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Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 4 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during August 2005 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.66 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the amount certified in August 2004. Updated totals for July 2005 show that 3.29 billion pounds were certified.

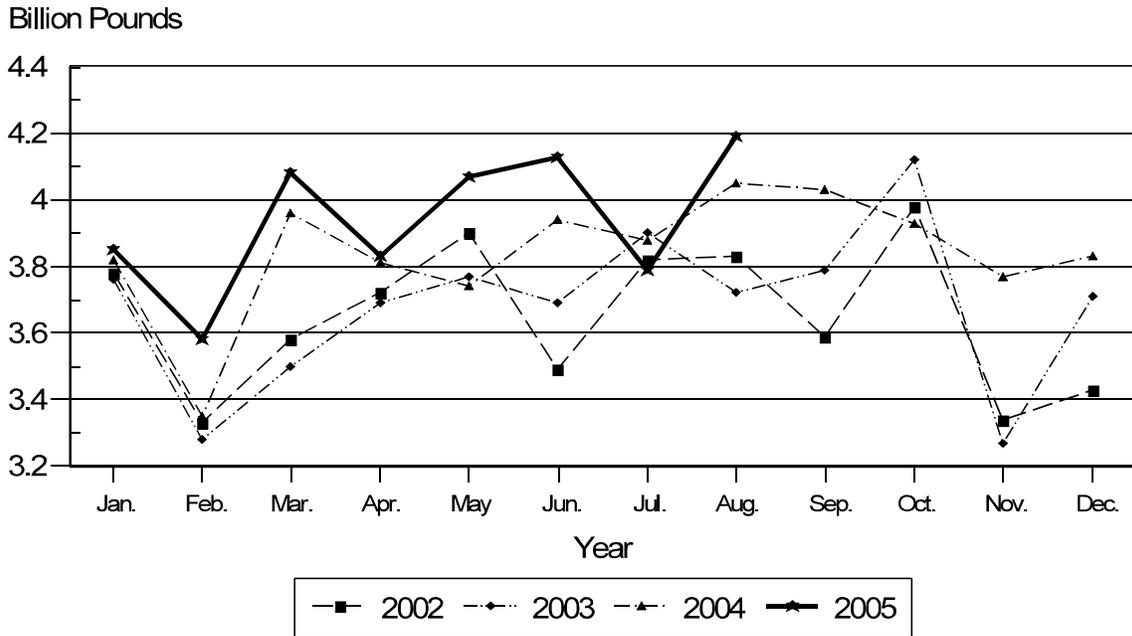
The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during August 2005 was 4.90 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 4.73 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.19 billion pounds, up 3 percent from August 2004, and mature chickens at 76.1 million pounds, were up 3 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 617 million pounds, up 4 percent, and ducks totaled 15.9 million pounds, up 10 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during August 2005 averaged 5.28 pounds per bird, up slightly from August 2004. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.82 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2005 averaged 26.6 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from August 2004.

