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# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 1 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during September 2005 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.52 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the amount certified in September 2004. Updated totals for August 2005 show that 3.66 billion pounds were certified.

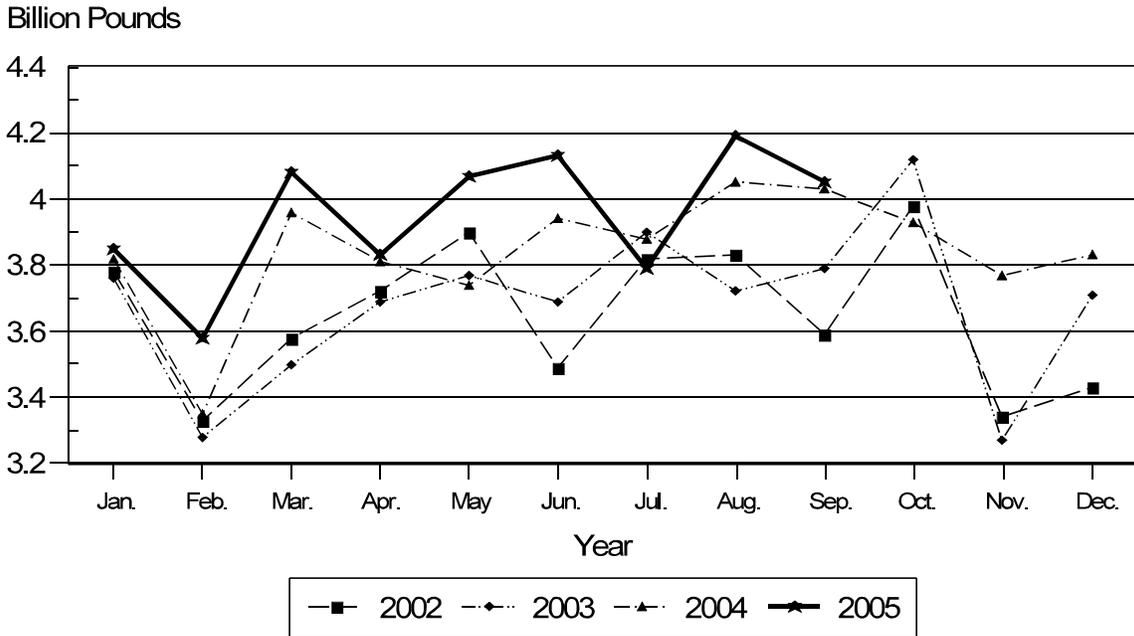
The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during September 2005 was 4.71 billion pounds, up slightly from 4.70 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.05 billion pounds, up 1 percent from September 2004, and mature chickens at 67.2 million pounds, were down 9 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 573 million pounds, down slightly, and ducks totaled 15.7 million pounds, up 6 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during September 2005 averaged 5.41 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from September 2004. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.83 pounds per bird, unchanged from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during September 2005 averaged 27.1 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from September 2004.

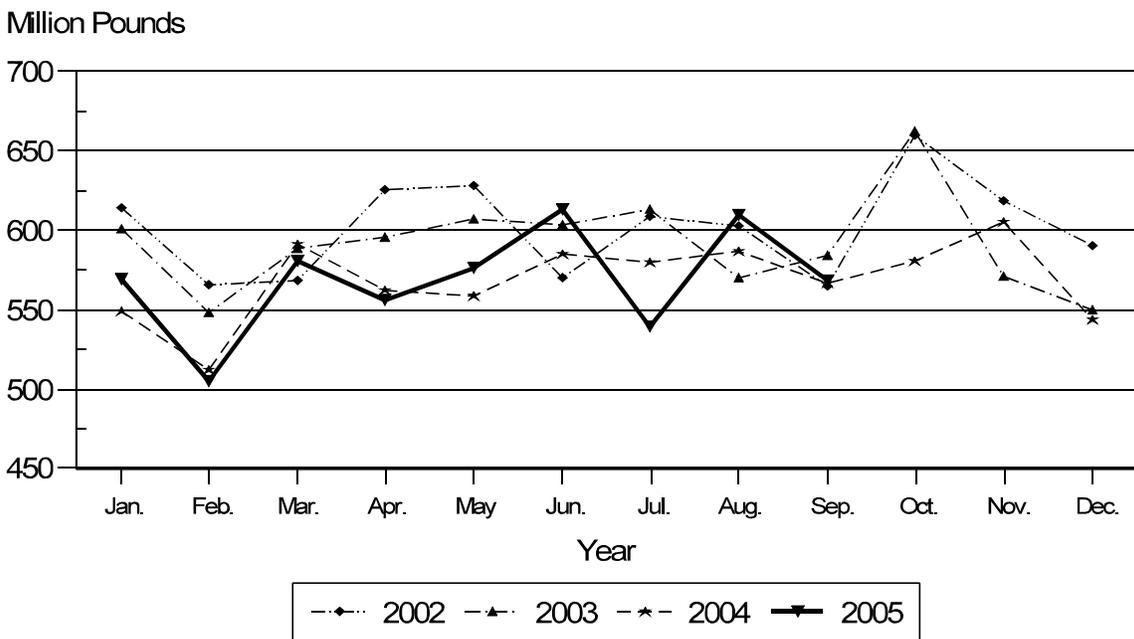
Ante-mortem condemnations during September 2005 totaled 17.0 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.36 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.37 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 45.0 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.06 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.24 percent a year earlier.

