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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 3 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during March 2005 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.53 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the amount certified in March 2004. Updated totals for February 2005 show that 3.08 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during March 2005 was 4.75 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 4.64 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.08 billion pounds, up 3 percent from March 2004, and mature chickens at 73.4 million pounds, were up 8 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 581 million pounds, down 3 percent, and ducks totaled 16.2 million pounds, up 9 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during March 2005 averaged 5.23 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from March 2004. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.47 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during March 2005 averaged 28.9 pounds per bird, up 6 percent from March 2004.

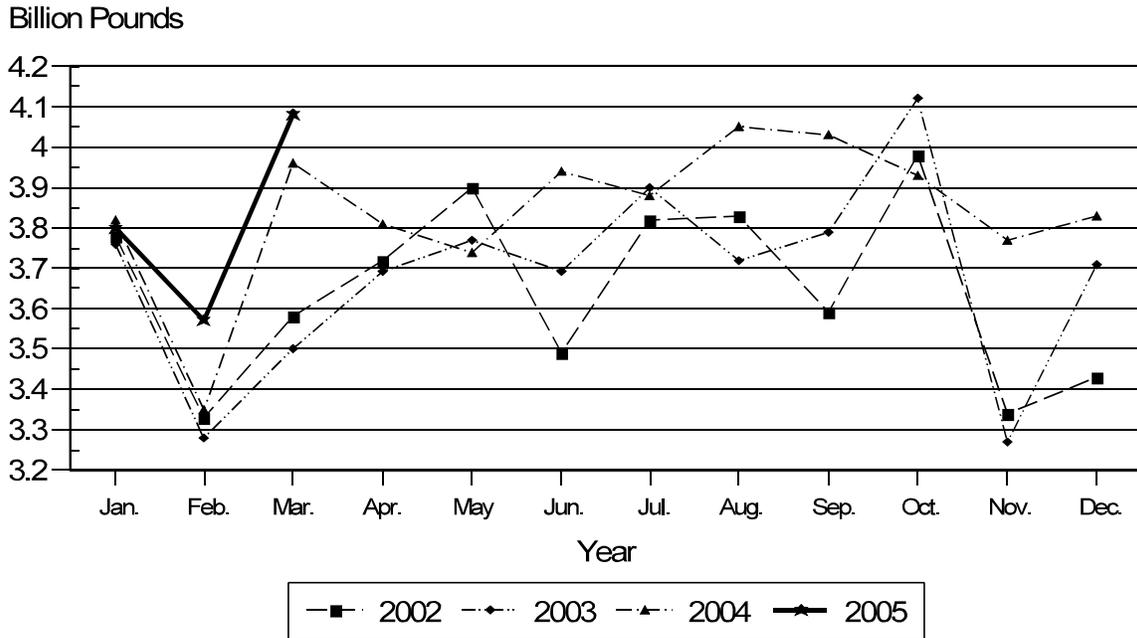
Ante-mortem condemnations during March 2005 totaled 20.3 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.43 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.38 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 55.6 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.30 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.34 percent a year earlier.

March 2005 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays, the same as March 2004.

