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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 1 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during April 2005 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.35 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the amount certified in April 2004. Updated totals for March 2005 show that 3.55 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during April 2005 was 4.48 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 4.46 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.83 billion pounds, up 1 percent from April 2004, and mature chickens at 71.5 million pounds, were up 5 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 560 million pounds, down 1 percent, and ducks totaled 14.7 million pounds, up 2 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during April 2005 averaged 5.37 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from April 2004. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.49 pounds per bird, down 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during April 2005 averaged 28.9 pounds per bird, up 5 percent from April 2004.

Ante-mortem condemnations during April 2005 totaled 14.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.32 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.44 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 46.6 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.16 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.27 percent a year earlier.

April 2005 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays.  
April 2004 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays.

### *Special Note*

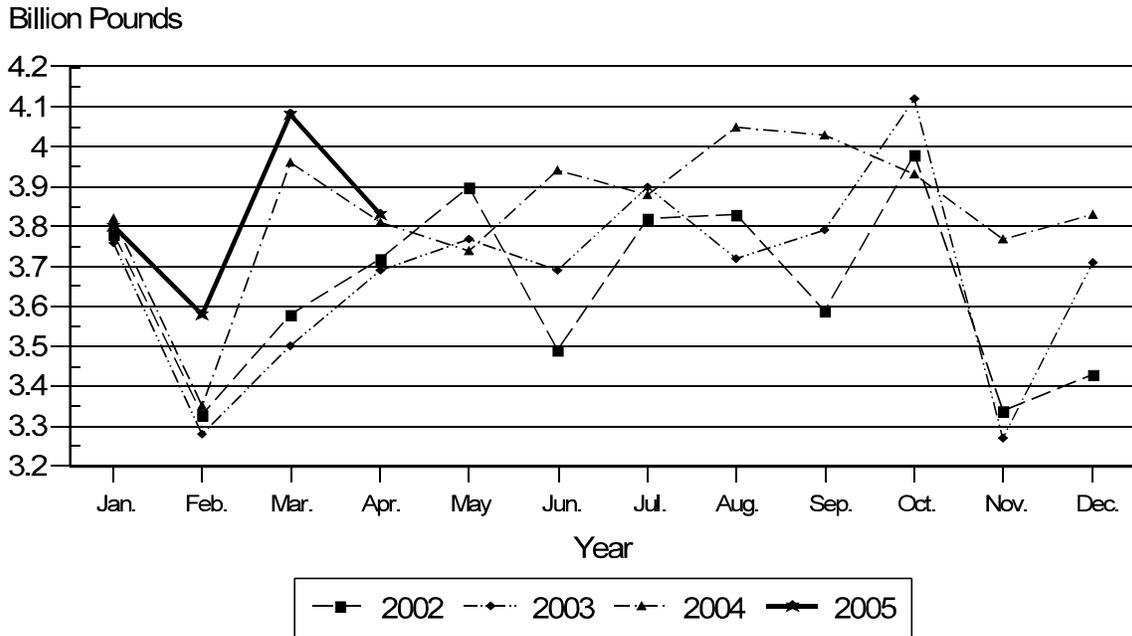
Poultry slaughter data from the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is now received on a shift basis rather than as weekly totals. The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) developed new edit and summarization programs to analyze the data. Data entry errors or omitted data that could not be detected before can now be corrected.

Numbers in this report will vary slightly from those published earlier this year. Generally, the current year head counts are lower, and the live weights are higher. Condemnations are lower, and the "other" and total disease categories are higher. Data prior to January 1, 2005 are not affected.