September 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays, the same as September 2004.

## 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, September 2005<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Sep 2004	Aug 2005	Sep 2005	Percent of	
				Sep 2004	Aug 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	754,743	793,031	750,054	99	95
Mature	12,720	13,072	11,523	91	88
Light	6,155	6,153	5,410	88	88
Heavy	6,565	6,919	6,113	93	88
Total	767,463	806,103	761,577	99	94
Turkeys					
Young	21,318	22,930	20,940	98	91
Old	346	255	188	54	74
Total	21,664	23,185	21,128	98	91
Ducks	2,210	2,369	2,313	105	98
	<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	4,030,451	4,190,613	4,054,271	101	97
Mature	74,177	76,087	67,182	91	88
Light	20,814	20,522	17,914	86	87
Heavy	53,363	55,565	49,268	92	89
Total	4,104,628	4,266,700	4,121,453	100	97
Turkeys					
Young	567,179	610,197	568,488	100	93
Old	9,014	6,346	4,850	54	76
Total	576,193	616,543	573,338	100	93
Ducks	14,852	15,894	15,720	106	99
Other Poultry	1,762	842	1,691	96	201
Total Poultry	4,697,435	4,899,979	4,712,202	100	96
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.34	5.28	5.41	101	102
Mature	5.83	5.82	5.83	100	100
Light	3.38	3.34	3.31	98	99
Heavy	8.13	8.03	8.06	99	100
Total	5.35	5.29	5.41	101	102
Turkeys					
Young	26.60	26.61	27.15	102	102
Old	26.02	24.89	25.94	100	104
Total	26.59	26.59	27.14	102	102
Ducks	6.72	6.71	6.80	101	101

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,  
United States, September 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	6,412,878	6,590,753	6,666,101	104	101
Mature	114,443	107,475	111,652	98	104
Light	60,335	54,671	56,873	94	104
Heavy	54,108	52,804	54,779	101	104
Total	6,527,321	6,698,228	6,777,753	104	101
Turkeys					
Young	196,622	187,446	181,163	92	97
Old	2,358	2,087	1,791	76	86
Total	198,980	189,533	182,954	92	97
Ducks	17,973	19,311	20,457	114	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	33,163,558	34,574,583	35,566,411	107	103
Mature	635,571	606,937	631,863	99	104
Light	206,391	183,053	188,301	91	103
Heavy	429,180	423,884	443,562	103	105
Total	33,799,129	35,181,520	36,198,274	107	103
Turkeys					
Young	5,308,190	5,091,911	5,118,715	96	101
Old	63,313	55,574	47,061	74	85
Total	5,371,503	5,147,485	5,165,776	96	100
Ducks	117,760	129,117	137,391	117	106
Other Poultry	7,389	5,246	4,988	68	95
Total Poultry	39,295,781	40,463,368	41,506,429	106	103
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Average Live Weight</b>					
Chickens					
Young	5.17	5.25	5.34	103	102
Mature	5.55	5.65	5.66	102	100
Light	3.42	3.35	3.31	97	99
Heavy	7.93	8.03	8.10	102	101
Total	5.18	5.25	5.34	103	102
Turkeys					
Young	27.00	27.17	28.25	105	104
Old	26.86	26.63	26.28	98	99
Total	26.99	27.16	28.24	105	104
Ducks	6.55	6.69	6.72	103	100