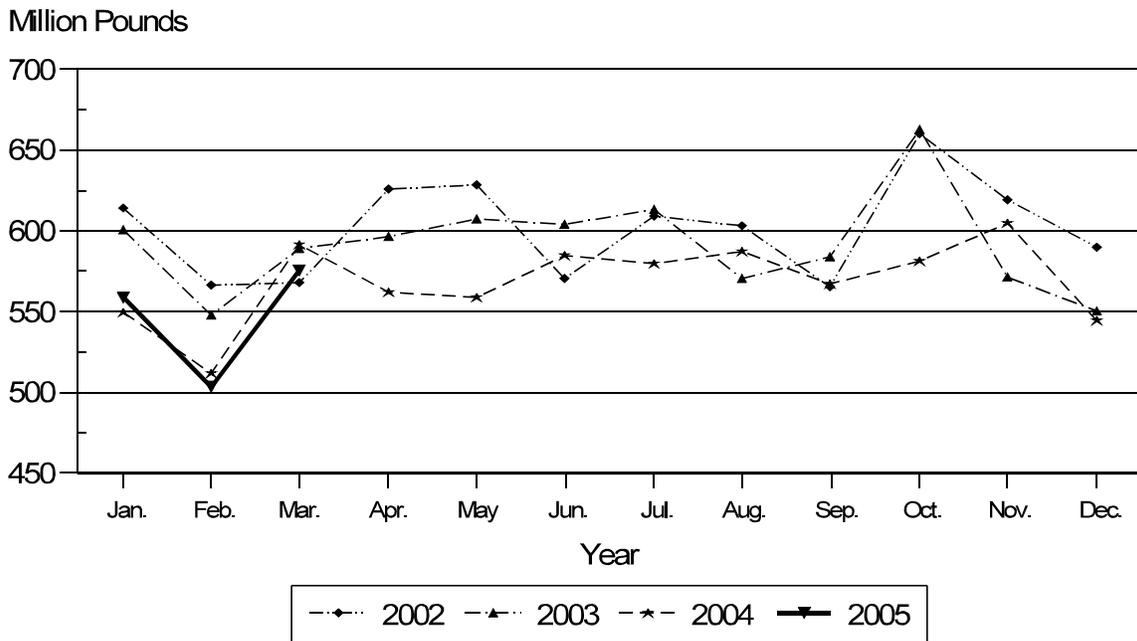
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## Young Chickens: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2002-2005



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



**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,  
United States, March 2005<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Mar 2004	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Percent of	
				Mar 2004	Feb 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	765,029	673,242	780,560	102	116
Mature	12,187	10,807	13,420	110	124
Light	6,148	5,489	7,296	119	133
Heavy	6,039	5,318	6,124	101	115
Total	777,216	684,049	793,980	102	116
Turkeys					
Young	21,779	17,366	19,912	91	115
Old	229	147	190	83	129
Total	22,008	17,513	20,102	91	115
Ducks	2,237	2,019	2,400	107	119
	<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	3,956,059	3,567,316	4,081,429	103	114
Mature	68,152	60,720	73,401	108	121
Light	20,621	18,077	24,234	118	134
Heavy	47,531	42,643	49,167	103	115
Total	4,024,211	3,628,036	4,154,830	103	115
Turkeys					
Young	590,951	504,605	575,449	97	114
Old	6,103	3,824	5,290	87	138
Total	597,054	508,429	580,739	97	114
Ducks	14,912	13,621	16,192	109	119
Other Poultry	369	380	391	106	103
Total Poultry	4,636,546	4,150,466	4,752,152	102	114
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.17	5.30	5.23	101	99
Mature	5.59	5.62	5.47	98	97
Light	3.35	3.29	3.32	99	101
Heavy	7.87	8.02	8.03	102	100
Total	5.18	5.30	5.23	101	99
Turkeys					
Young	27.14	29.06	28.90	106	99
Old	26.71	26.06	27.88	104	107
Total	27.13	29.03	28.89	106	100
Ducks	6.67	6.75	6.75	101	100

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,  
United States, March 2005 <sup>1</sup> (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	2,042,277	2,132,363	2,165,541	106	102
Mature	39,147	33,267	35,314	90	106
Light	22,003	17,235	18,618	85	108
Heavy	17,144	16,032	16,696	97	104
Total	2,081,424	2,165,630	2,200,855	106	102
Turkeys					
Young	62,828	60,060	56,691	90	94
Old	686	543	539	79	99
Total	63,514	60,603	57,230	90	94
Ducks	6,090	6,330	6,714	110	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	10,555,414	11,126,955	11,449,060	108	103
Mature	208,539	185,377	196,302	94	106
Light	74,286	57,942	61,361	83	106
Heavy	134,253	127,435	134,941	101	106
Total	10,763,953	11,312,332	11,645,362	108	103
Turkeys					
Young	1,732,898	1,651,906	1,638,992	95	99
Old	18,809	14,928	14,841	79	99
Total	1,751,707	1,666,834	1,653,833	94	99
Ducks	40,047	42,570	45,334	113	106
Other Poultry	2,443	833	1,255	51	151
Total Poultry	12,558,150	13,022,569	13,345,784	106	102
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.17	5.22	5.29	102	101
Mature	5.33	5.57	5.56	104	100
Light	3.38	3.36	3.30	98	98
Heavy	7.83	7.95	8.08	103	102
Total	5.17	5.22	5.29	102	101
Turkeys					
Young	27.58	27.50	29.02	105	106
Old	27.40	27.49	27.54	101	100
Total	27.58	27.50	29.01	105	105
Ducks	6.58	6.73	6.75	103	100