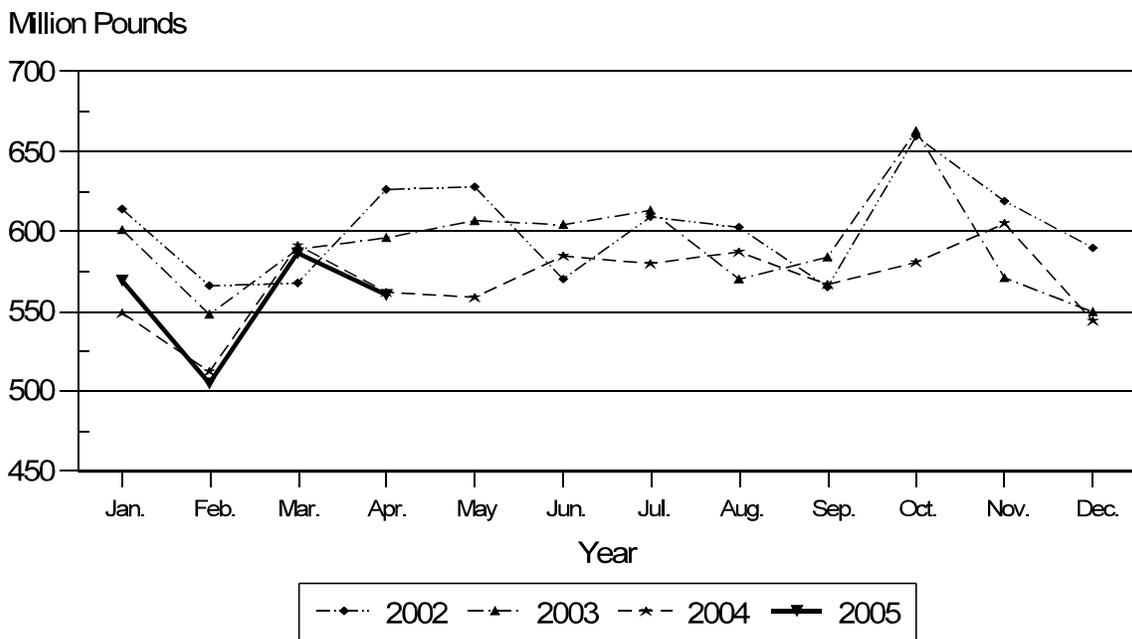
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## Young Chickens: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2002-2005



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



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

Commodity	Apr 2004	Mar 2005	Apr 2005	Percent of	
				Apr 2004	Mar 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	727,563	768,060	714,619	98	93
Mature	12,076	13,359	13,012	108	97
Light	6,131	7,264	7,103	116	98
Heavy	5,945	6,095	5,909	99	97
Total	739,639	781,419	727,631	98	93
Turkeys					
Young	20,465	20,018	19,233	94	96
Old	208	179	171	82	96
Total	20,673	20,197	19,404	94	96
Ducks	2,169	2,416	2,173	100	90
	<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	3,805,481	4,077,292	3,834,149	101	94
Mature	68,267	73,719	71,454	105	97
Light	20,566	24,112	23,545	114	98
Heavy	47,701	49,607	47,909	100	97
Total	3,873,748	4,151,011	3,905,603	101	94
Turkeys					
Young	561,849	581,235	555,900	99	96
Old	5,454	4,799	4,358	80	91
Total	567,303	586,034	560,258	99	96
Ducks	14,393	16,378	14,650	102	89
Other Poultry	347	364	322	93	88
Total Poultry	4,455,791	4,753,787	4,480,833	101	94
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.23	5.31	5.37	103	101
Mature	5.65	5.52	5.49	97	99
Light	3.35	3.32	3.31	99	100
Heavy	8.02	8.14	8.11	101	100
Total	5.24	5.31	5.37	102	101
Turkeys					
Young	27.45	29.04	28.91	105	100
Old	26.21	26.85	25.44	97	95
Total	27.44	29.02	28.88	105	100
Ducks	6.64	6.78	6.74	102	99

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,  
United States, April 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>
<b>Number Slaughtered</b>					
Chickens					
Young	2,755,154	2,859,926	2,871,821	104	100
Mature	53,083	45,343	48,411	91	107
Light	30,337	23,366	25,763	85	110
Heavy	22,746	21,977	22,648	100	103
Total	2,808,237	2,905,269	2,920,232	104	101
Turkeys					
Young	84,743	80,525	75,747	89	94
Old	857	751	711	83	95
Total	85,600	81,276	76,458	89	94
Ducks	8,124	8,499	8,907	110	105
	<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	14,247,470	14,932,436	15,341,860	108	103
Mature	281,728	253,644	269,242	96	106
Light	102,825	78,508	85,432	83	109
Heavy	178,903	175,136	183,810	103	105
Total	14,529,198	15,186,080	15,611,102	107	103
Turkeys					
Young	2,328,844	2,213,755	2,211,828	95	100
Old	23,368	20,382	19,228	82	94
Total	2,352,212	2,234,137	2,231,056	95	100
Ducks	53,621	56,963	60,224	112	106
Other Poultry	3,297	1,180	1,335	40	113
Total Poultry	16,938,328	17,478,360	17,903,717	106	102
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Average Live Weight</b>					
Chickens					
Young	5.17	5.22	5.34	103	102
Mature	5.31	5.59	5.56	105	99
Light	3.39	3.36	3.32	98	99
Heavy	7.87	7.97	8.12	103	102
Total	5.17	5.23	5.35	103	102
Turkeys					
Young	27.48	27.49	29.20	106	106
Old	27.24	27.13	27.03	99	100
Total	27.48	27.49	29.18	106	106
Ducks	6.60	6.70	6.76	102	101

