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Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 4 Percent from Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during June 2007 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.52 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the amount certified in June 2006. The May 2007 revised certified total at 3.74 billion pounds, was down 1 percent from May 2006. The May revision represented an increase of 3.46 million pounds from last month's preliminary pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during June 2007 was 4.77 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 4.89 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 4.05 billion pounds, down 3 percent from June 2006. Mature chickens, at 72.1 million pounds, were down 2 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 628 million pounds, down 2 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.7 million pounds, down 9 percent from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during June 2007 averaged 5.48 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from June 2006. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.08 pounds per bird, down 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during June 2007 averaged 28.5 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from June 2006.

Ante-mortem condemnations during June 2007 totaled 17.3 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.36 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.35 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 43.7 million pounds, were 1.23 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.28 percent a year earlier.

June 2007 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays, while June 2006 had 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, June, 2006-2007**¹

| Commodity | Jun 2006 | May 2007 | Jun 2007 | Pct of | | January to Date | | Pct of 2006 |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | Jun 2006 | May 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | |
| | | | | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>Pct</i> | |
| Number Slaughtered | | | | <i>Pct</i> | <i>Pct</i> | | | <i>Pct</i> |
| Chickens | | | | | | | | |
| Young | 763,481 | 784,318 | 739,851 | 97 | 94 | 4,445,300 | 4,383,393 | 99 |
| Mature | 11,665 | 11,686 | 11,862 | 102 | 102 | 68,500 | 65,540 | 96 |
| Light | 4,503 | 4,885 | 5,036 | 112 | 103 | 29,656 | 28,614 | 96 |
| Heavy | 7,162 | 6,801 | 6,826 | 95 | 100 | 38,844 | 36,926 | 95 |
| Total | 775,146 | 796,004 | 751,713 | 97 | 94 | 4,513,800 | 4,448,933 | 99 |
| Turkeys | | | | | | | | |
| Young | 22,705 | 22,415 | 21,914 | 97 | 98 | 121,191 | 125,709 | 104 |
| Old | 238 | 202 | 170 | 71 | 84 | 1,129 | 979 | 87 |
| Total | 22,943 | 22,617 | 22,084 | 96 | 98 | 122,320 | 126,688 | 104 |
| Ducks | 2,395 | 2,339 | 2,177 | 91 | 93 | 14,222 | 13,814 | 97 |
| Live Weight | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>Pct</i> | <i>Pct</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>Pct</i> |
| Chickens | | | | | | | | |
| Young | 4,162,560 | 4,327,258 | 4,050,972 | 97 | 94 | 24,290,353 | 24,025,232 | 99 |
| Mature | 73,508 | 71,075 | 72,125 | 98 | 101 | 411,216 | 389,729 | 95 |
| Light | 15,058 | 15,934 | 16,574 | 110 | 104 | 98,799 | 93,629 | 95 |
| Heavy | 58,450 | 55,141 | 55,551 | 95 | 101 | 312,417 | 296,100 | 95 |
| Total | 4,236,068 | 4,398,333 | 4,123,097 | 97 | 94 | 24,701,569 | 24,414,961 | 99 |
| Turkeys | | | | | | | | |
| Young | 636,001 | 638,579 | 623,983 | 98 | 98 | 3,499,494 | 3,617,963 | 103 |
| Old | 6,367 | 5,262 | 4,461 | 70 | 85 | 30,014 | 25,891 | 86 |
| Total | 642,368 | 643,841 | 628,444 | 98 | 98 | 3,529,508 | 3,643,854 | 103 |
| Ducks | 16,030 | 15,754 | 14,650 | 91 | 93 | 96,678 | 92,975 | 96 |
| Other Poultry ² | 361 | 373 | 311 | 86 | 83 | 1,896 | 1,908 | 101 |
| Total Poultry | 4,894,827 | 5,058,301 | 4,766,502 | 97 | 94 | 28,329,651 | 28,153,698 | 99 |
| Avg Live Weight | <i>Pounds</i> | <i>Pounds</i> | <i>Pounds</i> | <i>Pct</i> | <i>Pct</i> | <i>Pounds</i> | <i>Pounds</i> | <i>Pct</i> |
| Chickens | | | | | | | | |
| Young | 5.45 | 5.52 | 5.48 | 101 | 99 | 5.46 | 5.48 | 100 |
| Mature | 6.30 | 6.08 | 6.08 | 97 | 100 | 6.00 | 5.95 | 99 |
| Light | 3.34 | 3.26 | 3.29 | 99 | 101 | 3.33 | 3.27 | 98 |
| Heavy | 8.16 | 8.11 | 8.14 | 100 | 100 | 8.04 | 8.02 | 100 |
| Total | 5.46 | 5.53 | 5.48 | 100 | 99 | 5.47 | 5.49 | 100 |
| Turkeys | | | | | | | | |
| Young | 28.01 | 28.49 | 28.47 | 102 | 100 | 28.88 | 28.78 | 100 |
| Old | 26.75 | 26.05 | 26.24 | 98 | 101 | 26.58 | 26.45 | 100 |
| Total | 28.00 | 28.47 | 28.46 | 102 | 100 | 28.85 | 28.76 | 100 |
| Ducks | 6.69 | 6.74 | 6.73 | 101 | 100 | 6.80 | 6.73 | 99 |

