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Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 4 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during March 2006 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.70 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the amount certified in March 2005. Updated totals for February 2006 show that 3.21 billion pounds were certified.

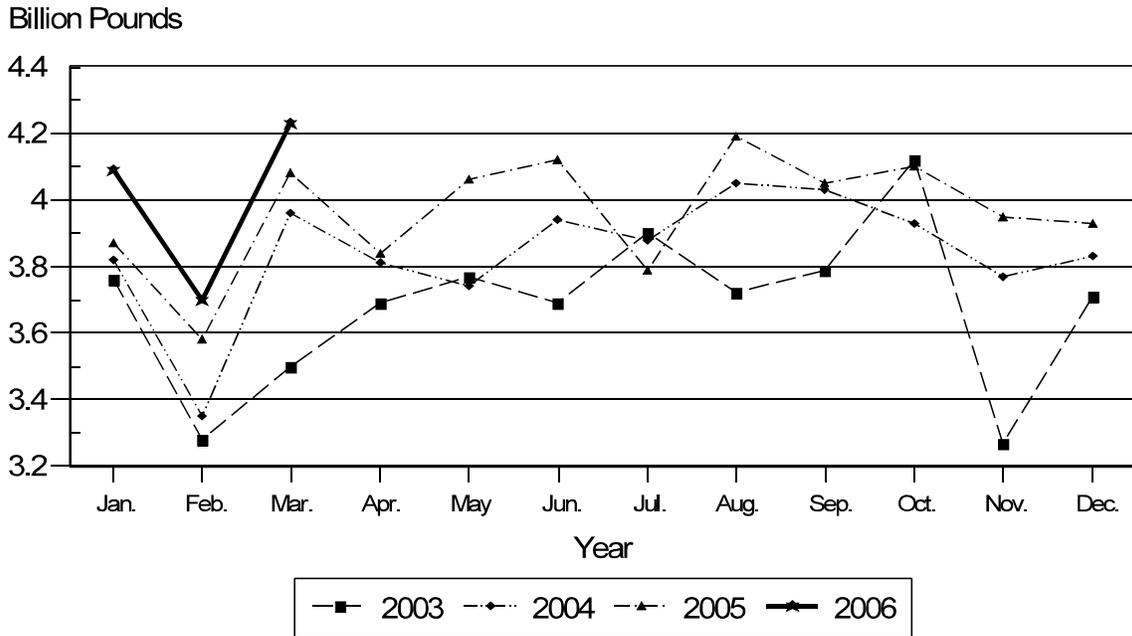
The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during March 2006 was 4.94 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 4.76 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.23 billion pounds, up 4 percent from March 2005. However, mature chickens, at 71.4 million pounds, were down 6 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 621 million pounds, up 6 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 17.2 million pounds, up 5 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during March 2006 averaged 5.44 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from March 2005. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.14 pounds per bird, up 11 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during March 2006 averaged 28.6 pounds per bird, 1 percent below March 2005.

