
Total Poultry	3,928,135	4,443,166	4,147,388	106	93
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.18	5.34	5.28	102	99
Mature	5.44	5.61	5.62	103	100
Light	3.26	3.27	3.29	101	101
Heavy	7.99	8.21	8.02	100	98
Total	5.18	5.34	5.28	102	99
Turkeys					
Young	27.91	28.79	29.07	104	101
Old	26.37	28.29	26.06	99	92
Total	27.90	28.79	29.05	104	101
Ducks	6.73	6.76	6.75	100	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, February 2005 ¹ (continued)**

Commodity	January to Date			Percent of	
	2003	2004	2005	2003	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	1,359,092	1,367,334	1,387,470	102	101
Mature	26,588	21,080	21,894	82	104
Light	15,040	11,087	11,322	75	102
Heavy	11,548	9,993	10,572	92	106
Total	1,385,680	1,388,414	1,409,364	102	102
Turkeys					
Young	41,366	38,281	36,713	89	96
Old	497	314	349	70	111
Total	41,863	38,595	37,062	89	96
Ducks	4,126	4,093	4,314	105	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	7,050,062	7,170,896	7,366,231	104	103
Mature	140,788	117,225	122,901	87	105
Light	50,700	37,321	37,127	73	99
Heavy	90,088	79,904	85,774	95	107
Total	7,190,850	7,288,121	7,489,132	104	103
Turkeys					
Young	1,144,035	1,060,955	1,061,865	93	100
Old	13,592	8,825	9,551	70	108
Total	1,157,627	1,069,780	1,071,416	93	100
Ducks	27,187	27,658	29,142	107	105
Other Poultry	1,669	464	864	52	186
Total Poultry	8,377,333	8,386,023	8,590,554	103	102
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.19	5.24	5.31	102	101
Mature	5.30	5.56	5.61	106	101
Light	3.37	3.37	3.28	97	97
Heavy	7.80	8.00	8.11	104	101
Total	5.19	5.25	5.31	102	101
Turkeys					
Young	27.65	27.71	28.92	105	104
Old	27.34	28.05	27.35	100	98
Total	27.65	27.72	28.91	105	104
Ducks	6.59	6.76	6.76	103	100

¹ Federally inspected only.

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, February 2005 ¹**

Commodity	Feb 2004	Jan 2005	Feb 2005	Percent of	
				Feb 2004	Jan 2005
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Chilled					
Chickens					
Young	2,259,042	2,572,131	2,413,197	107	94
Mature	31,957	38,164	37,472	117	98
Light	8,794	9,989	9,319	106	93
Heavy	23,163	28,175	28,153	122	100
Total	2,290,999	2,610,295	2,450,669	107	94
Turkeys					
Young	213,428	252,801	228,271	107	90
Old	2,033	4,064	2,526	124	62
Total	215,461	256,865	230,797	107	90
Ducks	6,240	5,579	5,279	85	95
Other Poultry	122	247	197	161	80
Total Poultry	2,512,822	2,872,986	2,686,942	107	94
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	208,709	235,052	222,506	107	95
Mature	387	223	362	94	162
Light		1	2		200
Heavy	387	222	360	93	162
Total	209,096	235,275	222,868	107	95
Turkeys					
Young	182,348	186,184	166,575	91	89
Old	154	232	349	227	150
Total	182,502	186,416	166,924	91	90
Ducks	3,942	5,501	4,635	118	84
Other Poultry	34	50	35	103	70
Total Poultry	395,574	427,242	394,462	100	92
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,467,751	2,807,183	2,635,703	107	94
Mature	32,344	38,387	37,834	117	99
Light	8,794	9,990	9,321	106	93
Heavy	23,550	28,397	28,513	121	100
Total	2,500,095	2,845,570	2,673,537	107	94
Turkeys					
Young	395,776	438,985	394,846	100	90
Old	2,187	4,296	2,875	131	67
Total	397,963	443,281	397,721	100	90
Ducks	10,182	11,080	9,914	97	89
Other Poultry	156	297	232	149	78
Total Poultry	2,908,396	3,300,228	3,081,404	106	93

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, February 2005 ¹ (continued)**

