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Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 4 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during October 2005 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.58 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the amount certified in October 2004. Updated totals for September 2005 show that 3.52 billion pounds were certified.

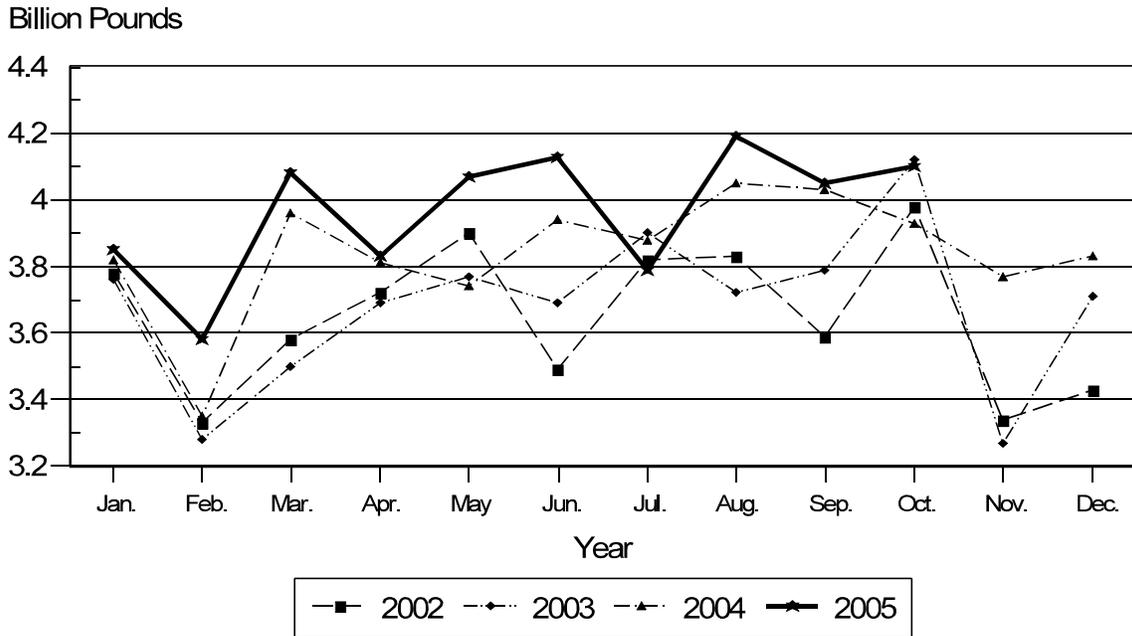
The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during October 2005 was 4.79 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 4.61 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.10 billion pounds, up 4 percent from October 2004, and mature chickens at 66.3 million pounds, were down 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 606 million pounds, up 3 percent. Ducks totaled 16.1 million pounds, up 14 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during October 2005 averaged 5.50 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from October 2004. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.92 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during October 2005 averaged 26.9 pounds per bird, down slightly from October 2004.

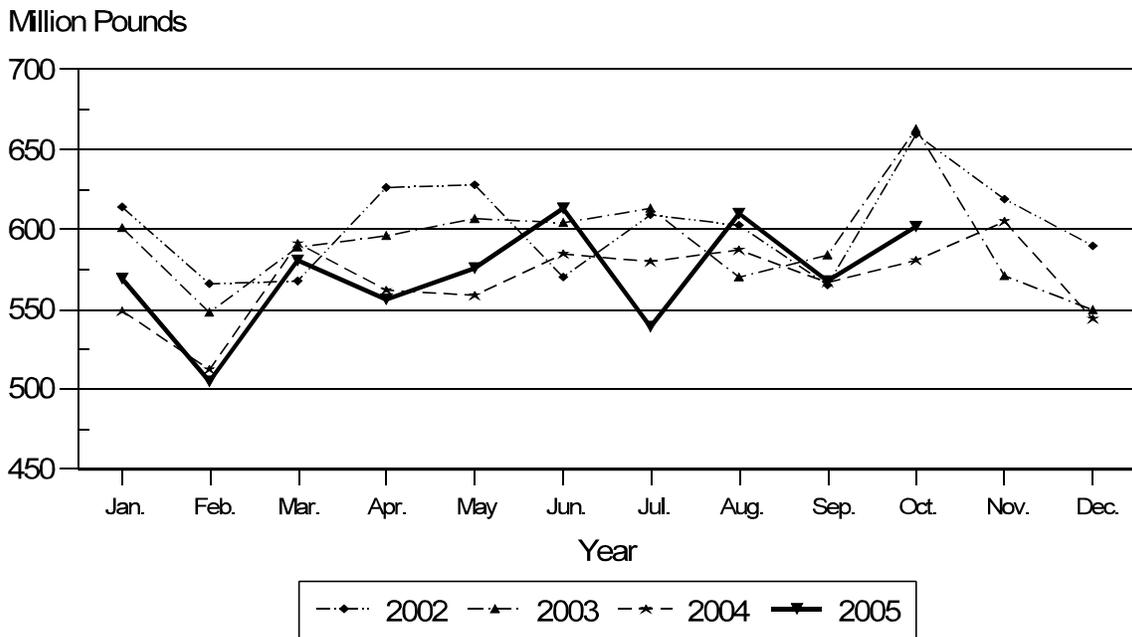
Ante-mortem condemnations during October 2005 totaled 14.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.31 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.37 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 44.0 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.02 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.25 percent a year earlier.