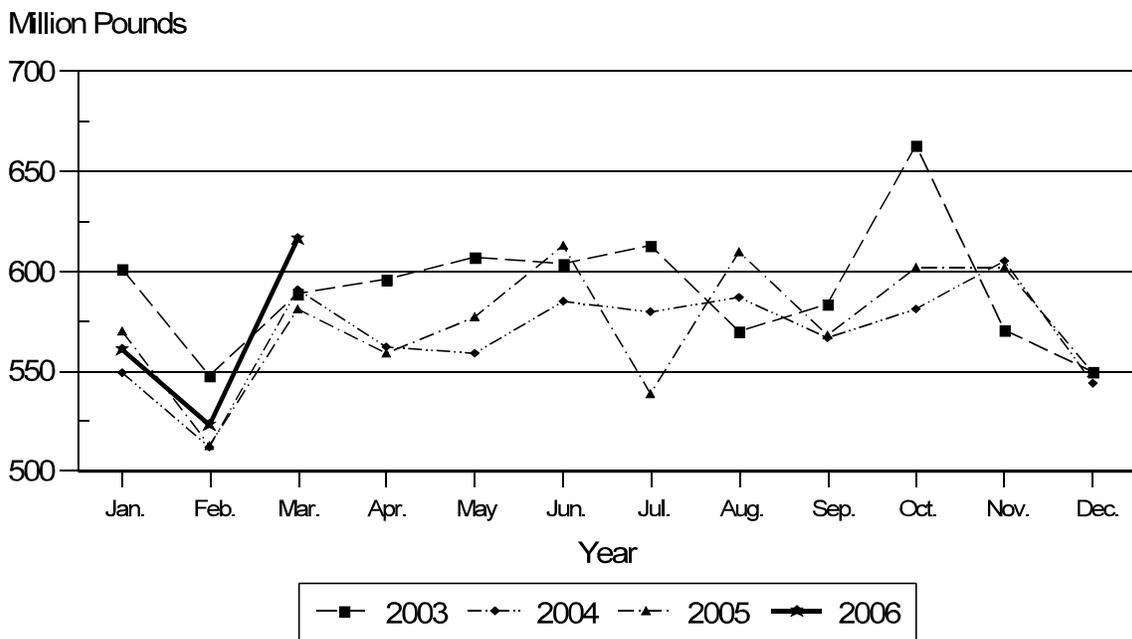
Ante-mortem condemnations during March 2006 totaled 16.2 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.33 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.35 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 52.4 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.18 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.23 percent a year earlier.

March 2006 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays, the same as March 2005.

Young Chickens: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2003-2006



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

Commodity	Mar 2005	Feb 2006	Mar 2006	Percent of	
				Mar 2005	Feb 2006
	<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	768,776	678,287	777,579	101	115
Mature	13,681	10,000	11,617	85	116
Light	7,381	4,483	4,624	63	103
Heavy	6,300	5,517	6,993	111	127
Total	782,457	688,287	789,196	101	115
Turkeys					
Young	20,044	17,579	21,544	107	123
Old	179	132	202	113	153
Total	20,223	17,711	21,746	108	123
Ducks	2,416	2,148	2,520	104	117
	<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	4,081,612	3,696,298	4,232,333	104	115
Mature	75,804	58,650	71,360	94	122
Light	24,480	15,176	15,357	63	101
Heavy	51,324	43,474	56,003	109	129
Total	4,157,416	3,754,948	4,303,693	104	115
Turkeys					
Young	581,135	522,538	615,810	106	118
Old	4,799	3,427	5,493	114	160
Total	585,934	525,965	621,303	106	118
Ducks	16,378	14,529	17,163	105	118
Other Poultry	368	256	312	85	122
Total Poultry	4,760,096	4,295,698	4,942,471	104	115
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.31	5.45	5.44	102	100
Mature	5.54	5.87	6.14	111	105
Light	3.32	3.39	3.32	100	98
Heavy	8.15	7.88	8.01	98	102
Total	5.31	5.46	5.45	103	100
Turkeys					
Young	28.99	29.73	28.58	99	96
Old	27.11	25.96	27.19	100	105
Total	28.98	29.70	28.57	99	96
Ducks	6.78	6.76	6.81	100	101

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, March 2006 ¹ (continued)**

Commodity	January to Date			Percent of	
	2004	2005	2006	2004	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	2,132,363	2,160,817	2,200,620	103	102
Mature	33,267	35,903	34,185	103	95
Light	17,235	18,806	15,544	90	83
Heavy	16,032	17,097	18,641	116	109
Total	2,165,630	2,196,720	2,234,805	103	102
Turkeys					
Young	60,060	56,829	57,644	96	101
Old	543	540	525	97	97
Total	60,603	57,369	58,169	96	101
Ducks	6,330	6,734	7,015	111	104
	<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	11,126,955	11,528,981	12,023,217	108	104
Mature	185,377	201,191	200,130	108	99
Light	57,942	62,355	51,832	89	83
Heavy	127,435	138,836	148,298	116	107
Total	11,312,332	11,730,172	12,223,347	108	104
Turkeys					
Young	1,651,906	1,664,714	1,699,083	103	102
Old	14,928	14,870	14,146	95	95
Total	1,666,834	1,679,584	1,713,229	103	102
Ducks	42,570	45,574	47,574	112	104
Other Poultry	833	1,024	860	103	84
Total Poultry	13,022,569	13,456,354	13,985,010	107	104
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.22	5.34	5.46	105	102
Mature	5.57	5.60	5.85	105	104
Light	3.36	3.32	3.33	99	100
Heavy	7.95	8.12	7.96	100	98
Total	5.22	5.34	5.47	105	102
Turkeys					
Young	27.50	29.29	29.48	107	101
Old	27.49	27.54	26.94	98	98
Total	27.50	29.28	29.45	107	101
Ducks	6.73	6.77	6.78	101	100