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

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

Commodity	Sep 2004	Aug 2005	Sep 2005	Percent of	
				Sep 2004	Aug 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	2,704,708	2,805,672	2,718,964	101	97
Mature	46,118	46,406	41,573	90	90
Light	10,625	10,213	9,012	85	88
Heavy	35,493	36,193	32,561	92	90
Total	2,750,826	2,852,078	2,760,537	100	97
Turkeys					
Young	237,150	267,807	251,568	106	94
Old	4,995	3,551	2,517	50	71
Total	242,145	271,358	254,085	105	94
Ducks	5,928	5,787	5,624	95	97
Other Poultry	249	229	223	90	97
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>2,999,148</b>	<b>3,129,452</b>	<b>3,020,469</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	269,369	304,851	292,155	108	96
Mature	378	602	254	67	42
Light	103	3			
Heavy	275	599	254	92	42
Total	269,747	305,453	292,409	108	96
Turkeys					
Young	214,671	215,845	199,069	93	92
Old	1,660	1,224	1,213	73	99
Total	216,331	217,069	200,282	93	92
Ducks	4,635	5,683	5,674	122	100
Other Poultry	822	279	797	97	286
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>491,535</b>	<b>528,484</b>	<b>499,162</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	2,974,077	3,110,523	3,011,119	101	97
Mature	46,496	47,008	41,827	90	89
Light	10,728	10,216	9,012	84	88
Heavy	35,768	36,792	32,815	92	89
Total	3,020,573	3,157,531	3,052,946	101	97
Turkeys					
Young	451,821	483,652	450,637	100	93
Old	6,655	4,776	3,730	56	78
Total	458,476	488,428	454,367	99	93
Ducks	10,563	11,470	11,271	107	98
Other Poultry	1,071	508	1,020	95	201
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>3,490,683</b>	<b>3,657,937</b>	<b>3,519,604</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>96</b>

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, September 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	22,071,020	23,266,121	23,947,049	108	103
Mature	378,649	374,204	386,408	102	103
Light	99,133	92,319	96,336	97	104
Heavy	279,516	281,885	290,072	104	103
Total	22,449,669	23,640,325	24,333,457	108	103
Turkeys					
Young	2,171,074	2,144,626	2,278,580	105	106
Old	40,505	34,473	28,837	71	84
Total	2,211,579	2,179,099	2,307,417	104	106
Ducks	31,895	56,552	50,279	158	89
Other Poultry	1,919	1,868	1,788	93	96
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>24,695,062</b>	<b>25,877,844</b>	<b>26,692,941</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	2,437,707	2,259,820	2,495,089	102	110
Mature	7,334	3,331	3,661	50	110
Light	5,442	675	8		1
Heavy	1,892	2,656	3,653	193	138
Total	2,445,041	2,263,151	2,498,750	102	110
Turkeys					
Young	2,008,848	1,878,809	1,774,222	88	94
Old	6,621	6,778	6,716	101	99
Total	2,015,469	1,885,587	1,780,938	88	94
Ducks	53,493	39,647	48,368	90	122
Other Poultry	2,650	1,458	1,277	48	88
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>4,516,653</b>	<b>4,189,843</b>	<b>4,329,333</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	24,508,727	25,525,941	26,442,138	108	104
Mature	385,983	377,535	390,070	101	103
Light	104,575	92,994	96,344	92	104
Heavy	281,408	284,541	293,726	104	103
Total	24,894,710	25,903,476	26,832,208	108	104
Turkeys					
Young	4,179,922	4,023,435	4,052,802	97	101
Old	47,126	41,251	35,557	75	86
Total	4,227,048	4,064,686	4,088,359	97	101
Ducks	85,388	96,199	98,620	115	103
Other Poultry	4,569	3,326	3,065	67	92
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>29,211,715</b>	<b>30,067,687</b>	<b>31,022,252</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>103</b>

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

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

Commodity	Sep 2004	Aug 2005	Sep 2005	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2004
				Sep 2004	Aug 2005	2004	2005	
				<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>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	14,282	17,242	14,360	101	83	140,281	129,044	92
Mature	1,026	1,500	1,081	105	72	9,662	10,203	106
Light	446	540	414	93	77	3,903	3,781	97
Heavy	580	960	667	115	69	5,759	6,422	112
Total	15,308	18,742	15,441	101	82	149,943	139,247	93
Turkeys								
Young	1,937	1,758	1,528	79	87	19,363	14,716	76
Old	37	60	29	78	48	392	412	105
Total	1,974	1,818	1,557	79	86	19,755	15,128	77
Ducks	27	36	34	126	94	342	300	88
Other Poultry	6	3	5	83	167	17	11	65
Total Poultry	17,315	20,599	17,037	98	83	170,057	154,686	91
	<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	0.35	0.41	0.35	100	85	0.41	0.36	88
Mature	1.38	1.97	1.61	117	82	1.59	1.61	101
Light	2.15	2.64	2.31	107	88	2.13	2.01	94
Heavy	1.09	1.73	1.35	124	78	1.36	1.45	107
Total	0.37	0.44	0.37	100	84	0.43	0.38	88
Turkeys								
Young	0.34	0.29	0.27	79	93	0.38	0.29	76
Old	0.41	0.96	0.62	151	65	0.70	0.88	126
Total	0.34	0.30	0.27	79	90	0.38	0.29	76
Ducks	0.18	0.23	0.22	122	96	0.26	0.22	85
Other Poultry	0.32	0.36	0.24	75	67	0.33	0.22	67
Total Poultry	0.37	0.42	0.36	97	86	0.42	0.37	88