October 2005 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays, the same as October 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, October 2005¹**

Commodity	Oct 2004	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Percent of	
				Oct 2004	Sep 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	730,516	750,054	744,580	102	99
Mature	12,135	11,523	11,198	92	97
Light	5,922	5,410	4,998	84	92
Heavy	6,213	6,113	6,200	100	101
Total	742,651	761,577	755,778	102	99
Turkeys					
Young	21,525	20,940	22,345	104	107
Old	215	188	187	87	99
Total	21,740	21,128	22,532	104	107
Ducks	2,086	2,313	2,369	114	102
	<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	3,934,785	4,054,271	4,098,221	104	101
Mature	70,224	67,182	66,286	94	99
Light	19,656	17,914	16,589	84	93
Heavy	50,568	49,268	49,697	98	101
Total	4,005,009	4,121,453	4,164,507	104	101
Turkeys					
Young	581,292	568,488	601,680	104	106
Old	6,010	4,850	4,818	80	99
Total	587,302	573,338	606,498	103	106
Ducks	14,122	15,720	16,063	114	102
Other Poultry	1,770	1,691	1,786	101	106
Total Poultry	4,608,203	4,712,202	4,788,854	104	102
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.39	5.41	5.50	102	102
Mature	5.79	5.83	5.92	102	102
Light	3.32	3.31	3.32	100	100
Heavy	8.14	8.06	8.02	99	100
Total	5.39	5.41	5.51	102	102
Turkeys					
Young	27.00	27.15	26.93	100	99
Old	27.91	25.94	25.90	93	100
Total	27.01	27.14	26.92	100	99
Ducks	6.77	6.80	6.78	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, October 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	7,194,784	7,321,269	7,410,681	103	101
Mature	126,753	119,610	122,850	97	103
Light	66,317	60,593	61,871	93	102
Heavy	60,436	59,017	60,979	101	103
Total	7,321,537	7,440,879	7,533,531	103	101
Turkeys					
Young	221,744	208,971	203,508	92	97
Old	2,625	2,302	1,978	75	86
Total	224,369	211,273	205,486	92	97
Ducks	20,214	21,397	22,826	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	37,286,327	38,509,368	39,664,632	106	103
Mature	706,622	677,161	698,149	99	103
Light	226,844	202,709	204,890	90	101
Heavy	479,778	474,452	493,259	103	104
Total	37,992,949	39,186,529	40,362,781	106	103
Turkeys					
Young	5,970,819	5,673,203	5,720,395	96	101
Old	70,338	61,584	51,879	74	84
Total	6,041,157	5,734,787	5,772,274	96	101
Ducks	132,986	143,239	153,454	115	107
Other Poultry	8,907	7,016	6,774	76	97
Total Poultry	44,175,999	45,071,571	46,295,283	105	103
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.18	5.26	5.35	103	102
Mature	5.57	5.66	5.68	102	100
Light	3.42	3.35	3.31	97	99
Heavy	7.94	8.04	8.09	102	101
Total	5.19	5.27	5.36	103	102
Turkeys					
Young	26.93	27.15	28.11	104	104
Old	26.80	26.75	26.23	98	98
Total	26.92	27.14	28.09	104	104
Ducks	6.58	6.69	6.72	102	100

¹ Federally inspected only.

