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# Poultry Slaughter

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## Update Alert

Due to technical difficulties with processing the data from FSIS, some of the August preliminary estimates were revised. The data most impacted are live weight, chilled (ready-to-cook weights) and ante-mortem condemnations. This affects estimates at both the State and U.S. level.

## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent From Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during August 2006 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.73 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in August 2005. Totals for July 2006 were up slightly with 3.37 billion pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during August 2006 was 4.97 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 4.90 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.25 billion pounds, up 1 percent from August 2005. Mature chickens, at 73.6 million pounds, were down 4 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 630 million pounds, an increase of 2 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 15.5 million pounds, down 2 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during August 2006 averaged 5.36 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from August 2005. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.36 pounds per bird, up 9 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2006 averaged 26.9 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from August 2005.

Ante-mortem condemnations during August 2006 totaled 24.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.50 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.42 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 48.1 million pounds, were 1.27 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.27 percent a year earlier.

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



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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,  
United States, August 2006<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Aug 2005	Jul 2006	Aug 2006	Percent of	
				Aug 2005	Jul 2006
	<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	793,735	716,838	793,328	100	111
Mature	13,111	9,842	11,571	88	118
Light	6,153	3,721	4,329	70	116
Heavy	6,958	6,121	7,242	104	118
Total	806,846	726,680	804,899	100	111
Turkeys					
Young	22,929	20,538	23,099	101	112
Old	255	276	307	120	111
Total	23,184	20,814	23,406	101	112
Ducks	2,369	2,168	2,414	102	111
	<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	4,194,625	3,856,973	4,248,434	101	110
Mature	76,397	62,711	73,629	96	117
Light	20,522	12,622	14,439	70	114
Heavy	55,875	50,089	59,190	106	118
Total	4,271,022	3,919,684	4,322,063	101	110
Turkeys					
Young	610,113	571,435	622,819	102	109
Old	6,346	7,209	7,561	119	105
Total	616,459	578,644	630,380	102	109
Ducks	15,894	14,232	15,511	98	109
Other Poultry	867	363	407	47	112
Total Poultry	4,904,242	4,512,923	4,968,361	101	110
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Average Live Weight</b>					
Chickens					
Young	5.28	5.38	5.36	102	100
Mature	5.83	6.37	6.36	109	100
Light	3.34	3.39	3.34	100	99
Heavy	8.03	8.18	8.17	102	100
Total	5.29	5.39	5.37	102	100
Turkeys					
Young	26.61	27.82	26.96	101	97
Old	24.89	26.12	24.63	99	94
Total	26.59	27.80	26.93	101	97
Ducks	6.71	6.56	6.43	96	98

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 2006 <sup>1</sup> (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>
<b>Number Slaughtered</b>					
Chickens					
Young	5,836,010	5,919,842	5,955,673	102	101
Mature	94,755	100,716	89,795	95	89
Light	48,516	51,609	37,697	78	73
Heavy	46,239	49,107	52,098	113	106
Total	5,930,765	6,020,558	6,045,468	102	100
Turkeys					
Young	166,128	160,721	164,816	99	103
Old	1,741	1,603	1,715	99	107
Total	167,869	162,324	166,531	99	103
Ducks	17,101	18,144	18,804	110	104
	<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	30,544,132	31,535,506	32,397,649	106	103
Mature	532,760	568,775	546,721	103	96
Light	162,239	170,855	125,832	78	74
Heavy	370,521	397,920	420,889	114	106
Total	31,076,892	32,104,281	32,944,370	106	103
Turkeys					
Young	4,524,732	4,562,950	4,692,668	104	103
Old	46,560	42,227	44,884	96	106
Total	4,571,292	4,605,177	4,737,552	104	103
Ducks	114,265	121,671	126,422	111	104
Other Poultry	3,484	3,435	2,666	77	78
Total Poultry	35,765,933	36,834,564	37,811,010	106	103
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Average Live Weight</b>					
Chickens					
Young	5.23	5.33	5.44	104	102
Mature	5.62	5.65	6.09	108	108
Light	3.34	3.31	3.34	100	101
Heavy	8.01	8.10	8.08	101	100
Total	5.24	5.33	5.45	104	102
Turkeys					
Young	27.24	28.39	28.47	105	100
Old	26.75	26.34	26.17	98	99
Total	27.23	28.37	28.45	104	100
Ducks	6.68	6.71	6.72	101	100