¹ Federally inspected only.

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, March 2006 ¹**

Commodity	Mar 2005	Feb 2006	Mar 2006	Percent of	
				Mar 2005	Feb 2006
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Chilled					
Chickens					
Young	2,753,726	2,486,403	2,850,685	104	115
Mature	46,124	36,763	45,051	98	123
Light	12,413	7,918	8,017	65	101
Heavy	33,711	28,845	37,034	110	128
Total	2,799,850	2,523,166	2,895,736	103	115
Turkeys					
Young	269,368	232,672	278,362	103	120
Old	3,095	2,180	3,404	110	156
Total	272,463	234,852	281,766	103	120
Ducks	5,949	5,246	6,378	107	122
Other Poultry	200	137	169	85	123
Total Poultry	3,078,462	2,763,401	3,184,049	103	115
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	282,715	256,715	294,381	104	115
Mature	349	208	481	138	231
Light			40		
Heavy	349	208	441	126	212
Total	283,064	256,923	294,862	104	115
Turkeys					
Young	190,096	179,720	209,530	110	117
Old	545	401	703	129	175
Total	190,641	180,121	210,233	110	117
Ducks	5,745	5,157	5,873	102	114
Other Poultry	26	23	28	108	122
Total Poultry	479,476	442,224	510,996	107	116
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	3,036,441	2,743,118	3,145,066	104	115
Mature	46,473	36,971	45,532	98	123
Light	12,413	7,918	8,057	65	102
Heavy	34,060	29,053	37,475	110	129
Total	3,082,914	2,780,089	3,190,598	103	115
Turkeys					
Young	459,464	412,392	487,892	106	118
Old	3,640	2,581	4,107	113	159
Total	463,104	414,973	491,999	106	119
Ducks	11,694	10,403	12,251	105	118
Other Poultry	226	160	197	87	123
Total Poultry	3,557,938	3,205,625	3,695,045	104	115

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, March 2006 ¹ (continued)**

Commodity	January to Date			Percent of	
	2004	2005	2006	2004	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	7,484,948	7,803,784	8,102,877	108	104
Mature	115,536	123,058	124,140	107	101
Light	29,633	32,077	26,618	90	83
Heavy	85,903	90,981	97,522	114	107
Total	7,600,484	7,926,842	8,227,017	108	104
Turkeys					
Young	713,247	761,697	756,272	106	99
Old	9,472	10,049	8,890	94	88
Total	722,719	771,746	765,162	106	99
Ducks	20,483	16,773	17,412	85	104
Other Poultry	461	554	470	102	85
Total Poultry	8,344,147	8,715,915	9,010,061	108	103
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	709,578	784,673	834,052	118	106
Mature	1,108	964	1,121	101	116
Light	64	5	42	66	840
Heavy	1,044	959	1,079	103	113
Total	710,686	785,637	835,173	118	106
Turkeys					
Young	584,566	554,701	586,987	100	106
Old	1,563	1,162	1,760	113	151
Total	586,129	555,863	588,747	100	106
Ducks	12,726	15,814	16,593	130	105
Other Poultry	98	77	71	72	92
Total Poultry	1,309,639	1,357,391	1,440,584	110	106
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	8,194,526	8,588,457	8,936,929	109	104
Mature	116,644	124,022	125,261	107	101
Light	29,697	32,082	26,660	90	83
Heavy	86,947	91,940	98,601	113	107
Total	8,311,170	8,712,479	9,062,190	109	104
Turkeys					
Young	1,297,813	1,316,398	1,343,259	104	102
Old	11,035	11,211	10,650	97	95
Total	1,308,848	1,327,609	1,353,909	103	102
Ducks	33,209	32,587	34,005	102	104
Other Poultry	559	631	541	97	86
Total Poultry	9,653,786	10,073,306	10,450,645	108	104