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, March 2005 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Mar 2004	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Percent of	
				Mar 2004	Feb 2005
	<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	2,672,684	2,414,158	2,746,760	103	114
Mature	44,540	37,472	44,836	101	120
Light	10,455	9,319	12,042	115	129
Heavy	34,085	28,153	32,794	96	116
Total	2,717,224	2,451,630	2,791,596	103	114
Turkeys					
Young	260,567	228,882	267,509	103	117
Old	3,616	2,526	3,417	94	135
Total	264,183	231,408	270,926	103	117
Ducks	7,111	5,279	5,987	84	113
Other Poultry	210	197	210	100	107
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>2,988,728</b>	<b>2,688,514</b>	<b>3,068,719</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	230,492	222,618	262,252	114	118
Mature	551	362	336	61	93
Light	64	2			
Heavy	487	360	336	69	93
Total	231,043	222,980	262,588	114	118
Turkeys					
Young	205,983	167,446	187,780	91	112
Old	688	349	591	86	169
Total	206,671	167,795	188,371	91	112
Ducks	4,502	4,635	5,604	124	121
Other Poultry	25	35	32	128	91
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>442,241</b>	<b>395,445</b>	<b>456,595</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	2,903,176	2,636,776	3,009,012	104	114
Mature	45,091	37,834	45,172	100	119
Light	10,519	9,321	12,042	114	129
Heavy	34,572	28,513	33,130	96	116
Total	2,948,267	2,674,610	3,054,184	104	114
Turkeys					
Young	466,550	396,328	455,289	98	115
Old	4,304	2,875	4,008	93	139
Total	470,854	399,203	459,297	98	115
Ducks	11,613	9,914	11,591	100	117
Other Poultry	235	232	242	103	104
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>3,430,969</b>	<b>3,083,959</b>	<b>3,525,314</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>114</b>

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, March 2005<sup>1</sup> (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>
<b>Chilled</b>					
Chickens					
Young	7,040,457	7,484,948	7,733,049	110	103
Mature	123,211	115,536	120,472	98	104
Light	35,668	29,633	31,350	88	106
Heavy	87,543	85,903	89,122	102	104
Total	7,163,668	7,600,484	7,853,521	110	103
Turkeys					
Young	719,562	713,247	749,192	104	105
Old	12,069	9,472	10,007	83	106
Total	731,631	722,719	759,199	104	105
Ducks	9,738	20,483	16,845	173	82
Other Poultry	585	461	654	112	142
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>7,905,622</b>	<b>8,344,147</b>	<b>8,630,219</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	746,012	709,578	719,922	97	101
Mature	2,674	1,108	921	34	83
Light	2,073	64	3		5
Heavy	601	1,044	918	153	88
Total	748,686	710,686	720,843	96	101
Turkeys					
Young	646,349	584,566	541,410	84	93
Old	1,682	1,563	1,172	70	75
Total	648,031	586,129	542,582	84	93
Ducks	18,751	12,726	15,740	84	124
Other Poultry	909	98	117	13	119
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>1,416,377</b>	<b>1,309,639</b>	<b>1,279,282</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	7,786,469	8,194,526	8,452,971	109	103
Mature	125,885	116,644	121,393	96	104
Light	37,741	29,697	31,353	83	106
Heavy	88,144	86,947	90,040	102	104
Total	7,912,354	8,311,170	8,574,364	108	103
Turkeys					
Young	1,365,911	1,297,813	1,290,602	94	99
Old	13,751	11,035	11,179	81	101
Total	1,379,662	1,308,848	1,301,781	94	99
Ducks	28,489	33,209	32,585	114	98
Other Poultry	1,494	559	771	52	138
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>9,321,999</b>	<b>9,653,786</b>	<b>9,909,501</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>103</b>