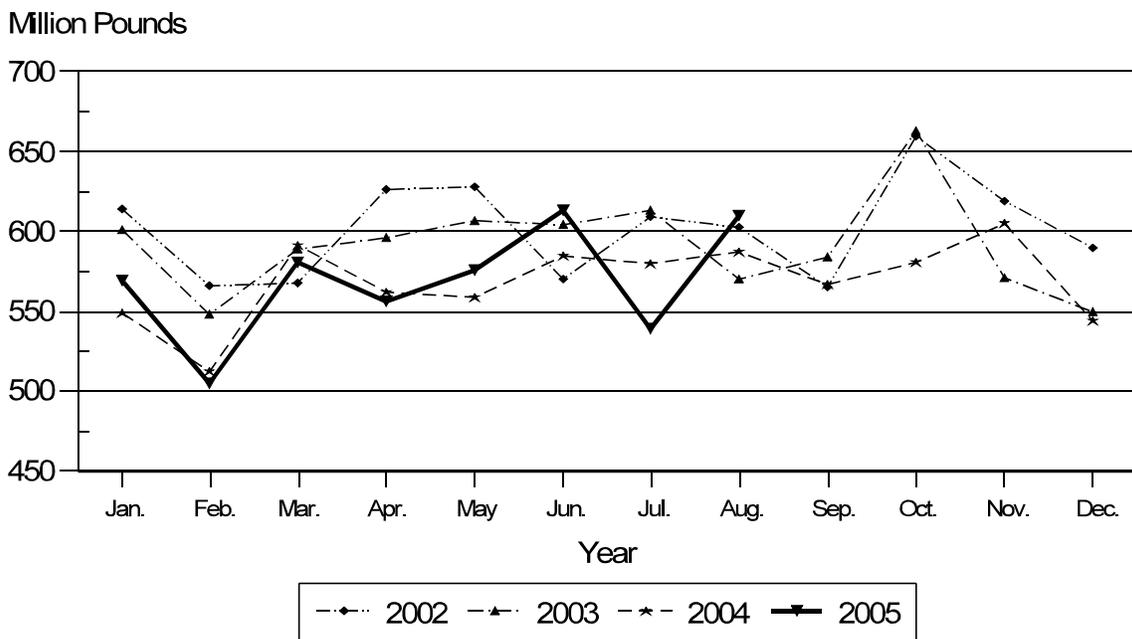
Ante-mortem condemnations during August 2005 totaled 20.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.42 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.43 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 47.1 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.07 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.24 percent a year earlier.

August 2005 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays.
August 2004 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays.

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



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

Commodity	Aug 2004	Jul 2005	Aug 2005	Percent of	
				Aug 2004	Jul 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	770,730	718,609	792,884	103	110
Mature	12,894	11,730	13,072	101	111
Light	6,388	5,540	6,153	96	111
Heavy	6,506	6,190	6,919	106	112
Total	783,624	730,339	805,956	103	110
Turkeys					
Young	22,336	19,539	22,930	103	117
Old	292	230	255	87	111
Total	22,628	19,769	23,185	102	117
Ducks	2,190	2,150	2,369	108	110
	<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	4,050,465	3,788,521	4,190,011	103	111
Mature	73,818	68,562	76,087	103	111
Light	21,280	18,226	20,522	96	113
Heavy	52,538	50,336	55,565	106	110
Total	4,124,283	3,857,083	4,266,098	103	111
Turkeys					
Young	587,415	539,279	610,197	104	113
Old	7,702	5,802	6,346	82	109
Total	595,117	545,081	616,543	104	113
Ducks	14,505	14,169	15,894	110	112
Other Poultry	995	295	836	84	283
Total Poultry	4,734,900	4,416,628	4,899,371	103	111
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.26	5.27	5.28	100	100
Mature	5.73	5.84	5.82	102	100
Light	3.33	3.29	3.34	100	102
Heavy	8.08	8.13	8.03	99	99
Total	5.26	5.28	5.29	101	100
Turkeys					
Young	26.30	27.60	26.61	101	96
Old	26.40	25.23	24.89	94	99
Total	26.30	27.57	26.59	101	96
Ducks	6.62	6.59	6.71	101	102

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, August 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	5,683,698	5,836,010	5,915,900	104	101
Mature	103,408	94,755	100,129	97	106
Light	55,298	48,516	51,463	93	106
Heavy	48,110	46,239	48,666	101	105
Total	5,787,106	5,930,765	6,016,029	104	101
Turkeys					
Young	174,438	166,128	160,223	92	96
Old	2,072	1,741	1,603	77	92
Total	176,510	167,869	161,826	92	96
Ducks	15,936	17,101	18,144	114	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	29,372,289	30,544,132	31,511,538	107	103
Mature	570,441	532,760	564,681	99	106
Light	189,130	162,239	170,387	90	105
Heavy	381,311	370,521	394,294	103	106
Total	29,942,730	31,076,892	32,076,219	107	103
Turkeys					
Young	4,724,402	4,524,732	4,550,227	96	101
Old	55,424	46,560	42,211	76	91
Total	4,779,826	4,571,292	4,592,438	96	100
Ducks	104,160	114,265	121,671	117	106
Other Poultry	6,068	3,484	3,291	54	94
Total Poultry	34,832,784	35,765,933	36,793,619	106	103
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.17	5.23	5.33	103	102
Mature	5.52	5.62	5.64	102	100
Light	3.42	3.34	3.31	97	99
Heavy	7.93	8.01	8.10	102	101
Total	5.17	5.24	5.33	103	102
Turkeys					
Young	27.08	27.24	28.40	105	104
Old	26.75	26.75	26.33	98	98
Total	27.08	27.23	28.38	105	104
Ducks	6.54	6.68	6.71	103	100