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

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

Commodity	Apr 2004	Mar 2005	Apr 2005	Percent of	
				Apr 2004	Mar 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	2,575,296	2,749,215	2,587,455	100	94
Mature	41,912	44,853	43,730	104	97
Light	10,072	12,216	12,254	122	100
Heavy	31,840	32,637	31,476	99	96
Total	2,617,208	2,794,068	2,631,185	101	94
Turkeys					
Young	236,450	270,004	243,544	103	90
Old	3,526	3,095	2,368	67	77
Total	239,976	273,099	245,912	102	90
Ducks	6,626	5,949	5,167	78	87
Other Poultry	197	198	174	88	88
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>2,864,007</b>	<b>3,073,314</b>	<b>2,882,438</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	238,947	282,672	265,286	111	94
Mature	243	349	365	150	105
Light	43				
Heavy	200	349	365	183	105
Total	239,190	283,021	265,651	111	94
Turkeys					
Young	208,702	189,410	196,119	94	104
Old	518	545	874	169	160
Total	209,220	189,955	196,993	94	104
Ducks	4,437	5,745	5,349	121	93
Other Poultry	30	26	29	97	112
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>452,877</b>	<b>478,747</b>	<b>468,022</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	2,814,243	3,031,887	2,852,741	101	94
Mature	42,155	45,203	44,095	105	98
Light	10,115	12,216	12,254	121	100
Heavy	32,040	32,987	31,841	99	97
Total	2,856,398	3,077,090	2,896,836	101	94
Turkeys					
Young	445,152	459,414	439,663	99	96
Old	4,044	3,640	3,242	80	89
Total	449,196	463,054	442,905	99	96
Ducks	11,063	11,694	10,516	95	90
Other Poultry	227	224	203	89	91
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>3,316,884</b>	<b>3,552,062</b>	<b>3,350,460</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>94</b>

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, April 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	9,501,946	10,060,244	10,374,830	109	103
Mature	165,087	157,448	164,717	100	105
Light	48,472	39,705	44,080	91	111
Heavy	116,615	117,743	120,637	103	102
Total	9,667,033	10,217,692	10,539,547	109	103
Turkeys					
Young	967,573	949,697	1,002,371	104	106
Old	14,953	12,998	12,417	83	96
Total	982,526	962,695	1,014,788	103	105
Ducks	13,181	27,109	21,944	166	81
Other Poultry	774	658	722	93	110
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>10,663,514</b>	<b>11,208,154</b>	<b>11,577,001</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	1,018,162	948,525	1,048,692	103	111
Mature	4,313	1,351	1,329	31	98
Light	3,484	107	5		5
Heavy	829	1,244	1,324	160	106
Total	1,022,475	949,876	1,050,021	103	111
Turkeys					
Young	869,470	793,268	746,552	86	94
Old	2,095	2,081	2,036	97	98
Total	871,565	795,349	748,588	86	94
Ducks	25,115	17,163	21,163	84	123
Other Poultry	1,238	128	106	9	83
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>1,920,393</b>	<b>1,762,516</b>	<b>1,819,878</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	10,520,108	11,008,769	11,423,522	109	104
Mature	169,400	158,799	166,047	98	105
Light	51,956	39,812	44,085	85	111
Heavy	117,444	118,987	121,962	104	103
Total	10,689,508	11,167,568	11,589,569	108	104
Turkeys					
Young	1,837,043	1,742,965	1,748,923	95	100
Old	17,048	15,079	14,453	85	96
Total	1,854,091	1,758,044	1,763,376	95	100
Ducks	38,296	44,272	43,107	113	97
Other Poultry	2,012	786	828	41	105
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>12,583,907</b>	<b>12,970,670</b>	<b>13,396,880</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>103</b>

