



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 8 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during May 2005 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.54 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the amount certified in May 2004. Updated totals for April 2005 show that 3.35 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during May 2005 was 4.73 billion pounds, up 8 percent from 4.39 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.06 billion pounds, up 8 percent from May 2004, and mature chickens at 72.6 million pounds, were up 13 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 581 million pounds, up 3 percent, and ducks totaled 15.6 million pounds, up 13 percent from last year.

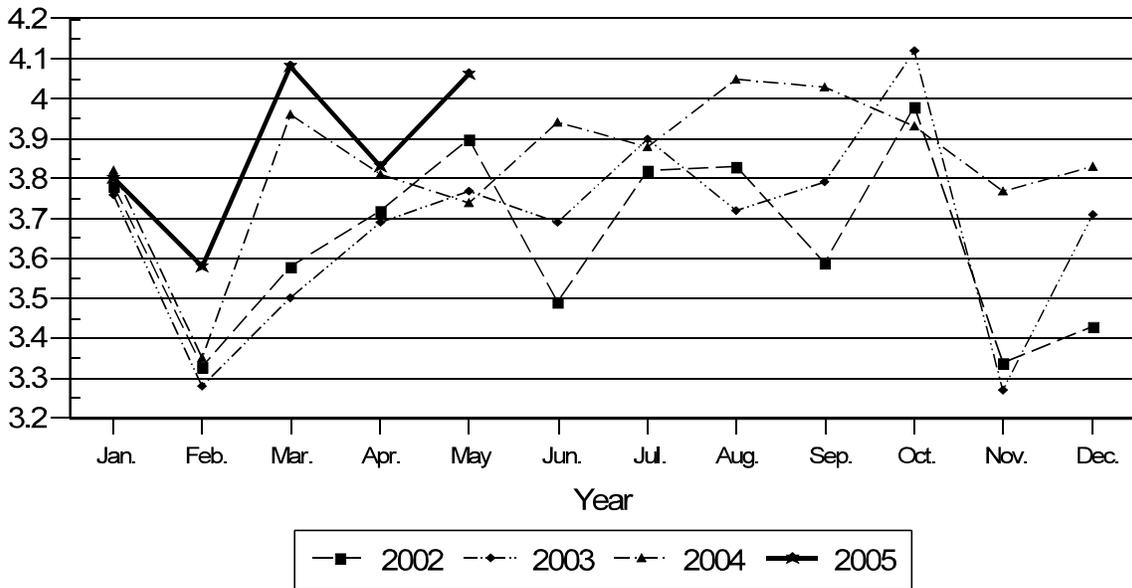
Young chickens slaughtered during May 2005 averaged 5.36 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from May 2004. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.59 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2005 averaged 28.4 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from May 2004.

Ante-mortem condemnations during May 2005 totaled 15.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.32 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.38 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 48.8 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.15 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.19 percent a year earlier.

May 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.  
May 2004 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

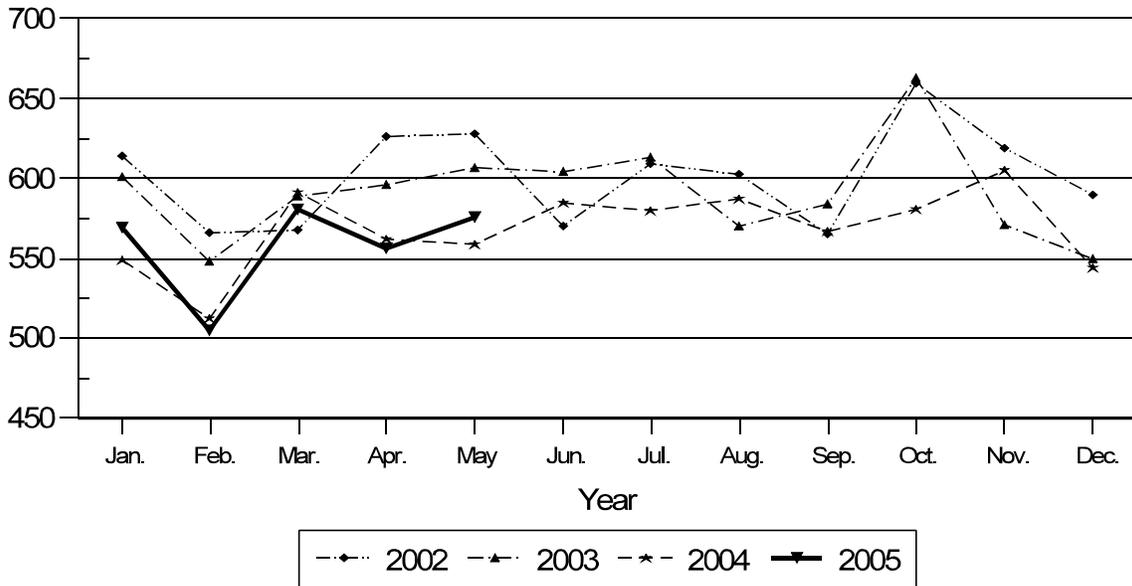
## Young Chickens: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2002-2005