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

Commodity	Aug 2004	Jul 2005	Aug 2005	Percent of	
				Aug 2004	Jul 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	2,710,737	2,534,951	2,805,249	103	111
Mature	45,233	41,725	46,406	103	111
Light	10,710	9,212	10,213	95	111
Heavy	34,523	32,513	36,193	105	111
Total	2,755,970	2,576,676	2,851,655	103	111
Turkeys					
Young	244,887	238,375	267,807	109	112
Old	5,189	3,479	3,551	68	102
Total	250,076	241,854	271,358	109	112
Ducks	5,843	5,237	5,787	99	111
Other Poultry	261	164	225	86	137
Total Poultry	3,012,150	2,823,931	3,129,025	104	111
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	278,721	274,145	304,851	109	111
Mature	510	296	602	118	203
Light	219		3	1	
Heavy	291	296	599	206	202
Total	279,231	274,441	305,453	109	111
Turkeys					
Young	218,843	189,174	215,845	99	114
Old	663	904	1,224	185	135
Total	219,506	190,078	217,069	99	114
Ducks	4,547	4,945	5,683	125	115
Other Poultry	355	31	279	79	900
Total Poultry	503,639	469,495	528,484	105	113
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,989,458	2,809,096	3,110,100	104	111
Mature	45,743	42,021	47,008	103	112
Light	10,929	9,212	10,216	93	111
Heavy	34,814	32,809	36,792	106	112
Total	3,035,201	2,851,117	3,157,108	104	111
Turkeys					
Young	463,730	427,549	483,652	104	113
Old	5,852	4,384	4,776	82	109
Total	469,582	431,933	488,428	104	113
Ducks	10,390	10,182	11,470	110	113
Other Poultry	616	195	505	82	259
Total Poultry	3,515,789	3,293,427	3,657,511	104	111

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, August 2005¹ (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	19,564,724	20,561,413	21,227,662	108	103
Mature	338,630	328,086	344,835	102	105
Light	90,386	81,694	87,324	97	107
Heavy	248,244	246,392	257,511	104	105
Total	19,903,354	20,889,499	21,572,497	108	103
Turkeys					
Young	1,936,012	1,907,476	2,027,012	105	106
Old	35,865	29,478	26,320	73	89
Total	1,971,877	1,936,954	2,053,332	104	106
Ducks	25,872	50,624	44,655	173	88
Other Poultry	1,718	1,619	1,561	91	96
Total Poultry	21,902,821	22,878,696	23,672,045	108	103
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,126,782	1,990,451	2,202,934	104	111
Mature	7,192	2,953	3,407	47	115
Light	5,374	572	8		1
Heavy	1,818	2,381	3,399	187	143
Total	2,133,974	1,993,404	2,206,341	103	111
Turkeys					
Young	1,790,331	1,664,138	1,575,153	88	95
Old	5,248	5,118	5,503	105	108
Total	1,795,579	1,669,256	1,580,656	88	95
Ducks	48,934	35,012	42,694	87	122
Other Poultry	2,040	636	480	24	75
Total Poultry	3,980,527	3,698,308	3,830,171	96	104
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	21,691,506	22,551,864	23,430,596	108	104
Mature	345,822	331,039	348,243	101	105
Light	95,760	82,266	87,332	91	106
Heavy	250,062	248,773	260,911	104	105
Total	22,037,328	22,882,903	23,778,839	108	104
Turkeys					
Young	3,726,343	3,571,614	3,602,165	97	101
Old	41,113	34,596	31,827	77	92
Total	3,767,456	3,606,210	3,633,992	96	101
Ducks	74,806	85,636	87,349	117	102
Other Poultry	3,758	2,255	2,042	54	91
Total Poultry	25,883,348	26,577,004	27,502,222	106	103