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

Commodity	Sep 2004	Aug 2005	Sep 2005	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2004
				Sep 2004	Aug 2005	2004	2005	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			
N.Y. Dressed Weight				<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Chickens								
Young	38,415	34,084	33,083	86	97	330,695	314,137	95
Mature	3,056	3,112	2,773	91	89	27,483	27,975	102
Light	1,360	1,552	1,281	94	83	13,349	14,207	106
Heavy	1,696	1,560	1,492	88	96	14,134	13,768	97
Total	41,471	37,196	35,856	86	96	358,178	342,112	96
Turkeys								
Young	10,220	9,182	8,539	84	93	90,329	77,787	86
Old	395	349	248	63	71	3,306	2,720	82
Total	10,615	9,531	8,787	83	92	93,635	80,507	86
Ducks	300	334	322	107	96	2,998	3,268	109
Other Poultry	12	15	13	108	87	70	59	84
Total Poultry	52,398	47,076	44,978	86	96	454,881	425,946	94
	<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	1.06	0.90	0.91	86	101	1.06	0.98	92
Mature	4.58	4.54	4.59	100	101	5.03	4.92	98
Light	7.26	8.40	7.96	110	95	8.10	8.38	103
Heavy	3.53	3.12	3.36	95	108	3.70	3.45	93
Total	1.12	0.97	0.97	87	100	1.13	1.05	93
Turkeys								
Young	2.00	1.67	1.67	84	100	1.97	1.69	86
Old	4.87	6.11	5.68	117	93	6.61	6.42	97
Total	2.05	1.72	1.70	83	99	2.02	1.73	86
Ducks	2.25	2.34	2.28	101	97	2.58	2.64	102
Other Poultry	0.78	1.85	0.79	101	43	1.55	1.31	85
Total Poultry	1.24	1.07	1.06	85	99	1.25	1.14	91

<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, September 2005**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<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	97,788	92,801	505,317	492,137	5.17	5.30
AR	107,234	97,140	554,966	516,313	5.18	5.32
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	27,545	25,352	173,181	162,962	6.29	6.43
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	112,976	107,591	568,430	555,083	5.03	5.16
KY	25,282	24,051	136,785	131,879	5.41	5.48
LA	17,632	17,164	96,836	97,117	5.49	5.66
MD	13,199	12,524	61,521	60,142	4.66	4.80
MS	61,317	65,950	337,040	371,843	5.50	5.64
MO	38,132	35,579	176,701	165,517	4.63	4.65
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	61,874	57,853	392,630	377,287	6.35	6.52
OH	3,999	3,795	20,417	19,825	5.11	5.22
PA	10,607	10,457	56,858	57,116	5.36	5.46
SC	23,885	22,045	137,701	130,728	5.77	5.93
TN	23,817	22,671	117,560	117,798	4.94	5.20
TX	62,257	54,000	325,953	278,195	5.24	5.15
VA	29,150	27,593	144,990	141,623	4.97	5.13
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	76,337	73,488	383,727	378,706	5.03	5.15
US	793,031	750,054	4,190,613	4,054,271	5.28	5.41

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

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<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	376,268	367,608	4,375	4,297	0.96	0.97
AR	409,656	382,423	5,247	4,558	1.05	0.98
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	124,764	117,735	1,995	1,790	1.28	1.22
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	421,468	412,327	3,334	3,102	0.65	0.62
KY	100,263	96,631	798	706	0.65	0.59
LA	70,375	70,991	714	827	0.82	0.95
MD	44,767	43,694	579	515	1.05	0.95
MS	256,998	280,261	2,510	3,318	0.83	0.99
MO	130,021	121,837	1,232	1,111	0.77	0.75
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	300,708	289,087	3,689	3,648	1.04	1.07
OH	15,077	14,656	223	184	1.22	1.03
PA	39,279	39,982	778	749	1.52	1.46
SC	102,859	97,902	768	658	0.62	0.56
TN	85,734	85,656	910	1,101	0.86	1.04
TX	251,658	213,590	2,530	2,016	0.86	0.81
VA	101,223	99,694	1,008	884	0.77	0.69
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	279,405	277,045	3,394	3,619	0.98	1.06
US	3,110,523	3,011,119	34,084	33,083	0.90	0.91