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, March 2006 ¹**

Commodity	Mar 2005	Feb 2006	Mar 2006	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2005
				Mar 2005	Feb 2006	2005	2006	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			
Live Weight				<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Chickens								
Young	13,895	12,353	13,380	96	108	40,441	38,696	96
Mature	885	635	794	90	125	2,487	2,198	88
Light	367	170	190	52	112	928	652	70
Heavy	518	465	604	117	130	1,559	1,546	99
Total	14,780	12,988	14,174	96	109	42,928	40,894	95
Turkeys								
Young	1,678	1,655	1,905	114	115	5,090	5,260	103
Old	57	28	77	135	275	189	148	78
Total	1,735	1,683	1,982	114	118	5,279	5,408	102
Ducks	29	28	32	110	114	89	88	99
Other Poultry						1		
Total Poultry	16,544	14,699	16,188	98	110	48,297	46,390	96
	<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	0.34	0.33	0.32	94	97	0.35	0.32	91
Mature	1.17	1.08	1.11	95	103	1.24	1.10	89
Light	1.50	1.12	1.24	83	111	1.49	1.26	85
Heavy	1.01	1.07	1.08	107	101	1.12	1.04	93
Total	0.36	0.35	0.33	92	94	0.37	0.33	89
Turkeys								
Young	0.29	0.32	0.31	107	97	0.31	0.31	100
Old	1.19	0.82	1.40	118	171	1.27	1.05	83
Total	0.30	0.32	0.32	107	100	0.31	0.32	103
Ducks	0.18	0.19	0.19	106	100	0.20	0.18	90
Other Poultry						0.10		
Total Poultry	0.35	0.34	0.33	94	97	0.36	0.33	92

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, March 2006 ¹**

Commodity	Mar 2005	Feb 2006	Mar 2006	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2005
				Mar 2005	Feb 2006	2005	2006	
				<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	39,026	35,404	39,272	101	111	109,364	111,483	102
Mature	3,634	2,497	3,005	83	120	9,409	8,813	94
Light	1,974	1,175	1,134	57	97	4,595	4,039	88
Heavy	1,660	1,322	1,871	113	142	4,814	4,774	99
Total	42,660	37,901	42,277	99	112	118,773	120,296	101
Turkeys								
Young	9,483	8,040	9,405	99	117	26,864	25,967	97
Old	258	186	275	107	148	856	696	81
Total	9,741	8,226	9,680	99	118	27,720	26,663	96
Ducks	429	399	440	103	110	1,150	1,240	108
Other Poultry	5	3	3	60	100	14	9	64
Total Poultry	52,835	46,529	52,400	99	113	147,657	148,208	100
	<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	1.06	1.06	1.03	97	97	1.05	1.03	98
Mature	5.33	4.73	4.68	88	99	5.20	4.89	94
Light	8.97	8.60	8.20	91	95	8.19	8.66	106
Heavy	3.59	3.38	3.71	103	110	3.85	3.58	93
Total	1.14	1.12	1.09	96	97	1.13	1.09	96
Turkeys								
Young	1.81	1.71	1.70	94	99	1.79	1.70	95
Old	5.93	6.03	5.54	93	92	6.40	5.47	85
Total	1.85	1.74	1.73	94	99	1.83	1.73	95
Ducks	2.91	3.06	2.84	98	93	2.80	2.90	104
Other Poultry	1.51	0.87	1.07	71	123	1.52	1.16	76
Total Poultry	1.23	1.20	1.18	96	98	1.22	1.18	97