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Commodity	Aug 2004	Jul 2005	Aug 2005	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2004
				Aug 2004	Jul 2005	2004	2005	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			
Live Weight				<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Chickens								
Young	16,181	16,308	17,241	107	106	125,999	114,683	91
Mature	1,237	1,702	1,500	121	88	8,636	9,122	106
Light	550	608	540	98	89	3,457	3,367	97
Heavy	687	1,094	960	140	88	5,179	5,755	111
Total	17,418	18,010	18,741	108	104	134,635	123,805	92
Turkeys								
Young	3,101	1,708	1,758	57	103	17,426	13,188	76
Old	41	45	60	146	133	355	383	108
Total	3,142	1,753	1,818	58	104	17,781	13,571	76
Ducks	28	40	36	129	90	315	266	84
Other Poultry	6	2	3	50	150	11	6	55
Total Poultry	20,594	19,805	20,598	100	104	152,742	137,648	90
	<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	0.40	0.43	0.41	103	95	0.41	0.36	88
Mature	1.68	2.48	1.97	117	79	1.62	1.62	100
Light	2.58	3.34	2.64	102	79	2.13	1.98	93
Heavy	1.31	2.17	1.73	132	80	1.40	1.46	104
Total	0.42	0.47	0.44	105	94	0.43	0.39	91
Turkeys								
Young	0.53	0.32	0.29	55	91	0.39	0.29	74
Old	0.53	0.76	0.96	181	126	0.76	0.91	120
Total	0.53	0.32	0.30	57	94	0.39	0.30	77
Ducks	0.19	0.29	0.23	121	79	0.27	0.22	81
Other Poultry	0.55	0.68	0.36	65	53	0.33	0.18	55
Total Poultry	0.43	0.45	0.42	98	93	0.43	0.37	86

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

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

Commodity	Aug 2004	Jul 2005	Aug 2005	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2004
				Aug 2004	Jul 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	38,546	31,442	34,081	88	108	292,280	281,051	96
Mature	3,062	2,783	3,112	102	112	24,427	25,202	103
Light	1,332	1,336	1,552	117	116	11,989	12,926	108
Heavy	1,730	1,447	1,560	90	108	12,438	12,276	99
Total	41,608	34,225	37,193	89	109	316,707	306,253	97
Turkeys								
Young	10,725	7,597	9,182	86	121	80,109	69,248	86
Old	328	274	349	106	127	2,911	2,472	85
Total	11,053	7,871	9,531	86	121	83,020	71,720	86
Ducks	310	316	334	108	106	2,698	2,946	109
Other Poultry	11	3	14	127	467	58	45	78
Total Poultry	52,982	42,415	47,072	89	111	402,483	380,964	95
	<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 ²</i>								
Chickens								
Young	1.06	0.92	0.90	85	98	1.06	0.99	93
Mature	4.61	4.51	4.54	98	101	5.09	4.96	97
Light	6.96	8.15	8.40	121	103	8.21	8.43	103
Heavy	3.66	3.20	3.12	85	98	3.73	3.46	93
Total	1.12	0.99	0.97	87	98	1.13	1.06	94
Turkeys								
Young	2.03	1.57	1.67	82	106	1.97	1.69	86
Old	4.73	5.25	6.11	129	116	6.95	6.51	94
Total	2.06	1.60	1.72	83	108	2.02	1.74	86
Ducks	2.37	2.48	2.34	99	94	2.62	2.69	103
Other Poultry	1.24	0.75	1.86	150	248	1.94	1.52	78
Total Poultry	1.24	1.07	1.07	86	100	1.25	1.15	92