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

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

Commodity	Apr 2004	Mar 2005	Apr 2005	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2004
				Apr 2004	Mar 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	16,153	13,901	11,738	73	84	61,486	52,076	85
Mature	890	863	939	106	109	3,491	3,390	97
Light	419	359	392	94	109	1,364	1,310	96
Heavy	471	504	547	116	109	2,127	2,080	98
Total	17,043	14,764	12,677	74	86	64,977	55,466	85
Turkeys								
Young	2,308	1,711	1,480	64	86	8,861	6,575	74
Old	41	57	20	49	35	139	209	150
Total	2,349	1,768	1,500	64	85	9,000	6,784	75
Ducks	30	29	27	90	93	112	116	104
Other Poultry						1	1	100
Total Poultry	19,422	16,561	14,204	73	86	74,090	62,367	84
	<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	0.42	0.34	0.31	74	91	0.41	0.34	83
Mature	1.30	1.17	1.31	101	112	1.38	1.26	91
Light	2.04	1.49	1.66	81	111	1.74	1.53	88
Heavy	0.99	1.02	1.14	115	112	1.21	1.13	93
Total	0.44	0.36	0.32	73	89	0.43	0.36	84
Turkeys								
Young	0.41	0.29	0.27	66	93	0.40	0.30	75
Old	0.75	1.19	0.46	61	39	0.68	1.09	160
Total	0.41	0.30	0.27	66	90	0.40	0.30	75
Ducks	0.21	0.18	0.18	86	100	0.19	0.19	100
Other Poultry	0.08	0.05	0.06	75	120	0.16	0.14	88
Total Poultry	0.44	0.35	0.32	73	91	0.42	0.35	83

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

Commodity	Apr 2004	Mar 2005	Apr 2005	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2004
				Apr 2004	Mar 2005	2004	2005	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
N.Y. Dressed Weight								
Chickens								
Young	36,940	39,113	34,278	93	88	145,256	143,623	99
Mature	3,401	3,617	3,143	92	87	12,546	12,525	100
Light	1,624	1,972	1,750	108	89	6,464	6,342	98
Heavy	1,777	1,645	1,393	78	85	6,082	6,183	102
Total	40,341	42,730	37,421	93	88	157,802	156,148	99
Turkeys								
Young	9,774	9,696	8,458	87	87	39,885	35,357	89
Old	361	258	343	95	133	1,423	1,199	84
Total	10,135	9,954	8,801	87	88	41,308	36,556	88
Ducks	347	429	398	115	93	1,427	1,548	108
Other Poultry	5	5	4	80	80	22	18	82
Total Poultry	50,828	53,118	46,624	92	88	200,559	194,270	97
	<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	1.08	1.07	0.99	92	93	1.08	1.04	96
Mature	5.54	5.45	4.89	88	90	5.50	5.17	94
Light	8.77	9.09	8.26	94	91	9.15	8.25	90
Heavy	4.14	3.68	3.23	78	88	3.86	3.74	97
Total	1.16	1.14	1.06	91	93	1.15	1.11	97
Turkeys								
Young	1.93	1.85	1.69	88	91	2.00	1.78	89
Old	7.36	5.96	8.74	119	147	7.76	6.92	89
Total	1.99	1.89	1.75	88	93	2.05	1.82	89
Ducks	2.68	2.91	3.02	113	104	2.78	2.85	103
Other Poultry	1.80	1.61	1.47	82	91	2.18	1.56	72
Total Poultry	1.27	1.24	1.16	91	94	1.28	1.21	95