¹ Federally inspected only.

² Includes geese, guineas, ostriches, emus, rheas, squab, and any other voluntary poultry.

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, June, 2006-2007 ¹**

| Commodity | Jun 2006 | May 2007 | Jun 2007 | Pct of | | January to Date | | Pct of 2006 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------------|
| | | | | Jun 2006 | May 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | |
| | | | | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i> | <i>Pct</i> | |
| Chilled | | | | | | | | |
| Chickens | | | | | | | | |
| Young | 2,802,691 | 2,858,557 | 2,684,782 | 96 | 94 | 16,381,454 | 15,886,664 | 97 |
| Mature | 45,875 | 43,970 | 44,286 | 97 | 101 | 255,671 | 240,539 | 94 |
| Light | 7,641 | 8,383 | 8,434 | 110 | 101 | 50,526 | 47,942 | 95 |
| Heavy | 38,234 | 35,587 | 35,852 | 94 | 101 | 205,145 | 192,597 | 94 |
| Total | 2,848,566 | 2,902,527 | 2,729,068 | 96 | 94 | 16,637,125 | 16,127,203 | 97 |
| Turkeys | | | | | | | | |
| Young | 273,555 | 283,283 | 268,140 | 98 | 95 | 1,538,952 | 1,622,274 | 105 |
| Old | 3,913 | 3,311 | 2,684 | 69 | 81 | 19,038 | 16,724 | 88 |
| Total | 277,468 | 286,594 | 270,824 | 98 | 94 | 1,557,990 | 1,638,998 | 105 |
| Ducks | 5,810 | 5,402 | 5,055 | 87 | 94 | 35,319 | 31,558 | 89 |
| Other Poultry ² | 158 | 182 | 160 | 101 | 88 | 941 | 995 | 106 |
| Total Poultry | 3,132,002 | 3,194,705 | 3,005,107 | 96 | 94 | 18,231,375 | 17,798,754 | 98 |
| Frozen | | | | | | | | |
| Chickens | | | | | | | | |
| Young | 296,204 | 311,590 | 284,835 | 96 | 91 | 1,685,683 | 1,697,957 | 101 |
| Mature | 389 | 869 | 739 | 190 | 85 | 2,220 | 2,896 | 130 |
| Light | | | 13 | | | 99 | 13 | 13 |
| Heavy | 389 | 869 | 726 | 187 | 84 | 2,121 | 2,883 | 136 |
| Total | 296,593 | 312,459 | 285,574 | 96 | 91 | 1,687,903 | 1,700,853 | 101 |
| Turkeys | | | | | | | | |
| Young | 230,830 | 224,180 | 227,511 | 99 | 101 | 1,232,688 | 1,240,910 | 101 |
| Old | 1,018 | 670 | 679 | 67 | 101 | 3,736 | 2,850 | 76 |
| Total | 231,848 | 224,850 | 228,190 | 98 | 101 | 1,236,424 | 1,243,760 | 101 |
| Ducks | 5,737 | 5,831 | 5,437 | 95 | 93 | 33,965 | 34,936 | 103 |
| Other Poultry ² | 31 | 39 | 37 | 119 | 95 | 171 | 176 | 103 |
| Total Poultry | 534,209 | 543,179 | 519,238 | 97 | 96 | 2,958,463 | 2,979,725 | 101 |
| Total Chilled and Frozen | | | | | | | | |
| Chickens | | | | | | | | |
| Young | 3,098,895 | 3,170,147 | 2,969,617 | 96 | 94 | 18,067,137 | 17,584,621 | 97 |
| Mature | 46,264 | 44,839 | 45,025 | 97 | 100 | 257,891 | 243,435 | 94 |
| Light | 7,641 | 8,383 | 8,447 | 111 | 101 | 50,625 | 47,955 | 95 |
| Heavy | 38,623 | 36,456 | 36,578 | 95 | 100 | 207,266 | 195,480 | 94 |