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, August 2005**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	87,417	97,788	452,221	505,317	5.17	5.17
AR	94,260	107,137	484,927	554,614	5.14	5.18
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	24,642	27,545	155,623	173,181	6.32	6.29
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	102,314	112,976	512,566	568,430	5.01	5.03
KY	22,449	25,282	121,717	136,785	5.42	5.41
LA	16,068	17,632	89,418	96,836	5.56	5.49
MD	11,482	13,199	53,300	61,521	4.64	4.66
MS	63,576	61,317	347,099	337,040	5.46	5.50
MO	34,251	38,132	158,975	176,701	4.64	4.63
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	56,849	61,874	360,499	392,630	6.34	6.35
OH	3,350	3,999	16,897	20,417	5.04	5.11
PA	9,462	10,607	50,610	56,858	5.35	5.36
SC	20,953	23,885	121,585	137,701	5.80	5.77
TN	21,838	23,817	107,932	117,560	4.94	4.94
TX	53,529	62,257	276,126	325,953	5.16	5.24
VA	26,732	29,150	133,008	144,990	4.98	4.97
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	69,437	76,287	346,018	383,477	4.98	5.03
US	718,609	792,884	3,788,521	4,190,011	5.27	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, August 2005**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	337,591	376,268	3,632	4,375	0.89	0.96
AR	355,843	409,410	4,307	5,245	0.99	1.05
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	111,863	124,764	1,989	1,995	1.42	1.28
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	382,118	421,468	3,059	3,334	0.66	0.65
KY	89,345	100,263	747	798	0.68	0.65
LA	65,412	70,375	784	714	0.97	0.82
MD	38,552	44,767	509	579	1.06	1.05
MS	260,235	256,998	2,639	2,510	0.84	0.83
MO	116,916	130,021	1,178	1,232	0.82	0.77
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	275,986	300,708	3,594	3,689	1.11	1.04
OH	12,426	15,077	194	223	1.28	1.22
PA	34,866	39,279	713	778	1.56	1.52
SC	91,385	102,859	666	768	0.61	0.62
TN	78,523	85,734	886	910	0.91	0.86
TX	213,423	251,658	2,224	2,530	0.89	0.86
VA	92,374	101,223	1,078	1,008	0.90	0.77
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	252,238	279,228	3,243	3,393	1.04	0.98
US	2,809,096	3,110,100	31,442	34,081	0.92	0.90

* 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, July 2005**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		237	93,251	40,034	1,702	3,166
AR		*	153,938	40,637	*	2,685
CA		*	*	*	*	*
DE		14,132	113,605	23,775	*	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		296	72,024	25,578	282	4,682
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		50	35,203	6,474	*	*
LA		*	17,155	3,138	*	*
MD		*	34,814	*	29	31
MS		154	67,683	46,594	403	931
MO		869	70,092	9,855	*	1,554
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		692	88,672	28,813	*	*
OH		*	11,251	*	*	*
PA		*	26,809	10,532	*	245
SC		*	11,663	3,879	48	*
TN		163	54,709	20,831	*	652
TX		72	75,138	*	128	1,465
VA		*	48,450	19,005	*	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		11,313	186,929	64,139	7,004	32,000
US		27,978	1,161,386	343,284	9,596	47,380
Mature Birds						
Light		1,961	182,790	28,936	129	72,262
Heavy		384	55,600	2,710	52	6,315
US		2,345	238,390	31,646	181	78,577

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	3,596	14,905	17,995	7,805	137,537	320,228
AR	6,488	18,628	27,260	2,618	79,592	336,201
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	3,351	13,464	10,218	4,766	32,476	222,718
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	2,813	31,993	9,741	5,466	104,735	257,610
IN	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	5,539	5,784	2,182	3,866	62,381
LA	424	*	4,061	*	*	*
MD	*	8,086	*	882	*	*
MS	1,943	9,834	6,360	1,925	63,575	199,402
MO	1,347	4,094	11,620	*	*	163,618
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	2,421	21,532	19,631	4,509	99,739	277,322
OH	59	*	378	*	*	19,096
PA	871	3,054	7,997	*	11,532	65,674
SC	395	*	*	4,089	32,047	58,348
TN	986	7,575	4,580	*	13,095	105,109
TX	814	5,397	9,090	*	32,378	153,834
VA	1,170	4,073	5,632	*	*	117,948
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	4,561	24,948	35,399	19,701	271,060	545,817
US	31,239	173,122	175,746	53,943	881,632	2,905,306
Mature Birds						
Light	7,745	8,261	113,484	741	69,690	485,999
Heavy	1,121	10,660	16,720	332	78,379	172,273
US	8,866	18,921	130,204	1,073	148,069	658,272