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, October 2005¹**

Commodity	Oct 2004	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Percent of	
				Oct 2004	Sep 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	2,629,461	2,718,964	2,733,169	104	101
Mature	43,209	41,573	41,307	96	99
Light	9,849	9,012	8,412	85	93
Heavy	33,360	32,561	32,895	99	101
Total	2,672,670	2,760,537	2,774,476	104	101
Turkeys					
Young	260,658	251,568	285,488	110	113
Old	3,276	2,517	2,649	81	105
Total	263,934	254,085	288,137	109	113
Ducks	5,540	5,624	5,590	101	99
Other Poultry	222	223	230	104	103
Total Poultry	2,942,366	3,020,469	3,068,433	104	102
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	274,153	292,155	307,422	112	105
Mature	486	254	265	55	104
Light	183				
Heavy	303	254	265	87	104
Total	274,639	292,409	307,687	112	105
Turkeys					
Young	200,877	199,069	193,596	96	97
Old	1,339	1,213	998	75	82
Total	202,216	200,282	194,594	96	97
Ducks	4,497	5,674	5,882	131	104
Other Poultry	852	797	842	99	106
Total Poultry	482,204	499,162	509,005	106	102
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,903,614	3,011,119	3,040,591	105	101
Mature	43,695	41,827	41,572	95	99
Light	10,032	9,012	8,412	84	93
Heavy	33,663	32,815	33,160	99	101
Total	2,947,309	3,052,946	3,082,163	105	101
Turkeys					
Young	461,535	450,637	479,084	104	106
Old	4,615	3,730	3,647	79	98
Total	466,150	454,367	482,731	104	106
Ducks	10,037	11,298	11,472	114	102
Other Poultry	1,074	1,020	1,072	100	105
Total Poultry	3,424,570	3,519,631	3,577,438	104	102

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, October 2005 ¹ (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	24,843,847	25,895,582	26,680,218	107	103
Mature	422,093	417,413	427,715	101	102
Light	109,518	102,168	104,748	96	103
Heavy	312,575	315,245	322,967	103	102
Total	25,265,940	26,312,995	27,107,933	107	103
Turkeys					
Young	2,459,647	2,405,284	2,564,068	104	107
Old	44,629	37,749	31,486	71	83
Total	2,504,276	2,443,033	2,595,554	104	106
Ducks	38,701	62,092	55,869	144	90
Other Poultry	2,471	2,090	2,018	82	97
Total Poultry	27,811,388	28,820,210	29,761,374	107	103
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,717,633	2,533,973	2,802,511	103	111
Mature	7,626	3,817	3,926	51	103
Light	5,477	858	8		1
Heavy	2,149	2,959	3,918	182	132
Total	2,725,259	2,537,790	2,806,437	103	111
Turkeys					
Young	2,243,065	2,079,686	1,967,818	88	95
Old	8,147	8,117	7,714	95	95
Total	2,251,212	2,087,803	1,975,532	88	95
Ducks	58,581	44,144	54,250	93	123
Other Poultry	3,362	2,310	2,119	63	92
Total Poultry	5,038,414	4,672,047	4,838,338	96	104
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	27,561,480	28,429,555	29,482,729	107	104
Mature	429,719	421,230	431,641	100	102
Light	114,995	103,026	104,756	91	102
Heavy	314,724	318,204	326,885	104	103
Total	27,991,199	28,850,785	29,914,370	107	104
Turkeys					
Young	4,702,712	4,484,970	4,531,886	96	101
Old	52,776	45,866	39,200	74	85
Total	4,755,488	4,530,836	4,571,086	96	101
Ducks	97,282	106,236	110,119	113	104
Other Poultry	5,833	4,400	4,137	71	94
Total Poultry	32,849,802	33,492,257	34,599,712	105	103