Billion Pounds



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

Million Pounds



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

Commodity	May 2004	Apr 2005	May 2005	Percent of	
				May 2004	Apr 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	714,721	714,619	758,338	106	106
Mature	11,591	13,012	12,977	112	100
Light	6,112	7,103	6,829	112	96
Heavy	5,479	5,909	6,148	112	104
Total	726,312	727,631	771,315	106	106
Turkeys					
Young	20,234	19,233	20,271	100	105
Old	196	171	203	104	119
Total	20,430	19,404	20,474	100	106
Ducks	2,046	2,173	2,321	113	107
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	3,743,796	3,834,149	4,061,884	108	106
Mature	64,300	71,454	72,568	113	102
Light	20,441	23,545	22,648	111	96
Heavy	43,859	47,909	49,920	114	104
Total	3,808,096	3,905,603	4,134,452	109	106
Turkeys					
Young	558,677	555,900	575,861	103	104
Old	5,304	4,358	5,381	101	123
Total	563,981	560,258	581,242	103	104
Ducks	13,766	14,650	15,567	113	106
Other Poultry	379	322	416	110	129
Total Poultry	4,386,222	4,480,833	4,731,677	108	106
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.24	5.37	5.36	102	100
Mature	5.55	5.49	5.59	101	102
Light	3.34	3.31	3.32	99	100
Heavy	8.01	8.11	8.12	101	100
Total	5.24	5.37	5.36	102	100
Turkeys					
Young	27.61	28.91	28.41	103	98
Old	27.07	25.44	26.54	98	104
Total	27.61	28.88	28.39	103	98
Ducks	6.73	6.74	6.71	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, May 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	3,482,432	3,574,647	3,630,159	104	102
Mature	66,176	56,934	61,388	93	108
Light	37,501	29,478	32,592	87	111
Heavy	28,675	27,456	28,796	100	105
Total	3,548,608	3,631,581	3,691,547	104	102
Turkeys					
Young	107,100	100,759	96,018	90	95
Old	1,101	947	914	83	97
Total	108,201	101,706	96,932	90	95
Ducks	10,228	10,545	11,228	110	106
	<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	18,021,894	18,676,232	19,403,744	108	104
Mature	353,822	317,944	341,810	97	108
Light	127,483	98,949	108,080	85	109
Heavy	226,339	218,995	233,730	103	107
Total	18,375,716	18,994,176	19,745,554	107	104
Turkeys					
Young	2,937,498	2,772,432	2,787,689	95	101
Old	30,063	25,686	24,609	82	96
Total	2,967,561	2,798,118	2,812,298	95	101
Ducks	66,906	70,729	75,791	113	107
Other Poultry	4,150	1,559	1,751	42	112
Total Poultry	21,414,333	21,864,582	22,635,394	106	104
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Average Live Weight</b>					
Chickens					
Young	5.18	5.22	5.34	103	102
Mature	5.35	5.58	5.59	104	100
Light	3.40	3.36	3.32	98	99
Heavy	7.89	7.98	8.12	103	102
Total	5.18	5.23	5.34	103	102
Turkeys					
Young	27.43	27.52	29.08	106	106
Old	27.29	27.12	27.24	100	100
Total	27.42	27.51	29.06	106	106
Ducks	6.54	6.71	6.75	103	101