* 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, August 2005**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		293	114,097	48,398	1,106	3,739
AR		*	185,709	45,737	*	2,659
CA		*	*	*	*	*
DE		5,841	116,607	17,697	*	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		370	79,296	24,138	765	5,558
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		*	42,502	6,992	*	*
LA		*	17,316	3,579	61	409
MD		*	39,943	*	*	*
MS		153	64,449	34,216	418	1,034
MO		764	81,085	*	183	1,995
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		368	95,606	29,720	*	*
OH		*	9,888	*	*	50
PA		69	32,158	12,552	*	320
SC		*	13,664	3,379	25	*
TN		*	57,624	15,699	*	844
TX		*	75,396	23,394	175	1,663
VA		*	43,104	8,735	28	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		5,613	190,259	45,932	7,139	38,335
US		13,471	1,258,703	320,168	9,900	56,606
Mature Birds						
Light		4,116	185,998	38,136	140	87,664
Heavy		393	56,913	1,725	89	7,799
US		4,509	242,911	39,861	229	95,463

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	3,757	16,931	20,711	9,362	142,459	360,853
AR	8,162	21,908	31,351	5,514	91,221	396,734
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	4,073	14,082	10,279	4,421	34,977	216,634
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	3,301	32,638	10,065	7,592	100,008	263,731
IN	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	5,509	6,570	821	2,876	68,920
LA	477	3,683	2,814	*	*	59,528
MD	*	11,082	*	1,267	*	130,650
MS	1,952	9,390	8,506	1,326	75,437	196,881
MO	1,464	4,506	11,849	*	64,124	179,824
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	2,528	22,476	19,580	8,767	94,147	285,931
OH	86	*	*	*	*	22,443
PA	1,041	2,893	7,708	*	13,183	71,476
SC	419	1,921	*	2,297	38,106	63,890
TN	925	9,111	5,528	*	11,038	104,014
TX	875	4,781	9,230	*	48,777	168,462
VA	1,436	4,348	6,288	*	*	107,161
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	5,471	22,793	43,130	17,348	200,273	354,685
US	35,967	188,052	193,609	58,715	916,626	3,051,817
Mature Birds						
Light	6,326	7,256	108,263	546	85,390	523,835
Heavy	1,089	12,634	14,063	913	69,107	164,725
US	7,415	19,890	122,326	1,459	154,497	688,560

* 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, August 2005

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	2,252	2,793	44,410	53,917	19.72	19.30
MN	3,192	3,636	81,590	92,302	25.56	25.39
MO	1,429	1,641	43,628	48,488	30.53	29.55
Oth Sts	12,666	14,860	369,651	415,490	29.18	27.96
US	19,539	22,930	539,279	610,197	27.60	26.61

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	36,299	43,708	578	723	1.45	1.49
MN	65,446	74,074	1,148	1,492	1.56	1.80
MO	34,099	37,850	875	1,002	2.23	2.30
Oth Sts	291,705	328,020	4,996	5,965	1.50	1.60
US	427,549	483,652	7,597	9,182	1.57	1.67

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, July 2005**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young (Mature) US		974	61,749	7,771	3,111	168
Old (Breeders) US		3	3,688	708	6	277
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young (Mature) US	382	4,403	3,124	1,449	17,097	100,228
Old (Breeders) US	33	142	138	13	1,301	6,309

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young (Mature) US		67	75,348	10,708	3,187	94
Old (Breeders) US			4,774	734	2	125
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young (Mature) US	429	5,089	3,935	2,634	23,781	125,272
Old (Breeders) US	17	138	135	27	706	6,658

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 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.

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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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 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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