Commodity	January to Date			Percent of	
	2003	2004	2005	2003	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	4,699,980	4,812,264	4,985,328	106	104
Mature	83,026	70,996	75,636	91	107
Light	24,446	19,178	19,308	79	101
Heavy	58,580	51,818	56,328	96	109
Total	4,783,006	4,883,260	5,060,964	106	104
Turkeys					
Young	473,838	452,680	481,072	102	106
Old	8,658	5,856	6,590	76	113
Total	482,496	458,536	487,662	101	106
Ducks	6,766	13,372	10,858	160	81
Other Poultry	423	251	444	105	177
Total Poultry	5,272,691	5,355,419	5,559,928	105	104
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	494,093	479,086	457,558	93	96
Mature	1,722	557	585	34	105
Light	1,292		3		
Heavy	430	557	582	135	104
Total	495,815	479,643	458,143	92	96
Turkeys					
Young	427,436	378,583	352,759	83	93
Old	1,265	875	581	46	66
Total	428,701	379,458	353,340	82	93
Ducks	12,757	8,224	10,136	79	123
Other Poultry	614	73	85	14	116
Total Poultry	937,887	867,398	821,704	88	95
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	5,194,073	5,291,350	5,442,886	105	103
Mature	84,748	71,553	76,221	90	107
Light	25,738	19,178	19,311	75	101
Heavy	59,010	52,375	56,910	96	109
Total	5,278,821	5,362,903	5,519,107	105	103
Turkeys					
Young	901,274	831,263	833,831	93	100
Old	9,923	6,731	7,171	72	107
Total	911,197	837,994	841,002	92	100
Ducks	19,523	21,596	20,994	108	97
Other Poultry	1,037	324	529	51	163
Total Poultry	6,210,578	6,222,817	6,381,632	103	103

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, February 2005 ¹**

Commodity	Feb 2004	Jan 2005	Feb 2005	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2004
				Feb 2004	Jan 2005	2004	2005	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	14,480	18,341	19,463	134	106	31,213	37,804	121
Mature	637	979	787	124	80	1,815	1,766	97
Light	223	361	241	108	67	681	602	88
Heavy	414	618	546	132	88	1,134	1,164	103
Total	15,117	19,320	20,250	134	105	33,028	39,570	120
Turkeys								
Young	1,951	1,827	1,531	78	84	4,044	3,358	83
Old	33	90	44	133	49	73	134	184
Total	1,984	1,917	1,575	79	82	4,117	3,492	85
Ducks	30	33	27	90	82	55	60	109
Other Poultry	1	2				1	2	200
Total Poultry	17,132	21,272	21,852	128	103	37,201	43,124	116
	<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	0.43	0.48	0.55	128	115	0.44	0.51	116
Mature	1.20	1.58	1.30	108	82	1.55	1.44	93
Light	1.30	1.90	1.33	102	70	1.82	1.62	89
Heavy	1.15	1.43	1.28	111	90	1.42	1.36	96
Total	0.44	0.50	0.56	127	112	0.45	0.53	118
Turkeys								
Young	0.38	0.33	0.30	79	91	0.38	0.32	84
Old	1.15	1.58	1.16	101	73	0.82	1.41	172
Total	0.39	0.34	0.31	79	91	0.38	0.33	87
Ducks	0.23	0.21	0.20	87	95	0.20	0.21	105
Other Poultry	0.44	0.47	0.08	18	17	0.26	0.30	115
Total Poultry	0.44	0.48	0.53	120	110	0.44	0.50	114

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, February 2005 ¹**

Commodity	Feb 2004	Jan 2005	Feb 2005	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2004
				Feb 2004	Jan 2005	2004	2005	
	<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	36,179	37,775	35,984	99	95	68,263	73,759	108
Mature	2,754	3,002	2,933	106	98	5,810	5,935	102
Light	1,716	1,295	1,320	77	102	3,292	2,615	79
Heavy	1,038	1,707	1,613	155	94	2,518	3,320	132
Total	38,933	40,777	38,917	100	95	74,073	79,694	108
Turkeys								
Young	9,195	9,047	8,111	88	90	18,632	17,158	92
Old	226	302	276	122	91	568	578	102
Total	9,421	9,349	8,387	89	90	19,200	17,736	92
Ducks	348	402	322	93	80	698	724	104
Other Poultry	5	6	5	100	83	8	11	138
Total Poultry	48,707	50,534	47,631	98	94	93,979	98,165	104
	<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	1.20	1.10	1.12	93	102	1.06	1.11	105
Mature	5.76	5.36	5.37	93	100	5.51	5.36	97
Light	11.13	7.55	8.12	73	108	9.80	7.83	80
Heavy	3.20	4.40	4.20	131	95	3.50	4.30	123
Total	1.27	1.17	1.19	94	102	1.13	1.18	104
Turkeys								
Young	2.00	1.80	1.79	90	99	1.95	1.80	92
Old	8.87	5.85	8.02	90	137	7.15	6.72	94
Total	2.03	1.84	1.84	91	100	1.99	1.84	92
Ducks	2.97	2.87	2.63	89	92	2.81	2.76	98
Other Poultry	2.23	1.39	1.47	66	106	1.89	1.42	75
Total Poultry	1.38	1.26	1.28	93	102	1.25	1.27	102