| Total | 3,145,159 | 3,214,986 | 3,014,642 | 96 | 94 | 18,325,028 | 17,828,056 | 97 |
| Turkeys | | | | | | | | |
| Young | 504,385 | 507,463 | 495,651 | 98 | 98 | 2,771,640 | 2,863,184 | 103 |
| Old | 4,931 | 3,981 | 3,363 | 68 | 84 | 22,774 | 19,574 | 86 |
| Total | 509,316 | 511,444 | 499,014 | 98 | 98 | 2,794,414 | 2,882,758 | 103 |
| Ducks | 11,547 | 11,233 | 10,492 | 91 | 93 | 69,284 | 66,494 | 96 |
| Other Poultry ² | 189 | 221 | 197 | 104 | 89 | 1,112 | 1,171 | 105 |
| Total Poultry | 3,666,211 | 3,737,884 | 3,524,345 | 96 | 94 | 21,189,838 | 20,778,479 | 98 |

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Includes geese, guineas, squab, and any other voluntary poultry.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, June, 2006-2007 ¹**

| Commodity | Jun 2006 | May 2007 | Jun 2007 | Percent of | | January to Date | | Percent of 2006 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | Jun 2006 | May 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | |
| | | | | <i>Percent</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 | 14,275 | 13,284 | 14,044 | 98 | 106 | 78,367 | 79,926 | 102 |
| Mature | 1,194 | 1,020 | 1,495 | 125 | 147 | 5,259 | 6,090 | 116 |
| Light | 394 | 279 | 487 | 124 | 175 | 1,624 | 2,022 | 125 |
| Heavy | 800 | 741 | 1,008 | 126 | 136 | 3,635 | 4,068 | 112 |
| Total | 15,469 | 14,304 | 15,539 | 100 | 109 | 83,626 | 86,016 | 103 |
| Turkeys | | | | | | | | |
| Young | 1,672 | 1,701 | 1,708 | 102 | 100 | 10,191 | 10,935 | 107 |
| Old | 45 | 74 | 54 | 120 | 73 | 335 | 380 | 113 |
| Total | 1,717 | 1,775 | 1,762 | 103 | 99 | 10,526 | 11,315 | 107 |
| Ducks | 40 | 40 | 46 | 115 | 115 | 192 | 212 | 110 |
| Other Poultry | | 1 | 1 | | 100 | 1 | 2 | 200 |
| Total Poultry | 17,226 | 16,120 | 17,348 | 101 | 108 | 94,345 | 97,545 | 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 ² | | | | | | | | |
| Chickens | | | | | | | | |
| Young | 0.34 | 0.31 | 0.35 | 103 | 113 | 0.32 | 0.33 | 103 |
| Mature | 1.62 | 1.44 | 2.07 | 128 | 144 | 1.28 | 1.56 | 122 |
| Light | 2.62 | 1.75 | 2.94 | 112 | 168 | 1.64 | 2.16 | 132 |
| Heavy | 1.37 | 1.34 | 1.81 | 132 | 135 | 1.16 | 1.37 | 118 |
| Total | 0.37 | 0.33 | 0.38 | 103 | 115 | 0.34 | 0.35 | 103 |
| Turkeys | | | | | | | | |
| Young | 0.26 | 0.27 | 0.27 | 104 | 100 | 0.29 | 0.30 | 103 |
| Old | 0.71 | 1.41 | 1.21 | 170 | 86 | 1.12 | 1.47 | 131 |
| Total | 0.27 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 104 | 100 | 0.30 | 0.31 | 103 |
| Ducks | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.31 | 124 | 124 | 0.20 | 0.23 | 115 |
| Other Poultry | | 0.27 | 0.32 | | 119 | 0.05 | 0.10 | 200 |
| Total Poultry | 0.35 | 0.32 | 0.36 | 103 | 113 | 0.33 | 0.35 | 106 |