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, March 2006**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	82,897	94,133	449,273	507,276	5.42	5.39
AR	90,194	103,042	465,447	531,467	5.16	5.16
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	23,118	26,139	153,733	173,719	6.65	6.65
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	96,449	111,714	492,881	572,784	5.11	5.13
KY	20,629	24,722	113,448	135,918	5.50	5.50
LA	14,981	17,351	85,312	101,083	5.69	5.83
MD	11,147	12,650	53,350	60,552	4.79	4.79
MS	58,412	67,431	338,231	385,362	5.79	5.71
MO	31,666	36,959	147,630	173,455	4.66	4.69
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	54,521	60,339	369,205	410,197	6.77	6.80
OH	3,479	3,986	18,523	21,077	5.32	5.29
PA	9,211	10,649	50,957	58,762	5.53	5.52
SC	20,946	24,236	131,180	149,783	6.26	6.18
TN	21,492	23,735	108,183	119,976	5.03	5.05
TX	50,878	59,564	266,032	314,573	5.23	5.28
VA	24,820	28,074	129,471	146,411	5.22	5.22
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	63,447	72,855	323,442	369,938	5.10	5.08
US	678,287	777,579	3,696,298	4,232,333	5.45	5.44

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

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by State and United States, March 2006**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	337,264	380,894	4,486	4,732	1.11	1.04
AR	342,333	391,786	5,170	5,675	1.23	1.19
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	110,605	125,021	2,454	2,839	1.77	1.82
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	368,345	428,106	3,193	3,554	0.72	0.69
KY	83,010	99,767	736	939	0.72	0.77
LA	62,455	74,158	717	744	0.93	0.82
MD	38,726	43,491	875	854	1.82	1.57
MS	254,071	291,463	3,131	3,941	1.03	1.14
MO	108,554	127,398	1,328	1,440	1.00	0.92
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	282,601	313,122	3,947	4,507	1.19	1.22
OH	13,703	15,720	172	182	1.03	0.96
PA	35,483	41,731	739	827	1.61	1.56
SC	97,323	111,632	638	670	0.54	0.50
TN	79,077	87,887	1,083	961	1.11	0.89
TX	203,562	239,921	2,282	2,645	0.95	0.93
VA	90,335	102,946	1,051	1,044	0.90	0.79
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	235,671	270,023	3,402	3,718	1.17	1.12
US	2,743,118	3,145,066	35,404	39,272	1.06	1.03

* 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, February 2006**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		170	106,794	90,255	753	4,657
AR		1,003	185,825	106,048	1,739	4,008
CA		*	*	*	*	*
DE		*	121,295	53,302	*	8,234
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		466	73,114	63,384	363	7,159
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		*	31,006	15,010	*	*
LA		*	20,886	7,949	72	422
MD		1,045	*	*	25	*
MS		*	67,508	60,386	237	1,129
MO		1,185	95,474	18,863	254	1,290
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		506	83,149	65,145	*	*
OH		*	6,791	*	*	94
PA		*	23,797	15,949	219	323
SC		*	8,525	*	*	*
TN		432	67,221	40,739	*	1,071
TX		123	72,500	52,122	*	2,045
VA		*	48,019	*	13	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		29,041	247,940	127,449	1,930	36,392
US		33,971	1,259,844	716,601	5,605	66,824
Mature Birds						
Light		3,050	147,571	16,725	213	48,227
Heavy		1,022	47,831	1,330	52	6,529
US		4,072	195,402	18,055	265	54,756

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**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, February 2006 (continued)**

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	2,863	12,172	14,164	4,708	168,594	405,130
AR	4,297	18,908	27,942	2,296	124,629	476,695
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	2,377	7,800	9,475	2,352	56,413	288,772
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	2,034	28,013	7,761	2,815	83,931	269,040
IN	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	3,056	3,151	*	*	60,319
LA	256	2,802	2,345	38	*	38,249
MD	*	7,562	*	*	*	*
MS	1,696	6,769	4,318	*	112,065	255,094
MO	1,048	3,947	7,676	*	*	215,269
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	2,117	17,227	10,577	7,162	110,185	310,294
OH	79	*	*	*	*	17,464
PA	791	2,615	*	*	8,296	62,349
SC	489	1,567	*	1,317	34,704	60,216
TN	821	7,412	5,052	*	*	141,024
TX	517	3,341	7,601	*	39,040	178,540
VA	923	4,127	4,890	1,220	*	133,417
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	4,716	16,586	49,106	12,148	308,182	574,054
US	25,024	143,904	154,058	34,056	1,046,039	3,485,926
Mature Birds						
Light	9,868	6,371	85,867	1,690	64,281	383,863
Heavy	841	9,939	9,989	320	74,117	151,970
US	10,709	16,310	95,856	2,010	138,398	535,833