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, August 2006 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Aug 2005	Jul 2006	Aug 2006	Percent of	
				Aug 2005	Jul 2006
	<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	2,808,594	2,579,266	2,865,220	102	111
Mature	46,615	38,688	45,945	99	119
Light	10,213	6,297	7,351	72	117
Heavy	36,402	32,391	38,594	106	119
Total	2,855,209	2,617,954	2,911,165	102	111
Turkeys					
Young	267,741	250,849	271,492	101	108
Old	3,551	4,531	5,021	141	111
Total	271,292	255,380	276,513	102	108
Ducks	5,787	4,978	5,396	93	108
Other Poultry	243	203	184	76	91
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>3,132,531</b>	<b>2,878,515</b>	<b>3,193,258</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>111</b>
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	304,666	278,067	308,559	101	111
Mature	602	514	342	57	67
Light	3				
Heavy	599	514	342	57	67
Total	305,268	278,581	308,901	101	111
Turkeys					
Young	215,845	202,687	223,064	103	110
Old	1,224	991	756	62	76
Total	217,069	203,678	223,820	103	110
Ducks	5,683	5,286	5,733	101	108
Other Poultry	279	25	32	11	128
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>528,299</b>	<b>487,570</b>	<b>538,486</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	3,113,260	2,857,333	3,173,779	102	111
Mature	47,217	39,202	46,287	98	118
Light	10,216	6,297	7,351	72	117
Heavy	37,001	32,905	38,936	105	118
Total	3,160,477	2,896,535	3,220,066	102	111
Turkeys					
Young	483,586	453,536	494,556	102	109
Old	4,775	5,522	5,777	121	105
Total	488,361	459,058	500,333	102	109
Ducks	11,470	10,264	11,129	97	108
Other Poultry	522	228	216	41	95
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>3,660,830</b>	<b>3,366,085</b>	<b>3,731,744</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>111</b>

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, August 2006 <sup>1</sup> (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>
<b>Chilled</b>					
Chickens					
Young	20,561,413	21,243,227	21,825,032	106	103
Mature	328,086	347,410	339,757	104	98
Light	81,694	87,575	64,159	79	73
Heavy	246,392	259,835	275,598	112	106
Total	20,889,499	21,590,637	22,164,789	106	103
Turkeys					
Young	1,907,476	2,031,635	2,061,823	108	101
Old	29,478	26,320	28,668	97	109
Total	1,936,954	2,057,955	2,090,491	108	102
Ducks	50,624	44,651	45,847	91	103
Other Poultry	1,619	1,637	1,415	87	86
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>22,878,696</b>	<b>23,694,880</b>	<b>24,302,542</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	1,990,451	2,206,792	2,272,309	114	103
Mature	2,953	3,407	3,076	104	90
Light	572	8	99	17	1,238
Heavy	2,381	3,399	2,977	125	88
Total	1,993,404	2,210,199	2,275,385	114	103
Turkeys					
Young	1,664,138	1,581,532	1,657,045	100	105
Old	5,118	5,503	5,483	107	100
Total	1,669,256	1,587,035	1,662,528	100	105
Ducks	35,012	42,694	44,826	128	105
Other Poultry	636	478	229	36	48
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>3,698,308</b>	<b>3,840,406</b>	<b>3,982,968</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	22,551,864	23,450,019	24,097,341	107	103
Mature	331,039	350,817	342,833	104	98
Light	82,266	87,583	64,258	78	73
Heavy	248,773	263,234	278,575	112	106
Total	22,882,903	23,800,836	24,440,174	107	103
Turkeys					
Young	3,571,614	3,613,167	3,718,868	104	103
Old	34,596	31,823	34,151	99	107
Total	3,606,210	3,644,990	3,753,019	104	103
Ducks	85,636	87,345	90,673	106	104
Other Poultry	2,255	2,115	1,644	73	78
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>26,577,004</b>	<b>27,535,286</b>	<b>28,285,510</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>103</b>