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

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

Commodity	May 2004	Apr 2005	May 2005	Percent of	
				May 2004	Apr 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	2,523,551	2,587,455	2,744,974	109	106
Mature	38,855	43,730	44,396	114	102
Light	9,966	12,254	11,836	119	97
Heavy	28,889	31,476	32,560	113	103
Total	2,562,406	2,631,185	2,789,370	109	106
Turkeys					
Young	228,623	243,544	249,934	109	103
Old	3,120	2,368	3,448	111	146
Total	231,743	245,912	253,382	109	103
Ducks	5,924	5,167	5,827	98	113
Other Poultry	198	174	231	117	133
Total Poultry	2,800,271	2,882,438	3,048,810	109	106
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	247,884	265,286	279,576	113	105
Mature	369	365	706	191	193
Light	167				
Heavy	202	365	706	350	193
Total	248,253	265,651	280,282	113	106
Turkeys					
Young	216,696	196,119	206,332	95	105
Old	697	874	547	78	63
Total	217,393	196,993	206,879	95	105
Ducks	4,122	5,349	5,392	131	101
Other Poultry	49	29	30	61	103
Total Poultry	469,817	468,022	492,583	105	105
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	2,771,435	2,852,741	3,024,550	109	106
Mature	39,224	44,095	45,102	115	102
Light	10,133	12,254	11,836	117	97
Heavy	29,091	31,841	33,266	114	104
Total	2,810,659	2,896,836	3,069,652	109	106
Turkeys					
Young	445,319	439,663	456,266	102	104
Old	3,817	3,242	3,996	105	123
Total	449,136	442,905	460,262	102	104
Ducks	10,046	10,516	11,219	112	107
Other Poultry	247	203	261	106	129
Total Poultry	3,270,088	3,350,460	3,541,394	108	106

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, May 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	12,000,297	12,583,795	13,119,804	109	104
Mature	207,885	196,303	209,113	101	107
Light	59,965	49,671	55,916	93	113
Heavy	147,920	146,632	153,197	104	104
Total	12,208,182	12,780,098	13,328,917	109	104
Turkeys					
Young	1,216,753	1,178,320	1,252,305	103	106
Old	19,528	16,118	15,865	81	98
Total	1,236,281	1,194,438	1,268,170	103	106
Ducks	16,420	33,033	27,771	169	84
Other Poultry	993	856	953	96	111
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>13,461,876</b>	<b>14,008,425</b>	<b>14,625,811</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	1,300,990	1,196,409	1,328,268	102	111
Mature	5,546	1,720	2,035	37	118
Light	4,547	274	5		2
Heavy	999	1,446	2,030	203	140
Total	1,306,536	1,198,129	1,330,303	102	111
Turkeys					
Young	1,097,107	1,009,964	952,884	87	94
Old	2,421	2,778	2,583	107	93
Total	1,099,528	1,012,742	955,467	87	94
Ducks	31,368	21,285	26,555	85	125
Other Poultry	1,541	177	136	9	77
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>2,438,973</b>	<b>2,232,333</b>	<b>2,312,461</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	13,301,287	13,780,204	14,448,072	109	105
Mature	213,431	198,023	211,149	99	107
Light	64,512	49,945	55,921	87	112
Heavy	148,919	148,078	155,228	104	105
Total	13,514,718	13,978,227	14,659,221	108	105
Turkeys					
Young	2,313,860	2,188,284	2,205,189	95	101
Old	21,949	18,896	18,449	84	98
Total	2,335,809	2,207,180	2,223,638	95	101
Ducks	47,788	54,318	54,326	114	100
Other Poultry	2,534	1,033	1,089	43	105
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>15,900,849</b>	<b>16,240,758</b>	<b>16,938,274</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>104</b>

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

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

Commodity	May 2004	Apr 2005	May 2005	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2004
				May 2004	Apr 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	14,024	11,738	12,697	91	108	75,510	64,773	86
Mature	815	939	984	121	105	4,306	4,374	102
Light	400	392	347	87	89	1,764	1,657	94
Heavy	415	547	637	153	116	2,542	2,717	107
Total	14,839	12,677	13,681	92	108	79,816	69,147	87
Turkeys								
Young	1,678	1,480	1,425	85	96	10,539	8,000	76
Old	71	20	32	45	160	210	241	115
Total	1,749	1,500	1,457	83	97	10,749	8,241	77
Ducks	24	27	33	138	122	136	149	110
Other Poultry						1	1	100
Total Poultry	16,612	14,204	15,171	91	107	90,702	77,538	85
	<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	0.37	0.31	0.31	84	100	0.40	0.34	85
Mature	1.27	1.31	1.36	107	104	1.35	1.25	93
Light	1.96	1.66	1.53	78	92	1.78	1.45	81
Heavy	0.95	1.14	1.28	135	112	1.16	1.16	100
Total	0.39	0.32	0.33	85	103	0.42	0.36	86
Turkeys								
Young	0.30	0.27	0.25	83	93	0.38	0.29	76
Old	1.35	0.46	0.59	44	128	0.81	1.08	133
Total	0.31	0.27	0.25	81	93	0.38	0.30	79
Ducks	0.17	0.18	0.21	124	117	0.19	0.20	105
Other Poultry	0.10	0.06	0.08	80	133	0.14	0.15	107
Total Poultry	0.38	0.32	0.32	84	100	0.41	0.35	85