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,  
United States, March 2005 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Mar 2004	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2004
				Mar 2004	Feb 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	14,120	19,466	17,641	125	91	45,333	55,448	122
Mature	786	787	855	109	109	2,601	2,621	101
Light	264	241	356	135	148	945	958	101
Heavy	522	546	499	96	91	1,656	1,663	100
Total	14,906	20,253	18,496	124	91	47,934	58,069	121
Turkeys								
Young	2,509	1,533	1,659	66	108	6,553	5,019	77
Old	25	44	117	468	266	98	251	256
Total	2,534	1,577	1,776	70	113	6,651	5,270	79
Ducks	27	27	29	107	107	82	89	109
Other Poultry						1	2	200
Total Poultry	17,467	21,857	20,301	116	93	54,668	63,430	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 <sup>2</sup>								
Chickens								
Young	0.36	0.55	0.43	119	78	0.41	0.48	117
Mature	1.15	1.30	1.16	101	89	1.40	1.34	96
Light	1.28	1.33	1.47	115	111	1.63	1.56	96
Heavy	1.10	1.28	1.01	92	79	1.30	1.23	95
Total	0.37	0.56	0.45	122	80	0.42	0.50	119
Turkeys								
Young	0.42	0.30	0.29	69	97	0.40	0.31	78
Old	0.41	1.16	2.21	539	191	0.65	1.70	262
Total	0.42	0.31	0.31	74	100	0.40	0.32	80
Ducks	0.18	0.20	0.18	100	90	0.19	0.20	105
Other Poultry	0.11	0.08	0.07	64	88	0.19	0.23	121
Total Poultry	0.38	0.53	0.43	113	81	0.42	0.48	114

<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, March 2005 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Mar 2004	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2004
				Mar 2004	Feb 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>
<b>N.Y. Dressed Weight</b>								
Chickens								
Young	40,053	36,000	40,998	102	114	108,316	114,773	106
Mature	3,335	2,933	4,242	127	145	9,145	10,177	111
Light	1,548	1,320	2,494	161	189	4,840	5,109	106
Heavy	1,787	1,613	1,748	98	108	4,305	5,068	118
Total	43,388	38,933	45,240	104	116	117,461	124,950	106
Turkeys								
Young	11,479	8,125	9,639	84	119	30,111	26,811	89
Old	494	276	281	57	102	1,062	859	81
Total	11,973	8,401	9,920	83	118	31,173	27,670	89
Ducks	382	322	427	112	133	1,080	1,151	107
Other Poultry	9	5	6	67	120	17	17	100
Total Poultry	55,752	47,661	55,593	100	117	149,731	153,788	103
	<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	1.13	1.12	1.12	99	100	1.08	1.11	103
Mature	5.44	5.37	6.42	118	120	5.48	5.76	105
Light	8.34	8.12	11.44	137	141	9.28	9.25	100
Heavy	4.18	4.20	3.95	94	94	3.75	4.17	111
Total	1.20	1.19	1.21	101	102	1.15	1.19	103
Turkeys								
Young	2.16	1.79	1.86	86	104	2.03	1.82	90
Old	8.99	8.02	5.90	66	74	7.90	6.42	81
Total	2.23	1.84	1.90	85	103	2.08	1.86	89
Ducks	2.84	2.63	2.93	103	111	2.82	2.82	100
Other Poultry	2.91	1.47	1.63	56	111	2.34	1.49	64
Total Poultry	1.34	1.28	1.30	97	102	1.28	1.28	100