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,  
United States, August 2006 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Aug 2005	Jul 2006	Aug 2006	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2005
				Aug 2005	Jul 2006	2005	2006	
				<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	17,285	18,943	20,392	118	108	114,823	117,693	102
Mature	1,515	1,585	1,805	119	114	9,174	8,643	94
Light	540	444	578	107	130	3,377	2,646	78
Heavy	975	1,141	1,227	126	108	5,797	5,997	103
Total	18,800	20,528	22,197	118	108	123,997	126,336	102
Turkeys								
Young	1,758	2,080	2,313	132	111	13,185	14,580	111
Old	60	99	124	207	125	383	558	146
Total	1,818	2,179	2,437	134	112	13,568	15,138	112
Ducks	36	50	52	144	104	266	294	111
Other Poultry	3					6	1	17
Total Poultry	20,657	22,757	24,686	120	108	137,837	141,769	103
	<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 Live Weight Condemned <sup>2</sup>								
Chickens								
Young	0.41	0.49	0.48	117	98	0.36	0.36	100
Mature	1.98	2.53	2.45	124	97	1.61	1.58	98
Light	2.64	3.52	4.00	152	114	1.98	2.10	106
Heavy	1.74	2.28	2.07	119	91	1.46	1.42	97
Total	0.44	0.52	0.51	116	98	0.39	0.38	97
Turkeys								
Young	0.29	0.36	0.37	128	103	0.29	0.31	107
Old	0.96	1.37	1.64	171	120	0.91	1.24	136
Total	0.30	0.38	0.39	130	103	0.29	0.32	110
Ducks	0.23	0.35	0.34	148	97	0.22	0.23	105
Other Poultry	0.35					0.17	0.04	24
Total Poultry	0.42	0.50	0.50	119	100	0.37	0.37	100

<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, August 2006 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Aug 2005	Jul 2006	Aug 2006	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2005
				Aug 2005	Jul 2006	2005	2006	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
<b>Carcass and Parts</b>								
Chickens								
Young	34,160	31,516	35,058	103	111	281,068	284,487	101
Mature	3,116	2,602	3,090	99	119	25,240	23,516	93
Light	1,552	1,013	1,139	73	112	12,929	10,018	77
Heavy	1,564	1,589	1,951	125	123	12,311	13,498	110
Total	37,276	34,118	38,148	102	112	306,308	308,003	101
Turkeys								
Young	9,180	7,924	9,268	101	117	69,299	68,922	99
Old	349	247	319	91	129	2,472	1,960	79
Total	9,529	8,171	9,587	101	117	71,771	70,882	99
Ducks	334	305	388	116	127	2,946	3,084	105
Other Poultry	15	3	4	27	133	47	40	85
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>47,154</b>	<b>42,597</b>	<b>48,127</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>381,072</b>	<b>382,009</b>	<b>100</b>
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Percent of Weight Condemned <sup>2</sup></b>								
Chickens								
Young	1.09	1.09	1.09	101	100	1.18	1.17	99
Mature	6.19	6.22	6.26	101	101	6.71	6.42	96
Light	13.19	13.86	13.42	102	97	12.86	13.49	105
Heavy	4.06	4.61	4.77	118	104	4.47	4.62	103
Total	1.17	1.16	1.17	100	101	1.27	1.24	98
Turkeys								
Young	1.86	1.72	1.84	99	107	1.88	1.82	97
Old	6.81	4.28	5.23	77	122	7.21	5.43	75
Total	1.91	1.75	1.88	98	108	1.93	1.85	96
Ducks	2.83	2.89	3.37	119	117	3.26	3.29	101
Other Poultry	2.79	1.30	1.82	65	140	2.17	2.38	109
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>1.27</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1.27</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>1.37</b>	<b>1.33</b>	<b>98</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,  
by State and United States, August 2006**