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

Commodity	May 2004	Apr 2005	May 2005	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2004
				May 2004	Apr 2005	2004	2005	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>				
<i>N.Y. Dressed Weight</i>	<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>
Chickens								
Young	33,784	34,278	36,383	108	106	179,040	180,006	101
Mature	3,143	3,143	3,249	103	103	15,689	15,774	101
Light	1,515	1,750	1,774	117	101	7,979	8,116	102
Heavy	1,628	1,393	1,475	91	106	7,710	7,658	99
Total	36,927	37,421	39,632	107	106	194,729	195,780	101
Turkeys								
Young	9,333	8,458	8,355	90	99	49,218	43,712	89
Old	365	343	399	109	116	1,788	1,598	89
Total	9,698	8,801	8,754	90	99	51,006	45,310	89
Ducks	326	398	374	115	94	1,753	1,922	110
Other Poultry	5	4	5	100	125	27	23	85
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>46,956</b>	<b>46,624</b>	<b>48,765</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>247,515</b>	<b>243,035</b>	<b>98</b>
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<i>Percent of Total Weight Condemned <sup>2</sup></i>								
Chickens								
Young	1.00	0.99	1.00	100	101	1.07	1.04	97
Mature	5.43	4.89	4.97	92	102	5.48	5.15	94
Light	8.23	8.26	8.70	106	105	8.96	8.30	93
Heavy	4.12	3.23	3.28	80	102	3.91	3.72	95
Total	1.08	1.06	1.07	99	101	1.14	1.11	97
Turkeys								
Young	1.86	1.69	1.61	87	95	1.97	1.75	89
Old	7.64	8.74	8.23	108	94	7.73	6.88	89
Total	1.91	1.75	1.67	87	95	2.03	1.79	88
Ducks	2.63	3.02	2.67	102	88	2.75	2.78	101
Other Poultry	1.74	1.47	1.29	74	88	2.08	1.50	72
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>1.19</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>95</b>

<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, May 2005**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<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	87,553	92,546	462,484	485,258	5.28	5.24
AR	97,433	100,285	500,840	510,094	5.14	5.09
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	24,225	24,986	157,291	162,969	6.49	6.52
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	100,761	107,405	506,463	541,059	5.03	5.04
KY	22,366	23,342	121,803	127,659	5.45	5.47
LA	14,194	15,934	75,466	88,972	5.32	5.58
MD	11,643	12,133	54,813	58,031	4.71	4.78
MS	64,126	68,009	366,388	386,866	5.71	5.69
MO	33,553	36,331	157,415	169,614	4.69	4.67
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	53,991	59,229	353,688	389,920	6.55	6.58
OH	3,332	3,679	18,013	19,494	5.41	5.30
PA	10,013	10,468	54,050	56,871	5.40	5.43
SC	21,267	22,742	127,698	138,572	6.00	6.09
TN	20,584	23,028	104,279	116,802	5.07	5.07
TX	54,588	57,490	289,219	299,509	5.30	5.21
VA	26,330	27,818	134,048	142,739	5.09	5.13
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	68,660	72,913	350,191	367,455	5.10	5.04
US	714,619	758,338	3,834,149	4,061,884	5.37	5.36