<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, March 2005**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	83,311	95,692	430,740	489,372	5.17	5.11
AR	91,788	106,374	459,936	535,354	5.01	5.03
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	22,142	24,869	142,916	163,512	6.45	6.58
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	96,133	112,786	481,772	548,540	5.01	4.86
KY	21,653	24,180	117,844	131,219	5.44	5.43
LA	15,693	17,315	88,095	92,557	5.61	5.35
MD	11,438	12,360	53,622	57,832	4.69	4.68
MS	58,782	69,206	325,422	373,844	5.54	5.40
MO	30,965	35,941	144,906	163,971	4.68	4.56
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	51,924	59,916	334,446	373,615	6.44	6.24
OH	3,228	3,559	17,628	19,351	5.46	5.44
PA	9,672	10,519	51,618	55,583	5.34	5.28
SC	20,247	22,923	119,251	135,419	5.89	5.91
TN	17,942	22,018	93,194	111,231	5.19	5.05
TX	49,731	60,108	260,953	304,889	5.25	5.07
VA	25,010	28,256	123,259	142,233	4.93	5.03
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	63,583	74,538	321,714	382,907	5.06	5.14
US	673,242	780,560	3,567,316	4,081,429	5.30	5.23

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

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	321,893	357,465	4,407	5,326	1.14	1.21
AR	332,284	387,958	4,855	5,594	1.17	1.16
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	102,086	114,568	2,035	2,842	1.58	1.93
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	349,627	400,319	3,738	4,237	0.86	0.86
KY	90,140	99,987	869	1,160	0.82	0.98
LA	62,702	66,650	526	530	0.66	0.64
MD	38,778	42,121	1,052	860	2.18	1.65
MS	236,295	272,361	2,488	2,667	0.85	0.79
MO	106,437	120,100	1,327	1,504	1.02	1.02
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	260,400	291,305	3,708	3,978	1.23	1.18
OH	13,068	14,296	233	243	1.47	1.40
PA	35,864	37,878	771	859	1.66	1.72
SC	89,767	103,726	669	687	0.62	0.56
TN	70,893	84,722	835	1,190	1.00	1.19
TX	202,389	235,146	3,316	4,378	1.41	1.60
VA	91,531	104,184	1,129	1,420	1.02	1.11
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	232,622	276,226	4,042	3,523	1.40	1.02
US	2,636,776	3,009,012	36,000	40,998	1.12	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, February 2005**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		312	107,665	87,892	*	*
AR		*	173,050	151,125	*	2,957
CA		*	*	4,730	566	736
DE		*	95,662	55,607	*	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		223	64,927	45,070	138	4,497
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		*	44,714	*	21	*
LA		95	21,861	7,563	*	715
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		*	31,956	20,076	*	360
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	210,349	54,164	6,109	39,163
US		55,623	1,271,795	753,182	7,677	51,329
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 <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	3,213	23,857	20,106	7,113	120,596	375,101
AR	5,904	21,844	29,412	2,413	57,361	448,463
CA	730	*	1,921	*	9,576	*
DE	2,253	9,186	7,075	2,281	43,784	250,065
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	2,192	36,676	9,426	5,315	69,557	238,021
IN	*	*	*	*	723	14,682
KY	*	5,966	2,609	1,470	*	85,227
LA	345	3,956	3,295	*	3,057	41,006
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	1,021	*	7,250	*	10,007	76,538
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	4,236	20,321	38,131	10,645	138,350	520,833
US	28,407	192,259	172,759	37,127	666,398	3,236,556
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.