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	88,423	99,129	466,908	520,508	5.28	5.25
AR	93,202	103,277	482,360	534,659	5.18	5.18
DE	23,938	27,197	154,642	174,716	6.46	6.42
GA	106,617	117,583	546,392	599,730	5.12	5.10
KY	22,542	25,221	122,899	134,653	5.45	5.34
LA	13,576	16,308	76,412	90,300	5.63	5.54
MD	10,771	12,452	50,766	59,124	4.71	4.75
MS	60,055	66,222	340,427	375,192	5.67	5.67
MO	33,208	36,651	153,043	167,656	4.61	4.57
NC	56,309	62,052	373,562	410,933	6.63	6.62
OH	3,832	4,040	20,148	20,739	5.26	5.13
PA	9,271	10,732	51,228	58,748	5.53	5.47
SC	22,617	24,937	137,647	148,043	6.09	5.94
TN	22,290	23,482	113,136	118,801	5.08	5.06
TX	55,760	59,230	291,572	308,781	5.23	5.21
VA	25,665	28,687	129,991	144,671	5.06	5.04
Oth Sts	68,762	76,128	345,840	381,180	5.03	5.01
US	716,838	793,328	3,856,973	4,248,434	5.38	5.36

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	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	347,723	386,434	3,818	4,010	1.09	1.03
AR	356,007	418,412	4,239	4,905	1.18	1.16
DE	111,211	125,868	2,000	1,963	1.77	1.54
GA	405,659	447,071	3,137	3,300	0.77	0.73
KY	90,392	101,117	790	812	0.87	0.80
LA	57,089	66,182	441	501	0.77	0.75
MD	36,891	42,928	417	482	1.12	1.11
MS	253,102	265,984	3,376	3,376	1.32	1.25
MO	112,417	123,631	1,041	1,154	0.92	0.92
NC	286,048	321,018	3,566	4,860	1.23	1.49
OH	15,012	15,402	269	297	1.76	1.89
PA	35,114	40,069	713	742	1.99	1.82
SC	101,829	110,542	750	816	0.73	0.73
TN	82,589	90,624	857	1,346	1.03	1.46
TX	223,757	238,886	2,237	2,421	0.99	1.00
VA	90,446	100,975	749	812	0.82	0.80
Oth Sts	252,047	278,636	3,116	3,261	1.22	1.16
US	2,857,333	3,173,779	31,516	35,058	1.09	1.09

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

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,  
by State and United States, July 2006**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		251	91,229	35,626	833	*
AR		*	145,686	32,552	*	2,748
DE		*	103,062	19,117	*	*
GA		375	75,853	37,520	198	5,826
KY		37	*	*	*	*
LA		*	18,512	4,253	*	389
MD		2,172	21,900	*	27	*
MS		*	61,118	29,384	171	690
MO		531	63,979	5,341	241	1,287
NC		*	81,271	34,695	*	8,093
OH		*	6,182	*	15	64
PA		94	13,641	7,343	*	176
SC		*	*	6,132	11	*
TN		163	49,924	14,846	*	566
TX		*	50,485	13,477	105	1,222
VA		*	37,899	9,971	*	*
Oth Sts		16,578	235,270	37,231	6,298	27,233
US		20,201	1,056,011	287,488	7,899	48,294
Mature Birds						
Light		788	135,052	25,362	93	52,532
Heavy		412	44,532	2,533	16	5,007
US		1,200	179,584	27,895	109	57,539

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	2,774	12,864	14,818	*	126,633	311,323
AR	4,667	20,872	29,591	5,551	85,191	330,505
DE	2,351	9,668	8,221	3,361	26,191	194,149
GA	1,827	19,735	10,273	4,477	74,465	230,549
KY	*	3,376	6,708	917	*	*
LA	336	2,330	2,550	47	1,665	30,341
MD	*	3,655	*	1,116	*	*
MS	1,538	7,556	6,213	*	*	216,028
MO	1,031	2,989	8,771	*	*	138,138
NC	1,769	15,156	11,720	9,720	93,371	256,276
OH	55	1,547	*	*	*	19,700
PA	526	1,761	4,276	*	7,228	37,223
SC	678	6,017	*	4,371	23,165	53,307
TN	553	3,582	4,938	*	5,502	81,080
TX	685	3,610	6,705	*	34,280	114,495
VA	1,159	2,939	5,372	*	*	82,368
Oth Sts	4,259	10,747	35,965	41,446	327,778	509,619
US	24,208	128,404	156,121	71,006	805,469	2,605,101
Mature Birds						
Light	8,362	3,365	76,216	842	60,705	363,317
Heavy	580	5,704	8,059	554	51,591	118,988
US	8,942	9,069	84,275	1,396	112,296	482,305