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, February 2005**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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	86,199	85,823	454,867	430,081	5.28	5.01
AR	95,152	91,869	473,880	459,869	4.98	5.01
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	23,787	22,142	155,898	142,916	6.55	6.45
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	100,811	96,135	510,861	481,788	5.07	5.01
KY	22,325	21,632	119,555	117,710	5.36	5.44
LA	15,980	15,635	89,481	87,672	5.60	5.61
MD	11,865	11,438	55,746	53,622	4.70	4.69
MS	62,741	58,782	350,822	325,422	5.59	5.54
MO	31,999	30,965	152,677	144,906	4.77	4.68
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	58,120	51,924	365,397	334,446	6.29	6.44
OH	3,403	3,228	19,157	17,628	5.63	5.46
PA	10,049	9,656	53,924	51,539	5.37	5.34
SC	20,162	20,247	123,985	119,251	6.15	5.89
TN	19,842	17,942	105,255	93,194	5.30	5.19
TX	51,538	49,731	272,362	260,953	5.28	5.25
VA	27,736	25,010	138,822	123,259	5.01	4.93
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	70,030	63,572	357,626	321,660	5.11	5.06
US	711,739	675,731	3,800,315	3,565,916	5.34	5.28

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

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by State and United States, February 2005**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	January	February	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
			January	February	January	February
	<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	338,474	321,430	4,575	4,400	1.12	1.14
AR	342,782	332,234	4,768	4,855	1.12	1.17
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	111,969	102,086	2,686	2,035	1.91	1.58
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	368,019	349,612	3,669	3,737	0.80	0.86
KY	90,511	90,046	862	867	0.80	0.82
LA	63,841	62,358	491	523	0.61	0.66
MD	40,071	38,778	757	1,052	1.51	2.18
MS	258,132	236,295	2,750	2,488	0.87	0.85
MO	111,133	106,437	1,319	1,327	0.96	1.02
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	283,875	260,400	4,864	3,708	1.48	1.23
OH	14,143	13,068	270	233	1.57	1.47
PA	37,455	35,797	885	769	1.82	1.66
SC	89,806	89,767	629	669	0.56	0.62
TN	81,318	70,893	923	835	0.97	1.00
TX	211,715	202,389	2,858	3,316	1.17	1.41
VA	103,281	91,531	1,873	1,129	1.50	1.02
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	260,658	232,582	3,596	4,041	1.12	1.40
US	2,807,183	2,635,703	37,775	35,984	1.10	1.12

* 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, January 2005**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	111,565	58,339	1,144	*
AR		1,024	174,538	115,551	3,090	2,603
CA		*	*	4,830	349	833
DE		20,890	113,117	55,042	35	9,115
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		*	72,500	51,047	*	4,658
IN		10	*	*	*	*
KY		*	48,004	16,617	31	*
LA		69	18,116	5,335	66	*
MD		*	49,452	33,056	87	*
MS		*	63,480	39,491	507	796
MO		1,096	88,783	20,883	*	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		532	110,040	96,305	*	*
OH			15,551	*	32	*
PA		*	35,257	24,733	*	432
SC		*	11,582	5,945	*	*
TN		187	55,915	16,731	69	558
TX		71	97,534	69,285	123	1,504
VA		*	59,217	28,386	42	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		18,504	228,493	35,491	2,254	31,871
US		42,383	1,353,144	677,067	7,829	52,370
Mature Birds						
Light		2,490	189,733	20,010	87	92,053
Heavy		1,811	55,744	2,018	44	7,846
US		4,301	245,477	22,028	131	99,899

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**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, January 2005 (continued)**

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	3,478	31,607	20,491	5,499	132,467	368,276
AR	6,054	24,082	25,345	3,474	60,612	416,373
CA	525	*	1,657	*	15,177	158,512
DE	2,164	11,609	10,496	2,015	69,586	294,069
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	2,555	41,023	8,988	5,770	83,163	271,464
IN	*	*	*	*	*	16,416
KY	*	7,316	2,991	*	*	88,282
LA	477	4,914	2,702	*	3,050	37,272
MD	*	8,532	*	*	*	*
MS	1,675	12,454	11,168	*	36,848	167,463
MO	1,395	9,418	9,010	388	23,654	157,997
NJ	120	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	2,317	*	*	22,487
NC	2,830	17,392	20,812	4,237	129,566	393,706
OH	112	1,205	*	*	*	38,762
PA	918	*	8,403	*	11,436	89,461
SC	492	4,298	1,689	*	2,322	29,814
TN	866	11,944	4,400	*	*	119,047
TX	805	6,223	7,048	838	12,532	195,963
VA	1,424	9,590	5,752	*	14,715	124,769
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	3,783	27,198	37,478	18,468	164,842	382,544
US	29,673	228,805	180,747	40,689	759,970	3,372,677
Mature Birds						
Light	4,026	7,212	111,962	1,115	60,053	488,741
Heavy	1,629	25,123	15,156	69	51,673	161,113
US	5,655	32,335	127,118	1,184	111,726	649,854