* 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, March 2006**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	109,878	71,723	*	5,410
AR		966	195,829	93,305	2,234	4,604
CA		*	*	*	*	*
DE		*	123,261	52,855	*	9,421
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		629	78,173	74,300	199	8,492
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		*	40,672	18,049	*	*
LA		*	26,998	8,130	*	478
MD		1,640	45,615	*	33	*
MS		167	75,962	94,718	229	1,431
MO		745	110,767	19,401	264	1,492
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		*	95,281	60,423	51	*
OH		3	7,428	*	*	91
PA		*	28,702	18,301	161	535
SC		*	*	*	*	*
TN		436	65,059	24,301	*	1,097
TX		*	81,381	53,716	176	1,741
VA		*	57,207	*	16	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		45,501	234,188	139,792	3,193	38,482
US		50,087	1,376,401	729,014	6,556	73,274
Mature Birds						
Light		2,694	139,182	18,266	148	62,824
Heavy		711	56,726	2,134	45	7,411
US		3,405	195,908	20,400	193	70,235

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, March 2006 (continued)**

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	2,617	12,285	17,008	9,621	185,158	415,085
AR	5,281	20,814	35,406	4,363	153,846	516,648
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	2,473	7,652	11,482	*	60,337	310,454
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	1,959	26,130	8,620	3,793	89,210	291,505
IN	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	3,711	4,250	1,321	*	94,724
LA	401	3,711	2,128	77	3,216	45,293
MD	*	9,825	*	*	*	*
MS	1,831	6,281	5,725	1,105	129,806	317,255
MO	1,154	4,268	8,090	*	*	229,004
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	2,234	18,573	11,465	6,554	118,973	329,807
OH	72	420	*	*	*	16,634
PA	850	4,656	7,750	*	11,166	72,868
SC	530	*	*	*	*	66,417
TN	896	6,072	4,811	618	*	117,928
TX	555	3,719	10,287	*	41,978	196,177
VA	1,017	3,443	5,145	1,395	*	133,796
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	5,118	18,957	45,668	12,786	372,456	644,856
US	26,988	150,517	177,835	41,633	1,166,146	3,798,451
Mature Birds						
Light	6,230	6,921	90,846	1,825	60,854	389,790
Heavy	974	11,379	11,487	658	93,497	185,022
US	7,204	18,300	102,333	2,483	154,351	574,812

* 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, March 2006

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	2,301	2,724	47,110	54,893	20.47	20.16
MN	1,808	3,023	58,237	85,184	32.21	28.18
MO	1,365	1,530	44,469	49,396	32.59	32.29
Oth Sts	12,105	14,267	372,722	426,337	30.79	29.88
US	17,579	21,544	522,538	615,810	29.73	28.58

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, by State and United States, March 2006

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	February	March	February	March	February	March
	<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	38,517	44,833	731	778	1.72	1.57
MN	46,409	67,938	1,073	1,625	2.05	2.12
MO	34,974	38,807	684	851	1.71	1.91
Oth Sts	292,492	336,314	5,552	6,151	1.66	1.60
US	412,392	487,892	8,040	9,405	1.71	1.70

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, February 2006**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature) US		34	65,361	9,014	4,170	332
Old (Breeders) US		1	1,884	476	4	45
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature) US	437	3,348	3,095	1,552	19,193	106,536
Old (Breeders) US	12	22	75	27	1,193	3,739

**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
United States, March 2006**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature) US		22	74,606	11,342	4,617	185
Old (Breeders) US		3	2,860	639	12	89
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature) US	488	3,417	4,141	1,904	20,509	121,231
Old (Breeders) US	19	47	107	6	1,575	5,357

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. 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 320 plants slaughtered poultry in the U.S. under Federal Inspection in 2005. Young chickens were killed in 35 states, young turkeys in 24 states.

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 February 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.

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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