\* 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, 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		*	185,767	45,737	*	2,663
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		5,617	190,297	46,036	7,140	38,335
US		13,475	1,258,799	320,272	9,901	56,610
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

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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 <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	3,757	16,931	20,711	9,362	142,459	360,853
AR	8,162	21,909	31,354	5,514	91,226	396,809
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	5,472	22,802	43,132	17,348	200,277	354,844
US	35,968	188,062	193,614	58,715	916,635	3,052,051
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.

<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, September 2005**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		302	100,497	34,222	1,042	2,593
AR		1,824	157,559	32,732	*	2,839
CA		*	*	*	*	*
DE		3,276	103,955	17,279	*	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		302	69,884	24,850	578	4,769
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		*	35,402	6,101	41	*
LA		*	20,922	3,475	*	341
MD		792	35,322	*	38	*
MS		*	84,849	31,325	*	1,041
MO		861	69,287	*	189	1,583
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		348	85,495	21,123	*	*
OH		*	6,920	*	*	47
PA		*	29,755	10,247	143	321
SC		*	12,184	3,783	*	*
TN		227	60,202	*	*	752
TX		89	62,154	18,360	104	1,635
VA		612	40,551	*	*	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		2,194	188,069	68,163	6,192	35,594
US		10,827	1,163,007	271,660	8,327	51,515
Mature Birds						
Light		2,345	171,923	36,681	301	59,495
Heavy		441	47,954	2,396	35	6,775
US		2,786	219,877	39,077	336	66,270

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	2,930	15,162	16,016	8,418	140,698	321,880
AR	6,302	18,181	24,329	*	78,063	331,024
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	3,274	10,840	10,166	4,565	35,741	196,311
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	2,668	27,094	8,250	2,105	92,202	232,702
IN	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	4,554	4,096	*	3,439	57,824
LA	452	3,622	2,380	108	*	61,805
MD	*	*	*	1,266	*	113,546
MS	2,109	9,158	8,972	1,587	123,129	263,774
MO	1,173	3,592	10,315	*	52,197	148,411
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	2,861	19,347	15,690	7,336	106,725	272,569
OH	*	*	324	33	*	16,880
PA	976	3,132	7,882	*	11,231	65,323
SC	463	1,845	*	2,100	29,308	53,360
TN	860	10,221	5,136	*	*	131,249
TX	749	4,854	6,807	1,180	25,078	121,010
VA	1,169	4,072	5,596	3,073	*	96,780
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	5,169	31,453	42,076	24,923	219,932	361,642
US	31,155	167,127	168,035	56,694	917,743	2,846,090
Mature Birds						
Light	6,958	5,408	108,107	1,665	54,510	447,393
Heavy	1,094	7,905	14,857	1,143	60,089	142,689
US	8,052	13,313	122,964	2,808	114,599	590,082

\* 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, September 2005**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<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	2,793	2,415	53,917	47,715	19.30	19.76
MN	3,636	3,181	92,302	83,735	25.39	26.32
MO	1,641	1,551	48,488	47,486	29.55	30.62
Oth Sts	14,860	13,793	415,490	389,552	27.96	28.24
US	22,930	20,940	610,197	568,488	26.61	27.15

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	August	September	August	September	August	September
	<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	43,708	38,775	723	698	1.49	1.63
MN	74,074	67,124	1,492	1,289	1.80	1.71
MO	37,850	37,022	1,002	982	2.30	2.30
Oth Sts	328,020	307,716	5,965	5,570	1.60	1.59
US	483,652	450,637	9,182	8,539	1.67	1.67

<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, 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
	<b>Bruises</b>	<b>Cadaver</b>	<b>Contam- ination</b>	<b>Overscald</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<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

**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,  
United States, September 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		27	71,111	11,116	3,360	132
Old (Breeders) US		2	2,014	652	5	89
	<b>Bruises</b>	<b>Cadaver</b>	<b>Contam- ination</b>	<b>Overscald</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<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	373	4,752	3,808	1,340	19,947	115,966
Old (Breeders) US	12	127	127	38	1,131	4,197

## 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.

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## 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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