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

**Poultry Slaughter: Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, June, 2006-2007 ¹**

| Commodity | Jun 2006 | May 2007 | Jun 2007 | Percent of | | January to Date | | Percent of 2006 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | Jun 2006 | May 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | |
| | | | | <i>Percent</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> |
| Carcass and Parts | | | | | | | | |
| Chickens | | | | | | | | |
| Young | 34,920 | 34,896 | 31,593 | 90 | 91 | 217,957 | 205,582 | 94 |
| Mature | 3,181 | 3,141 | 3,400 | 107 | 108 | 17,830 | 17,958 | 101 |
| Light | 1,233 | 1,114 | 1,208 | 98 | 108 | 7,866 | 7,031 | 89 |
| Heavy | 1,948 | 2,027 | 2,192 | 113 | 108 | 9,964 | 10,927 | 110 |
| Total | 38,101 | 38,037 | 34,993 | 92 | 92 | 235,787 | 223,540 | 95 |
| Turkeys | | | | | | | | |
| Young | 8,749 | 8,736 | 8,228 | 94 | 94 | 51,747 | 51,793 | 100 |
| Old | 208 | 264 | 214 | 103 | 81 | 1,394 | 1,392 | 100 |
| Total | 8,957 | 9,000 | 8,442 | 94 | 94 | 53,141 | 53,185 | 100 |
| Ducks | 356 | 341 | 283 | 79 | 83 | 2,391 | 1,963 | 82 |
| Other Poultry | 16 | 4 | 4 | 25 | 100 | 33 | 22 | 67 |
| Total Poultry | 47,430 | 47,382 | 43,722 | 92 | 92 | 291,352 | 278,710 | 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 Weight Condemned ² | | | | | | | | |
| Chickens | | | | | | | | |
| Young | 1.11 | 1.09 | 1.05 | 94 | 97 | 1.19 | 1.16 | 97 |
| Mature | 6.43 | 6.55 | 7.02 | 109 | 107 | 6.47 | 6.87 | 106 |
| Light | 13.89 | 11.73 | 12.51 | 90 | 107 | 13.45 | 12.79 | 95 |
| Heavy | 4.80 | 5.27 | 5.65 | 118 | 107 | 4.59 | 5.29 | 115 |
| Total | 1.20 | 1.17 | 1.15 | 96 | 98 | 1.27 | 1.24 | 97 |
| Turkeys | | | | | | | | |
| Young | 1.71 | 1.69 | 1.63 | 96 | 96 | 1.83 | 1.78 | 97 |
| Old | 4.05 | 6.22 | 5.98 | 148 | 96 | 5.77 | 6.64 | 115 |
| Total | 1.73 | 1.73 | 1.66 | 96 | 96 | 1.87 | 1.81 | 97 |
| Ducks | 2.99 | 2.95 | 2.63 | 88 | 89 | 3.34 | 2.87 | 86 |
| Other Poultry | 7.80 | 1.78 | 1.99 | 25 | 112 | 2.88 | 1.84 | 64 |
| Total Poultry | 1.28 | 1.25 | 1.23 | 96 | 98 | 1.36 | 1.32 | 98 |