\* 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, August 2006**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		*	93,373	29,790	588	3,718
AR		*	163,851	26,940	*	3,331
DE		4,892	101,721	16,108	*	*
GA		456	86,632	37,431	450	6,517
KY		*	41,312	*	*	*
LA		*	18,608	3,554	*	448
MD		*	25,603	*	*	*
MS		*	67,343	27,589	287	835
MO		839	94,400	5,095	295	1,593
NC		471	102,159	28,743	51	9,748
OH		*	6,991	2,070	15	65
PA		*	16,339	7,798	83	310
SC		119	10,295	*	65	*
TN		211	56,264	11,758	124	544
TX		*	56,514	11,661	105	1,184
VA		*	42,221	8,254	*	*
Oth Sts		4,508	184,755	40,019	5,928	24,411
US		11,496	1,168,381	256,810	7,991	52,704
Mature Birds						
Light		1,043	136,560	28,315	112	58,293
Heavy		657	49,511	2,347	160	6,277
US		1,700	186,071	30,662	272	64,570

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	2,907	12,023	17,299	*	132,524	314,463
AR	5,394	26,650	31,634	4,516	107,667	374,695
DE	2,363	7,834	7,352	*	26,726	181,466
GA	1,749	21,663	11,628	5,521	67,859	239,906
KY	*	4,664	6,997	800	*	*
LA	382	5,221	2,671	112	1,398	32,549
MD	*	3,086	*	470	*	*
MS	2,462	5,591	6,574	*	81,102	194,650
MO	1,089	3,885	8,001	*	*	180,295
NC	2,099	20,734	14,721	7,523	95,138	281,387
OH	*	1,734	*	*	*	21,983
PA	507	2,242	5,458	*	7,062	40,363
SC	540	4,566	1,852	2,086	29,058	56,476
TN	649	3,017	5,626	887	6,438	85,518
TX	741	3,731	7,940	*	50,081	137,757
VA	1,318	3,275	6,173	1,982	*	84,977
Oth Sts	4,418	12,399	34,382	44,437	259,811	541,336
US	26,618	142,315	168,308	68,334	864,864	2,767,821
Mature Birds						
Light	12,379	3,129	86,789	745	56,222	383,587
Heavy	630	11,919	11,487	697	64,771	148,456
US	13,009	15,048	98,276	1,442	120,993	532,043

\* 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 Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, by State and United States, August 2006**

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	2,491	2,940	47,539	53,388	19.09	18.16
MN	3,116	3,457	79,869	87,211	25.64	25.23
MO	1,385	1,579	43,406	47,189	31.33	29.89
Oth Sts	13,546	15,123	400,621	435,031	29.57	28.77
US	20,538	23,099	571,435	622,819	27.82	26.96

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	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	39,410	45,036	616	822	1.54	1.79
MN	63,606	69,451	1,438	1,603	2.21	2.26
MO	33,965	37,041	718	890	2.07	2.35
Oth Sts	316,555	343,028	5,152	5,953	1.60	1.71
US	453,536	494,556	7,924	9,268	1.72	1.84

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

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Old		90	58,345 2,913	8,203 292	3,433 18	72 176
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Young Old	<i>Number of Head</i>					
	445 48	4,260 103	3,752 119	1,900 13	18,610 141	99,110 3,823

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Old		78	73,080 3,390	14,269 522	4,178 16	100 193
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Young Old	<i>Number of Head</i>					
	394 27	4,435 80	4,581 131	3,723 1	27,148 2,261	131,986 6,621

## Reliability of 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.

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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.

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## Terms and Definitions Used for Poultry Slaughter Estimates:

**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.

**Old Turkeys** - 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** - Young birds grown to a matured market age, about 5 months.

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