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Commodity	Oct 2004	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2004
				Oct 2004	Sep 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	14,776	14,360	12,432	84	87	155,057	141,476	91
Mature	873	1,081	723	83	67	10,535	10,926	104
Light	445	414	272	61	66	4,348	4,053	93
Heavy	428	667	451	105	68	6,187	6,873	111
Total	15,649	15,441	13,155	84	85	165,592	152,402	92
Turkeys								
Young	1,534	1,528	1,379	90	90	20,897	16,095	77
Old	26	29	53	204	183	418	465	111
Total	1,560	1,557	1,432	92	92	21,315	16,560	78
Ducks	23	34	30	130	88	365	330	90
Other Poultry	7	5	7	100	140	24	18	75
Total Poultry	17,239	17,037	14,624	85	86	187,296	169,310	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	0.38	0.35	0.30	79	86	0.40	0.36	90
Mature	1.24	1.61	1.09	88	68	1.56	1.56	100
Light	2.26	2.31	1.65	73	71	2.14	1.98	93
Heavy	0.85	1.35	0.91	107	67	1.30	1.39	107
Total	0.39	0.37	0.32	82	86	0.42	0.38	90
Turkeys								
Young	0.26	0.27	0.23	88	85	0.37	0.28	76
Old	0.43	0.62	1.08	251	174	0.68	0.90	132
Total	0.27	0.27	0.24	89	89	0.37	0.29	78
Ducks	0.16	0.22	0.18	113	82	0.25	0.22	88
Other Poultry	0.38	0.24	0.39	103	163	0.34	0.27	79
Total Poultry	0.37	0.36	0.31	84	86	0.42	0.37	88

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

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

Commodity	Oct 2004	Sep 2005	Oct 2005	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2004
				Oct 2004	Sep 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>
N.Y. Dressed Weight								
Chickens								
Young	38,271	33,083	32,251	84	97	368,966	346,388	94
Mature	3,205	2,773	3,108	97	112	30,688	31,083	101
Light	1,387	1,281	1,431	103	112	14,736	15,638	106
Heavy	1,818	1,492	1,677	92	112	15,952	15,445	97
Total	41,476	35,856	35,359	85	99	399,654	377,471	94
Turkeys								
Young	9,678	8,539	8,005	83	94	100,007	85,792	86
Old	249	248	261	105	105	3,555	2,981	84
Total	9,927	8,787	8,266	83	94	103,562	88,773	86
Ducks	368	322	405	110	126	3,366	3,673	109
Other Poultry	12	13	12	100	92	82	71	87
Total Poultry	51,783	44,978	44,042	85	98	506,664	469,988	93
	<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	1.08	0.91	0.87	81	96	1.06	0.97	92
Mature	5.07	4.59	5.21	103	114	5.03	4.95	98
Light	7.84	7.96	9.58	122	120	8.08	8.48	105
Heavy	3.99	3.36	3.75	94	112	3.74	3.48	93
Total	1.15	0.97	0.94	82	97	1.13	1.04	92
Turkeys								
Young	1.85	1.67	1.48	80	89	1.96	1.67	85
Old	4.62	5.68	6.02	130	106	6.42	6.38	99
Total	1.88	1.70	1.51	80	89	2.01	1.71	85
Ducks	2.90	2.28	2.82	97	124	2.61	2.66	102
Other Poultry	0.75	0.79	0.68	91	86	1.35	1.16	86
Total Poultry	1.25	1.06	1.02	82	96	1.25	1.13	90

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, October 2005**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	92,801	93,070	492,137	505,396	5.30	5.43
AR	97,140	99,994	516,313	538,725	5.32	5.39
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	25,352	25,090	162,962	168,428	6.43	6.71
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	107,591	104,729	555,083	545,808	5.16	5.21
KY	24,051	23,501	131,879	131,952	5.48	5.61
LA	17,164	17,174	97,117	97,452	5.66	5.67
MD	12,524	12,558	60,142	62,898	4.80	5.01
MS	65,950	63,437	371,843	369,413	5.64	5.82
MO	35,579	35,370	165,517	167,144	4.65	4.73
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	57,853	55,776	377,287	372,256	6.52	6.67
OH	3,795	3,806	19,825	20,337	5.22	5.34
PA	10,457	9,858	57,116	55,185	5.46	5.60
SC	22,045	22,796	130,728	138,418	5.93	6.07
TN	22,671	23,273	117,798	118,202	5.20	5.08
TX	54,000	56,738	278,195	301,228	5.15	5.31
VA	27,593	25,599	141,623	135,876	5.13	5.31
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	73,488	71,811	378,706	369,503	5.15	5.15
US	750,054	744,580	4,054,271	4,098,221	5.41	5.50