¹ Federally inspected only.

² 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, May 2007-June 2007**

| State | Number Slaughtered | | Live Weight | | Average Live Weight | |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | May | June | May | June | May | June |
| | <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 | 90,524 | 86,564 | 503,447 | 476,108 | 5.56 | 5.50 |
| AR | 98,838 | 94,614 | 522,604 | 499,771 | 5.29 | 5.28 |
| DE | 27,393 | 26,780 | 181,324 | 178,094 | 6.62 | 6.65 |
| GA | 116,989 | 108,199 | 620,832 | 566,821 | 5.31 | 5.24 |
| KY | 25,378 | 24,144 | 142,056 | 132,927 | 5.60 | 5.51 |
| LA | 16,874 | 16,463 | 98,120 | 92,227 | 5.81 | 5.60 |
| MD | 12,329 | 11,534 | 57,572 | 54,288 | 4.67 | 4.71 |
| MS | 72,385 | 65,900 | 400,483 | 361,969 | 5.53 | 5.49 |
| MO | 36,612 | 35,073 | 175,120 | 164,768 | 4.78 | 4.70 |
| NC | 62,657 | 57,448 | 427,350 | 387,985 | 6.82 | 6.75 |
| OH | 4,309 | 3,867 | 23,417 | 21,249 | 5.43 | 5.50 |
| PA | 10,178 | 10,143 | 57,291 | 57,029 | 5.63 | 5.62 |
| SC | 25,424 | 24,241 | 161,891 | 152,964 | 6.37 | 6.31 |
| TN | 23,885 | 21,875 | 123,728 | 111,888 | 5.18 | 5.11 |
| TX | 57,326 | 55,270 | 300,273 | 291,414 | 5.24 | 5.27 |
| VA | 27,574 | 26,168 | 143,001 | 134,319 | 5.19 | 5.13 |
| Oth Sts | 75,643 | 71,568 | 388,749 | 367,151 | 5.14 | 5.13 |
| US | 784,318 | 739,851 | 4,327,258 | 4,050,972 | 5.52 | 5.48 |

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by State and United States, May 2007-June 2007**

| State | Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹ | | Post-Mortem Condemnations | | | |
|---------|--|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| | May | June | Carcass and Parts | | Percent ² | |
| | | | May | June | May | June |
| | <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 | 368,666 | 350,385 | 3,627 | 3,101 | 0.97 | 0.88 |
| AR | 376,705 | 357,459 | 4,458 | 4,142 | 1.17 | 1.15 |
| DE | 130,615 | 127,476 | 1,975 | 1,876 | 1.49 | 1.45 |
| GA | 456,741 | 420,137 | 4,269 | 3,718 | 0.93 | 0.88 |
| KY | 104,647 | 97,167 | 1,212 | 1,152 | 1.14 | 1.17 |
| LA | 71,705 | 67,212 | 347 | 346 | 0.48 | 0.51 |
| MD | 41,964 | 39,586 | 534 | 575 | 1.26 | 1.43 |
| MS | 284,650 | 258,942 | 3,022 | 2,676 | 1.05 | 1.02 |
| MO | 129,144 | 120,479 | 1,283 | 1,220 | 0.98 | 1.00 |
| NC | 325,182 | 295,985 | 4,383 | 3,896 | 1.33 | 1.30 |
| OH | 17,290 | 15,643 | 324 | 283 | 1.84 | 1.78 |
| PA | 38,746 | 38,590 | 1,201 | 1,106 | 3.01 | 2.79 |
| SC | 119,069 | 112,601 | 967 | 963 | 0.81 | 0.85 |
| TN | 89,226 | 80,742 | 1,003 | 873 | 1.11 | 1.07 |
| TX | 231,289 | 223,839 | 2,024 | 1,787 | 0.87 | 0.79 |
| VA | 100,189 | 93,924 | 805 | 759 | 0.80 | 0.80 |
| Oth Sts | 284,319 | 269,450 | 3,462 | 3,120 | 1.20 | 1.14 |
| US | 3,170,147 | 2,969,617 | 34,896 | 31,593 | 1.09 | 1.05 |