<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, April 2005**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	93,876	87,553	489,585	462,484	5.22	5.28
AR	105,617	97,433	535,411	500,840	5.07	5.14
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	24,729	24,225	157,977	157,291	6.39	6.49
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	110,412	100,761	551,826	506,463	5.00	5.03
KY	23,908	22,366	129,391	121,803	5.41	5.45
LA	17,326	14,194	96,462	75,466	5.57	5.32
MD	12,328	11,643	58,138	54,813	4.72	4.71
MS	67,689	64,126	372,767	366,388	5.51	5.71
MO	35,855	33,553	166,299	157,415	4.64	4.69
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	58,380	53,991	377,126	353,688	6.46	6.55
OH	3,570	3,332	19,438	18,013	5.44	5.41
PA	10,691	10,013	56,669	54,050	5.30	5.40
SC	23,105	21,267	137,977	127,698	5.97	6.00
TN	22,244	20,584	113,178	104,279	5.09	5.07
TX	56,221	54,588	294,868	289,219	5.24	5.30
VA	28,495	26,330	142,835	134,048	5.01	5.09
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	73,614	68,660	377,345	350,191	5.13	5.10
US	768,060	714,619	4,077,292	3,834,149	5.31	5.37

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

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	364,689	346,687	4,942	4,156	1.12	1.00
AR	394,733	369,427	5,568	4,915	1.16	1.09
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	114,078	113,591	2,255	2,241	1.59	1.58
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	411,651	377,890	3,766	3,425	0.76	0.75
KY	94,135	89,655	1,164	996	1.00	0.91
LA	70,281	55,444	551	431	0.63	0.63
MD	42,172	40,264	871	719	1.66	1.46
MS	283,592	276,564	2,600	2,804	0.78	0.85
MO	122,001	115,947	1,516	1,263	1.01	0.89
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	287,718	269,887	3,983	3,463	1.17	1.09
OH	14,350	13,307	247	217	1.41	1.34
PA	40,391	38,875	872	770	1.71	1.58
SC	102,906	95,123	692	619	0.56	0.54
TN	82,665	76,252	1,168	1,021	1.15	1.09
TX	225,514	222,923	4,034	2,736	1.52	1.05
VA	106,076	94,407	1,422	1,223	1.11	1.01
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	274,935	256,498	3,462	3,279	1.02	1.04
US	3,031,887	2,852,741	39,113	34,278	1.07	0.99

\* 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, March 2005**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	117,183	88,661	921	*
AR		*	206,653	155,021	*	3,281
CA		*	*	*	*	*
DE		*	111,062	63,413	46	5,969
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		632	84,213	49,678	169	5,180
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		*	57,413	*	25	3,326
LA		71	20,494	8,819	58	*
MD		*	*	*	*	*
MS		*	61,549	44,264	470	*
MO		1,030	104,716	24,969	*	2,013
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		*	107,442	80,085	90	*
OH		*	12,965	*	34	72
PA		*	34,902	25,329	*	487
SC		*	12,971	6,593	37	*
TN		232	66,859	27,245	*	915
TX		*	120,410	*	187	1,807
VA		*	61,366	32,137	29	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		64,012	268,169	282,876	6,020	34,083
US		65,977	1,448,367	889,090	8,086	57,133
Mature Birds						
Light		3,115	277,804	32,602	210	91,732
Heavy		472	60,300	2,931	75	7,965
US		3,587	338,104	35,533	285	99,697

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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	3,696	18,006	23,650	5,436	234,461	495,956
AR	6,859	23,597	30,732	3,218	124,309	557,996
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	2,522	9,536	8,134	*	44,783	278,294
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	2,795	40,980	9,996	8,441	112,923	315,007
IN	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	7,330	3,743	*	*	130,798
LA	402	4,969	3,064	*	*	42,511
MD	*	10,167	*	*	*	*
MS	1,944	11,832	7,601	292	86,961	216,800
MO	1,311	6,779	10,568	*	69,364	221,057
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	3,016	18,051	13,672	6,841	137,682	385,299
OH	*	1,017	*	6	*	32,884
PA	986	*	9,670	*	12,059	92,305
SC	561	2,023	*	1,025	*	53,823
TN	1,004	*	7,164	*	*	164,982
TX	899	6,316	12,113	3,299	60,607	360,057
VA	1,120	9,028	5,869	*	*	151,939
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	4,391	39,953	43,658	18,650	288,882	618,908
US	31,506	209,584	189,634	47,208	1,172,031	4,118,616
Mature Birds						
Light	7,232	8,011	146,207	828	98,271	666,012
Heavy	2,018	19,954	20,577	897	74,625	189,814
US	9,250	27,965	166,784	1,725	172,896	855,826