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

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	367,608	377,464	4,297	4,429	0.97	0.97
AR	382,423	397,691	4,558	4,481	0.98	0.92
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	117,735	121,827	1,790	1,879	1.22	1.24
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	412,327	405,093	3,102	3,056	0.62	0.62
KY	96,631	96,630	706	747	0.59	0.63
LA	70,991	70,814	827	539	0.95	0.62
MD	43,694	46,022	515	541	0.95	0.96
MS	280,261	276,530	3,318	2,993	0.99	0.90
MO	121,837	123,179	1,111	1,109	0.75	0.74
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	289,087	284,785	3,648	3,384	1.07	1.01
OH	14,656	14,933	184	182	1.03	0.99
PA	39,982	38,297	749	706	1.46	1.42
SC	97,902	103,504	658	665	0.56	0.53
TN	85,656	85,948	1,101	1,114	1.04	1.05
TX	213,590	232,916	2,016	2,074	0.81	0.76
VA	99,694	95,176	884	850	0.69	0.70
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	277,045	269,782	3,619	3,502	1.06	1.05
US	3,011,119	3,040,591	33,083	32,251	0.91	0.87

* 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, 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 ¹
	<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.

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, October 2005**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		180	102,997	38,415	748	3,548
AR		*	153,631	39,591	*	3,344
CA		*	*	*	*	*
DE		2,635	116,656	17,403	*	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		283	70,079	28,213	291	5,114
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		*	38,388	9,022	*	*
LA		*	16,551	3,425	56	346
MD		629	32,211	*	17	*
MS		176	68,608	31,174	521	1,219
MO		945	67,180	8,768	332	1,732
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		270	79,817	19,117	*	*
OH		*	5,677	*	26	54
PA		89	28,007	11,477	*	358
SC		*	10,705	3,049	*	*
TN		*	65,808	*	*	764
TX		78	65,727	22,528	117	1,771
VA		391	40,860	7,297	24	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		2,412	188,952	60,908	6,162	36,116
US		8,088	1,151,854	300,387	8,294	54,366
Mature Birds						
Light		2,688	168,183	26,707	84	72,091
Heavy		604	59,087	3,121	56	5,969
US		3,292	227,270	29,828	140	78,060

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	2,852	14,284	15,512	6,177	146,721	331,434
AR	4,788	19,728	26,359	3,525	81,638	336,343
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	3,106	8,496	11,403	*	30,274	202,246
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	1,988	27,007	7,825	5,020	77,507	223,327
IN	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	4,349	3,276	930	4,335	64,057
LA	372	3,219	2,343	*	*	32,227
MD	*	6,946	*	529	*	*
MS	2,064	10,204	8,469	1,952	93,580	217,967
MO	1,110	3,677	8,742	332	58,201	151,019
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	1,955	14,143	12,221	7,045	98,706	248,100
OH	39	*	485	25	*	14,508
PA	873	3,957	7,219	*	10,026	62,995
SC	381	1,677	*	*	27,215	50,576
TN	885	10,893	6,215	*	*	129,929
TX	717	5,476	6,043	224	30,163	132,844
VA	1,096	5,125	4,237	3,264	*	93,139
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	4,808	18,296	34,423	23,500	192,495	474,945
US	27,034	157,477	154,772	52,523	850,861	2,765,656
Mature Birds						
Light	5,614	5,130	125,227	1,003	63,009	469,736
Heavy	821	10,265	17,030	1,226	69,868	168,047
US	6,435	15,395	142,257	2,229	132,877	637,783

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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, October 2005

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	2,415	2,879	47,715	58,050	19.76	20.16
MN	3,181	3,309	83,735	86,218	26.32	26.06
MO	1,551	1,542	47,486	47,302	30.62	30.68
Oth Sts	13,793	14,615	389,552	410,110	28.24	28.06
US	20,940	22,345	568,488	601,680	27.15	26.93

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	<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	38,775	47,567	698	780	1.63	1.49
MN	67,124	69,293	1,289	1,236	1.71	1.59
MO	37,022	37,261	982	708	2.30	1.66
Oth Sts	307,716	324,963	5,570	5,281	1.59	1.43
US	450,637	479,084	8,539	8,005	1.67	1.48

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, September 2005**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<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
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	<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

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature) US		211	67,177	9,085	3,319	57
Old (Breeders) US			3,052	497	8	57
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature) US	459	4,502	4,096	1,038	21,466	111,410
Old (Breeders) US	17	136	124	28	2,112	6,031

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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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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