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² 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, May 2007-June 2007**

| State | Tuberculosis | | Leukosis | | Septicaemia | |
|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | May | June | May | June | May | June |
| | <i>Number of Head</i> |
| Young | | | | | | |
| AL | | | 188 | * | 84,138 | 70,190 |
| AR | | | * | 642 | 147,395 | 141,091 |
| DE | | | 1,740 | 2,776 | 83,651 | 81,194 |
| GA | | | 401 | * | 95,900 | 76,079 |
| KY | | | * | * | 39,245 | 37,283 |
| LA | | | * | 28 | 11,082 | 9,820 |
| MD | | | * | * | 20,002 | 21,101 |
| MS | | | * | * | 42,311 | 38,694 |
| MO | | | * | 323 | 78,865 | 71,751 |
| NC | | | * | 350 | 88,839 | 82,946 |
| OH | | | * | * | 9,781 | 7,742 |
| PA | | | 36 | 131 | 26,025 | 19,895 |
| SC | | | * | * | * | * |
| TN | | | 75 | 79 | 50,326 | 42,047 |
| TX | | | * | 81 | 48,150 | 34,506 |
| VA | | | * | * | 31,441 | 27,249 |
| Oth Sts | | | 4,571 | 4,007 | 236,437 | 215,838 |
| US | | | 7,011 | 8,417 | 1,093,588 | 977,426 |
| Mature | | | | | | |
| Light | | | 1,712 | 1,674 | 154,506 | 158,255 |
| Heavy | | | 307 | 279 | 47,039 | 45,488 |
| US | | | 2,019 | 1,953 | 201,545 | 203,743 |
| State | Airsacculitis | | Synovitis | | Tumors | |
| | May | June | May | June | May | June |
| | <i>Number of Head</i> |
| Young | | | | | | |
| AL | 63,370 | 38,273 | 464 | 386 | 3,024 | * |
| AR | 31,457 | 26,226 | 1,666 | 1,737 | 2,548 | 2,675 |
| DE | 43,429 | 36,639 | * | * | * | * |
| GA | 113,075 | 60,142 | 205 | * | 6,792 | 6,061 |
| KY | * | * | * | 5 | * | * |
| LA | 3,507 | 2,859 | * | 49 | 295 | 232 |
| MD | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| MS | 28,191 | 21,847 | * | 99 | 926 | 912 |
| MO | 9,770 | 9,747 | 394 | * | 1,612 | 1,388 |
| NC | 47,443 | 43,400 | 112 | 79 | * | 9,645 |
| OH | * | * | * | * | 187 | 140 |
| PA | 18,089 | 9,631 | * | 71 | 268 | 345 |
| SC | * | * | 20 | 25 | * | * |
| TN | 19,890 | 15,231 | * | * | * | 641 |
| TX | 17,927 | 9,056 | * | * | 1,138 | 1,093 |
| VA | 13,339 | 10,078 | 26 | * | * | * |
| Oth Sts | 90,092 | 92,866 | 2,115 | 3,159 | 42,894 | 28,874 |
| US | 499,579 | 375,995 | 5,002 | 5,610 | 59,684 | 52,006 |
| Mature | | | | | | |
| Light | 28,479 | 28,457 | 263 | 358 | 61,122 | 74,804 |
| Heavy | 2,335 | 2,146 | 192 | 241 | 6,778 | 5,995 |
| US | 30,814 | 30,603 | 455 | 599 | 67,900 | 80,799 |