* 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, February 2005**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		311	107,389	87,834	*	*
AR		*	173,041	151,125	*	2,956
CA		*	*	4,728	565	736
DE		*	95,662	55,607	*	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		229	64,858	45,069	138	4,492
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		*	44,606	*	21	*
LA		94	21,559	7,515	*	714
MD		*	49,817	32,197	38	*
MS		276	57,727	39,756	383	845
MO		883	89,964	22,231	235	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	81	*
NC		461	98,711	82,189	*	*
OH		*	12,071	*	26	*
PA		*	31,904	20,070	*	359
SC		*	12,316	7,108	46	*
TN		163	48,961	19,357	*	647
TX		*	99,096	94,307	*	1,409
VA		*	52,948	29,810	34	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		53,210	210,257	54,164	6,109	39,159
US		55,627	1,270,887	753,067	7,676	51,317
Mature Birds						
Light		2,533	205,961	28,419	167	76,679
Heavy		513	61,813	2,436	48	7,914
US		3,046	267,774	30,855	215	84,593

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**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, February 2005 (continued)**

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	3,205	23,835	20,088	7,113	120,574	374,694
AR	5,904	21,844	29,411	2,413	57,361	448,452
CA	728	*	1,918	*	9,493	*
DE	2,253	9,186	7,075	2,281	43,784	250,065
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	2,200	36,665	9,512	5,331	69,759	238,253
IN	*	*	*	*	723	14,682
KY	*	5,960	2,602	1,470	*	85,078
LA	345	3,955	3,290	*	3,039	40,629
MD	*	8,396	*	*	*	*
MS	1,564	11,291	7,717	682	37,813	158,054
MO	1,185	6,539	10,183	*	23,189	157,949
NJ	115	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	1,901	390	*	24,892
NC	2,939	17,528	16,558	4,316	111,267	348,542
OH	82	*	*	*	*	29,647
PA	1,020	*	7,245	*	10,000	76,441
SC	*	3,080	*	1,675	2,148	29,122
TN	791	8,408	4,580	*	13,326	98,323
TX	781	6,066	7,088	827	17,852	228,358
VA	1,056	9,145	5,507	*	7,792	111,733
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	4,235	20,295	38,131	10,642	138,325	520,647
US	28,403	192,193	172,806	37,140	666,445	3,235,561
Mature Birds						
Light	5,172	5,229	101,396	466	60,550	486,572
Heavy	1,434	22,683	17,647	327	59,011	173,826
US	6,606	27,912	119,043	793	119,561	660,398

* 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".

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, by State and United States, February 2005

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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	2,945	2,395	55,825	46,193	18.96	19.29
MN	2,663	2,471	77,837	70,344	29.22	28.47
MO	1,636	1,392	46,322	45,796	28.32	32.90
Oth Sts	12,169	11,042	378,954	340,594	31.14	30.85
US	19,413	17,300	558,938	502,927	28.79	29.07

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, by State and United States, February 2005

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	<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	46,266	38,736	677	574	1.35	1.38
MN	60,288	55,979	1,624	1,337	2.32	2.11
MO	35,973	35,826	815	927	1.96	2.25
Oth Sts	296,458	264,305	5,931	5,273	1.74	1.72
US	438,985	394,846	9,047	8,111	1.80	1.79

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,
United States, January 2005**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature) US	292	83	80,841	13,356	4,355	89
Old (Breeders) US		5	5,197	617	13	72
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature) US	576	4,552	5,023	1,797	15,167	126,131
Old (Breeders) US	22	65	148	2	1,319	7,460

**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
United States, February 2005**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature) US	1,191	16	65,965	12,036	4,254	62
Old (Breeders) US		4	4,294	569	32	69
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature) US	515	3,463	3,943	1,161	17,435	110,041
Old (Breeders) US	11	32	142	6	1,753	6,912

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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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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Poultry slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants and, therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors are minimized through strict quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

State data are published for selected states for young chickens and young turkeys. State data are not published if less than three plants operate for a species in a State, or if one plant has 60 percent or more of the total live weight for that species. Data for all states not published are included in the "Other States" category. Also included in this category are data for published states that are confidential (denoted by an *). Data for all states are included in the U.S. totals. For 2002, young chickens were killed in 34 states, young turkeys in 21 states.

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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