<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, March 2005**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	117,447	88,838	907	*
AR		958	207,214	155,429	3,790	3,284
CA		*	*	3,818	864	639
DE		*	111,581	63,703	46	6,049
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		641	82,998	50,230	170	5,167
IN		*	*	*	75	*
KY		*	57,881	*	14	3,378
LA		64	19,764	8,466	59	*
MD		*	*	*	*	*
MS		*	62,010	44,332	476	*
MO		1,029	103,956	24,696	*	1,943
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	75	*
NC		*	107,474	79,560	96	*
OH		*	12,734	*	35	74
PA		*	34,326	24,577	*	473
SC		*	12,941	6,138	37	*
TN		224	65,889	27,112	*	897
TX		*	125,146	*	181	1,846
VA		*	60,915	32,126	29	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		65,858	273,016	273,888	2,103	33,430
US		68,774	1,455,292	882,913	8,957	57,180
Mature Birds						
Light		3,142	277,798	32,107	207	90,915
Heavy		469	60,292	2,873	74	8,074
US		3,611	338,090	34,980	281	98,989

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	3,724	18,306	23,707	5,283	117,140	379,295
AR	6,834	24,162	30,988	3,383	64,142	500,184
CA	479	*	2,366	4,497	12,169	*
DE	2,494	9,533	8,078	*	45,531	279,753
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	2,735	42,311	9,861	9,004	76,139	279,256
IN	141	*	*	14	882	18,724
KY	*	7,661	3,807	*	*	129,188
LA	383	4,767	2,901	*	*	40,919
MD	*	10,063	*	*	*	*
MS	1,967	11,838	7,609	296	43,818	174,241
MO	1,286	6,817	10,508	*	28,023	178,561
NJ	135	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	2,333	417	*	20,276
NC	2,934	19,005	13,820	6,851	118,576	366,756
OH	*	*	*	6	*	32,307
PA	964	*	9,476	*	11,609	89,777
SC	448	1,998	*	993	2,106	27,348
TN	985	*	7,270	*	*	163,702
TX	883	6,712	13,998	3,069	24,789	329,939
VA	1,129	8,830	5,974	*	10,720	129,122
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	3,609	40,428	39,293	13,707	191,728	564,210
US	31,130	212,431	191,989	47,520	747,372	3,703,558
Mature Birds						
Light	7,182	7,889	146,384	799	122,934	689,357
Heavy	1,999	19,882	19,980	842	71,877	186,362
US	9,181	27,771	166,364	1,641	194,811	875,719

\* 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, March 2005**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	2,438	2,804	46,716	52,377	19.16	18.68
MN	2,471	2,869	70,344	82,096	28.47	28.61
MO	1,392	1,641	45,796	52,560	32.90	32.02
Oth Sts	11,065	12,598	341,749	388,416	30.89	30.83
US	17,366	19,912	504,605	575,449	29.06	28.90

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	39,205	43,663	578	654	1.38	1.39
MN	55,979	66,259	1,337	1,429	2.11	1.93
MO	35,826	40,841	927	1,136	2.25	2.40
Oth Sts	265,318	304,526	5,283	6,420	1.72	1.84
US	396,328	455,289	8,125	9,639	1.79	1.86

<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,  
United States, February 2005**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature) US	1,191	16	66,077	12,040	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	517	3,482	3,953	1,161	17,449	110,202
Old (Breeders) US	11	32	142	6	1,753	6,912

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature) US	332	32	77,266	10,361	4,106	55
Old (Breeders) US		4	4,175	721	50	77
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature) US	750	4,083	3,920	1,598	15,391	117,894
Old (Breeders) US	20	85	131	1	1,622	6,886

## 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.

A NASS computer program provides a review of current data with historical data for each plant. An edit provides checks for the detection of errors such as invalid plant information, duplication, and erroneous data. Data are summarized weekly and accumulated to monthly totals for this release.

Data for major slaughter plants with missing reports are adjusted prior to publication to assure that all plants slaughtering a significant portion of a specific class are accounted for each week. Estimates for missing weeks are made only after verifying that the plant was in operation. Adjustments are based on either the previous week's information or a week determined to be similar to the one missing. Late reports replace imputed data as they become available. While there is a varying degree of incompleteness from month to month, it has only a minimal impact on the published totals.

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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