* Included in "Other States" to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, May 2007-June 2007**

| State | Bruises | | Cadaver | | Contamination | |
|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | May | June | May | June | May | June |
| | <i>Number of Head</i> |
| Young | | | | | | |
| AL | 2,156 | 2,030 | 8,891 | 8,324 | 10,933 | 9,649 |
| AR | 4,476 | 4,104 | 12,163 | 11,377 | 29,834 | 28,719 |
| DE | 1,601 | 1,733 | 5,292 | 6,105 | 7,352 | 7,704 |
| GA | 2,000 | 2,103 | 26,754 | 26,573 | 11,493 | 11,109 |
| KY | * | * | 3,945 | 3,739 | 4,920 | 4,666 |
| LA | 177 | 177 | 2,168 | 1,936 | 876 | 888 |
| MD | * | * | * | 1,919 | * | * |
| MS | 1,390 | 1,328 | 3,901 | 3,117 | 5,119 | 4,152 |
| MO | 1,243 | 982 | 3,981 | 3,348 | 10,512 | 8,840 |
| NC | 2,008 | 2,120 | 19,930 | 16,620 | 17,944 | 14,892 |
| OH | * | 72 | 1,028 | 1,662 | 372 | 331 |
| PA | 615 | 584 | 2,605 | 2,277 | 3,445 | 2,877 |
| SC | 597 | 696 | 2,828 | 1,743 | 1,567 | 1,725 |
| TN | * | * | * | * | 5,656 | 4,838 |
| TX | 681 | 576 | 5,173 | 4,437 | 6,968 | 6,474 |
| VA | 956 | 957 | 3,422 | 3,289 | 4,728 | 4,890 |
| Oth Sts | 4,742 | 4,312 | 20,686 | 14,235 | 40,320 | 36,085 |
| US | 22,642 | 21,774 | 122,767 | 110,701 | 162,039 | 147,839 |
| Mature | | | | | | |
| Light | 10,523 | 15,521 | 1,568 | 1,789 | 95,477 | 104,322 |
| Heavy | 1,136 | 1,177 | 6,283 | 4,956 | 12,844 | 11,748 |
| US | 11,659 | 16,698 | 7,851 | 6,745 | 108,321 | 116,070 |
| State | Overscald | | Other | | Total ¹ | |
| | May | June | May | June | May | June |
| | <i>Number of Head</i> |
| Young | | | | | | |
| AL | 12,648 | 7,904 | 128,232 | 107,977 | 314,044 | 248,070 |
| AR | * | 3,096 | 99,528 | 79,155 | 336,095 | 298,822 |
| DE | 2,999 | * | 39,416 | 36,081 | 194,949 | 183,757 |
| GA | 5,078 | 5,393 | 105,743 | 77,962 | 367,441 | 266,419 |
| KY | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| LA | 43 | 51 | 1,336 | 1,373 | 19,578 | 17,413 |
| MD | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| MS | 736 | * | 84,694 | * | 167,607 | 140,968 |
| MO | * | * | 62,760 | 63,754 | 170,224 | 161,413 |
| NC | 7,209 | 8,677 | 100,492 | 90,970 | 298,023 | 269,699 |
| OH | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| PA | * | * | 25,591 | * | 76,979 | 67,473 |
| SC | 2,604 | 3,477 | 32,280 | 34,376 | 59,695 | 58,693 |
| TN | * | * | 2,948 | 4,201 | 90,754 | 72,831 |
| TX | 1,887 | * | 41,895 | 43,535 | 123,999 | 100,976 |
| VA | 2,173 | 2,129 | 18,822 | 18,871 | 77,796 | 70,896 |
| Oth Sts | 14,506 | 16,775 | 255,456 | 348,089 | 724,204 | 696,184 |
| US | 49,883 | 47,502 | 999,193 | 906,344 | 3,021,388 | 2,653,614 |
| Mature | | | | | | |
| Light | 479 | 541 | 55,968 | 52,040 | 410,097 | 437,761 |
| Heavy | 221 | 1,376 | 91,425 | 81,721 | 168,560 | 155,127 |
| US | 700 | 1,917 | 147,393 | 133,761 | 578,657 | 592,888 |