\* 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, April 2005**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		231	107,821	52,291	839	3,074
AR		*	184,476	78,193	*	3,165
CA		*	*	*	*	*
DE		*	112,583	53,618	*	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		325	69,038	43,364	190	4,858
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		52	47,513	*	23	*
LA		*	15,285	*	*	*
MD		*	42,201	34,327	43	*
MS		*	67,757	37,577	485	*
MO		1,121	81,446	17,810	194	1,930
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		*	93,846	56,892	74	*
OH		*	12,207	*	*	56
PA		107	30,766	17,627	*	372
SC		*	13,161	6,100	14	*
TN		307	61,335	27,395	*	700
TX		*	92,225	57,794	74	1,863
VA		*	53,241	23,247	52	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		60,406	204,302	85,153	5,826	32,785
US		62,549	1,289,203	591,388	7,814	48,803
Mature Birds						
Light		2,578	255,263	34,924	177	91,017
Heavy		421	55,952	2,232	165	6,632
US		2,999	311,215	37,156	342	97,649

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	3,465	14,393	19,267	5,686	190,856	397,923
AR	5,492	20,831	25,442	1,967	107,379	431,058
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	2,412	10,646	8,115	2,557	46,828	275,512
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	2,442	36,546	8,549	4,996	103,134	273,442
IN	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	6,561	3,005	803	*	109,684
LA	205	3,692	*	*	*	32,092
MD	*	9,127	*	*	*	*
MS	1,968	10,553	7,065	531	89,053	216,623
MO	1,234	5,989	10,418	248	53,461	173,851
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	2,264	17,050	11,809	3,627	106,453	305,425
OH	76	*	*	*	*	25,931
PA	857	*	7,571	*	9,842	73,633
SC	416	1,887	1,902	*	*	52,511
TN	985	11,557	6,622	563	*	135,497
TX	861	6,220	8,546	*	38,223	207,658
VA	1,023	6,690	5,010	*	*	121,993
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	3,669	23,983	38,974	14,080	228,787	551,387
US	27,369	185,725	162,295	35,058	974,016	3,384,220
Mature Birds						
Light	7,178	8,034	149,583	509	68,215	617,478
Heavy	1,399	11,436	13,884	715	61,025	153,861
US	8,577	19,470	163,467	1,224	129,240	771,339

\* 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, April 2005**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	2,907	2,716	56,837	50,746	19.55	18.69
MN	2,865	2,759	81,511	78,476	28.45	28.45
MO	1,646	1,473	53,000	46,265	32.20	31.41
Oth Sts	12,600	12,285	389,887	380,413	30.94	30.97
US	20,018	19,233	581,235	555,900	29.04	28.91

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	March	April	March	April	March	April
	<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	46,683	41,101	1,132	510	2.21	1.12
MN	65,114	62,717	1,413	1,358	1.93	1.92
MO	41,429	36,085	1,142	973	2.39	2.34
Oth Sts	306,188	299,760	6,009	5,617	1.71	1.64
US	459,414	439,663	9,696	8,458	1.85	1.69

<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, March 2005**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature) US		39	79,568	12,348	4,078	47
Old (Breeders) US		5	3,667	642	50	77
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature) US	722	4,086	4,988	1,485	22,152	129,513
Old (Breeders) US	20	89	116	1	1,427	6,094

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature) US		107	74,713	8,489	4,175	140
Old (Breeders) US		1	5,585	615	22	99
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature) US	606	4,014	3,048	973	21,853	118,118
Old (Breeders) US	34	101	160	3	2,766	9,386

## Poultry Slaughter Estimates

**Data Sources:** Data for poultry slaughter estimates are collected by inspectors of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA for all Federally Inspected (FI) plants using laptop computers. Over 99 percent of the total U.S. slaughter for any species is under FI. The number of head slaughtered daily, by species and class, as well as condemnations and total live and dressed weights are obtained by shift for each plant. Approximately 350 plants in the U.S. are operated under Federal Inspection.

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**Procedures and Reliability:** Plant inspectors submit data electronically for each shift a plant operates. An edit provides checks for the detection of errors such as invalid plant information, duplication, and erroneous data. Data are accumulated to monthly totals for this release.

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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 2004, young chickens were killed in 34 states, young turkeys in 22 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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