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

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<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	346,687	362,590	4,156	4,262	1.00	0.98
AR	369,427	376,721	4,915	4,806	1.09	1.05
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	113,591	117,782	2,241	2,128	1.58	1.45
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	377,890	404,160	3,425	3,550	0.75	0.73
KY	89,655	94,257	996	985	0.91	0.86
LA	55,444	64,929	431	799	0.63	1.00
MD	40,264	42,530	719	709	1.46	1.36
MS	276,564	295,920	2,804	3,255	0.85	0.93
MO	115,947	124,525	1,263	1,377	0.89	0.90
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	269,887	298,596	3,463	3,931	1.09	1.12
OH	13,307	14,579	217	208	1.34	1.19
PA	38,875	40,274	770	823	1.58	1.61
SC	95,123	103,499	619	816	0.54	0.65
TN	76,252	85,107	1,021	1,153	1.09	1.10
TX	222,923	230,978	2,736	2,934	1.05	1.09
VA	94,407	99,576	1,223	1,259	1.01	0.98
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	256,498	268,527	3,279	3,388	1.04	1.02
US	2,852,741	3,024,550	34,278	36,383	0.99	1.00

\* 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, 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".

**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,  
by State and United States, May 2005**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		246	108,055	51,764	1,394	2,897
AR		*	177,415	67,671	*	3,032
CA		*	*	*	*	*
DE		22,146	107,669	46,702	*	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		*	75,487	40,668	*	5,061
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		*	50,028	*	*	*
LA		82	17,647	5,340	119	*
MD		*	41,518	*	18	*
MS		255	73,512	48,870	562	1,087
MO		1,145	90,922	14,079	223	1,717
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		373	97,701	55,175	*	*
OH		*	10,778	*	44	*
PA		288	31,227	17,313	*	436
SC		*	14,489	5,031	*	*
TN		408	69,034	27,777	205	864
TX		*	98,710	61,944	142	2,017
VA		*	48,551	23,870	25	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		24,157	190,919	85,715	5,436	32,853
US		49,100	1,303,662	551,919	8,168	49,964
Mature Birds						
Light		2,403	232,501	31,640	175	103,166
Heavy		804	61,427	3,716	47	7,007
US		3,207	293,928	35,356	222	110,173

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	3,331	16,580	19,691	7,786	202,626	414,370
AR	5,290	20,504	27,685	3,168	106,434	414,688
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	2,515	10,938	11,999	2,426	45,872	258,344
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	2,704	37,973	10,102	8,703	122,213	303,933
IN	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	5,211	3,037	994	*	102,173
LA	423	4,066	2,769	*	*	*
MD	*	*	*	*	*	*
MS	1,884	14,075	8,052	783	90,967	240,047
MO	1,556	5,999	11,606	*	*	191,796
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	2,460	19,214	15,304	4,804	142,661	348,744
OH	75	*	*	*	*	20,594
PA	908	*	9,677	*	10,875	81,026
SC	407	3,207	1,933	*	*	66,643
TN	1,115	11,531	6,557	*	*	147,041
TX	827	5,916	7,956	*	47,205	225,116
VA	1,020	5,636	5,649	4,340	*	124,642
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	3,755	36,406	36,816	17,777	345,466	593,115
US	28,270	197,256	178,833	50,781	1,114,319	3,532,272
Mature Birds						
Light	5,905	8,220	155,501	624	86,276	626,411
Heavy	1,462	12,664	16,459	273	72,869	176,728
US	7,367	20,884	171,960	897	159,145	803,139

\* 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, May 2005**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<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	2,716	2,481	50,746	46,890	18.69	18.90
MN	2,759	3,285	78,476	88,322	28.45	26.89
MO	1,473	1,501	46,265	46,816	31.41	31.19
Oth Sts	12,285	13,004	380,413	393,833	30.97	30.29
US	19,233	20,271	555,900	575,861	28.91	28.41

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<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	41,101	38,187	510	516	1.12	1.22
MN	62,717	70,613	1,358	1,462	1.92	1.84
MO	36,085	36,747	973	874	2.34	2.07
Oth Sts	299,760	310,719	5,617	5,503	1.64	1.55
US	439,663	456,266	8,458	8,355	1.69	1.61

<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, 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

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature) US		16	68,247	8,010	3,391	37
Old (Breeders) US			7,917	556	29	214
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature) US	508	4,098	3,475	1,620	19,200	108,602
Old (Breeders) US	36	111	194	6	1,865	10,928

## 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.

**Revision Policy:** Revisions are generally the result of late reports received by FSIS from plants and are usually less than one-half of 1 percent of the preliminary totals. Revisions for the previous month and year-to-date totals are published in each monthly release. Final data are published in the annual summary released in April and reflect any late reports or corrections which occurred after the monthly revisions were published.

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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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