* Included in "Other States" to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

¹ The sum of the individual diseases does not add to total for "Other States."

Young Turkeys Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, by State and United States, May 2007-June 2007

| State | Number Slaughtered | | Live Weight | | Average Live Weight | |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | May | June | May | June | May | June |
| | <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 | 3,056 | 2,981 | 58,526 | 60,115 | 19.15 | 20.17 |
| MN | 3,209 | 3,198 | 84,410 | 83,102 | 26.30 | 25.99 |
| MO | 1,452 | 1,442 | 47,162 | 46,720 | 32.49 | 32.40 |
| Oth Sts | 14,698 | 14,293 | 448,481 | 434,046 | 30.51 | 30.37 |
| US | 22,415 | 21,914 | 638,579 | 623,983 | 28.49 | 28.47 |

Young Turkeys Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, by State and United States, May 2007-June 2007

| State | Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹ | | Post-Mortem Condemnations | | | |
|---------|--|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| | | | Carcass and Parts | | Percent ² | |
| | May | June | May | June | May | June |
| | <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 | 48,706 | 49,711 | 777 | 719 | 1.57 | 1.43 |
| MN | 67,547 | 66,484 | 1,485 | 1,458 | 2.15 | 2.15 |
| MO | 36,983 | 36,931 | 764 | 694 | 2.02 | 1.84 |
| Oth Sts | 354,227 | 342,525 | 5,710 | 5,357 | 1.59 | 1.54 |
| US | 507,463 | 495,651 | 8,736 | 8,228 | 1.69 | 1.63 |

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type, United States, May 2007-June 2007

| Cause | Young | | Old | |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | May | June | May | June |
| | <i>Number of Head</i> | <i>Number of Head</i> | <i>Number of Head</i> | <i>Number of Head</i> |
| Tuberculosis | | | | |
| Leukosis | 39 | 28 | 15 | |
| Septicaemia | 62,540 | 53,427 | 1,830 | 2,240 |
| Airsacculitis | 6,043 | 5,391 | 453 | 373 |
| Synovitis | 3,615 | 3,352 | 23 | 10 |
| Tumors | 128 | 132 | 255 | 126 |
| Bruises | 383 | 394 | 39 | 22 |
| Cadaver | 2,230 | 2,216 | 54 | 30 |
| Contamination | 2,795 | 3,435 | 118 | 103 |
| Overscald | 1,466 | 2,442 | 38 | 20 |
| Other | 22,968 | 23,806 | 2,483 | 93 |
| Total | 102,207 | 94,623 | 5,308 | 3,017 |

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 305 plants slaughtered poultry in the U.S. under Federal Inspection in 2006. Young chickens were slaughter in 35 States, young turkeys in 26 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.

Data for major slaughter plants with missing reports are adjusted prior to publication to assure that all plants slaughtering a significant portion of a specific class are included. Estimates for missing shifts are made only after verifying that the plant was in operation. Adjustments are based on a shift determined to be similar to the one missing. Late reports replace imputed data as they become available. While there is a varying degree of incompleteness from month to month, it has only a minimal impact on the published totals.

Poultry slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants and, therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors are minimized through strict quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

State data are published using selected States for young chickens and young turkeys. 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.

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 Chilled or Frozen - 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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