

# Poultry Slaughter



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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Inspected Up 3 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during May (ready-to-cook) weight, totaled 2.15 billion pounds, 3 percent above the amount certified in 1990. Updated totals for April 1991 show that 2.12 billion pounds were certified.

May 1991 contained 23 weekdays, one holiday, and four Saturdays, the same as May 1990. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during May 1991 was 2.93 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.38 billion pounds of young chickens, 75.7 million pounds of mature chickens, 456 million pounds of turkeys, and 11.9 million pounds of ducks.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations during May 1991 totaled 10.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.36 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.28 percent a year earlier.

Post-Mortem Condemnations, at 48.3 million pounds (N.Y. Dressed Weight), were 1.83 percent of quantities inspected compared with 1.74 percent a year earlier.

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POULTRY: SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, MAY 1991 WITH COMPARISONS

	CHICKENS				TURKEY				TOTAL	
	MATURE 1/		FRYER-ROASTERS		YOUNG 2/		OLD			DUCKS
	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL		
	THOUSANDS									
NUMBER INSPECTED	523,149	15,879	539,028	218	21,797	182	22,197	1,692	---	---
APR 1991	512,594	17,702	530,296	283	22,468	145	22,896	1,953	---	---
MAY 1991	542,057	16,342	558,399	225	21,307	150	21,682	1,802	---	---
JAN-MAY 1990	2,393,330	80,650	2,473,980	1,127	97,651	883	99,661	8,935	---	---
JAN-MAY 1991	2,527,067	75,173	2,602,240	1,027	101,884	911	103,822	8,649	---	---
POUNDS INSPECTED	2,327,011	70,768	2,397,779	2,220	469,245	4,452	475,917	11,081	295	2,885,072
APR 1991	2,249,336	82,840	2,332,176	2,798	478,294	3,670	484,762	13,070	302	2,830,310
MAY 1991	2,383,788	75,744	2,459,532	2,236	450,416	3,779	456,431	11,873	342	2,928,178
JAN-MAY 1990	10,507,163	376,900	10,884,063	11,046	2,106,179	21,891	2,139,116	59,265	1,160	13,083,604
JAN-MAY 1991	11,183,245	348,299	11,531,544	10,126	2,193,181	22,830	2,226,137	57,536	1,513	13,816,730
AVERAGE LIVESTOCK	4.44	4.45	4.44	10.17	21.52	24.33	21.43	6.54	---	---
APR 1991	4.38	4.67	4.39	9.86	21.28	25.29	21.17	6.69	---	---
MAY 1991	4.39	4.63	4.40	9.93	21.13	25.09	21.05	6.58	---	---
JAN-MAY 1990	4.39	4.67	4.39	9.80	21.56	24.76	21.46	6.63	---	---
JAN-MAY 1991	4.42	4.63	4.43	9.85	21.52	25.04	21.44	6.65	---	---

1/ OF THE MATURE CHICKENS INSPECTED, THE NUMBER REPORTED IN THOUSANDS AS HEAVY FOWL (BROILER BREEDING STOCK) WAS:

MAY 1990: 4,544, MAY 1991: 4,215.

2/ OF THE YOUNG TURKEYS INSPECTED, THE NUMBER REPORTED IN THOUSANDS AS YOUNG BANDED BREEDERS WAS:

MAY 1990: 105, MAY 1991: 093.

POULTRY: POUNDS CERTIFIED (READY-TO-COOK WEIGHTS), MAY 1991 WITH COMPARISONS

	CHICKENS				TURKEY				TOTAL	
	MATURE		FRYER-ROASTERS		YOUNG		OLD			DUCKS
	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL		
	THOUSANDS									
APR 1991	1,573,640	39,814	1,613,454	383	166,586	2,821	169,790	2,165	021	1,785,430
CHILLED	118,370	3,475	121,845	1,344	205,284	569	207,197	5,861	140	335,043
FROZEN	1,455,270	36,339	1,491,609	239	161,302	2,252	169,593	1,304	10	1,449,997
TOTAL	1,692,010	43,289	1,735,299	1,727	371,870	3,390	376,987	8,026	161	2,120,473
MAY 1990	1,511,139	45,945	1,557,084	929	178,853	1,645	181,427	2,670	024	1,741,205
CHILLED	123,988	4,510	128,498	1,233	200,295	1,172	202,700	6,701	159	338,058
FROZEN	1,387,151	41,435	1,428,586	706	158,558	2,473	159,727	1,969	65	1,402,147
TOTAL	1,635,127	50,455	1,685,582	2,162	379,148	2,817	384,127	9,371	183	2,079,263
MAY 1991	1,619,987	44,159	1,664,146	554	163,481	2,410	166,445	2,273	018	1,832,882
CHILLED	112,575	2,747	115,322	1,238	193,522	459	195,219	6,133	170	316,844
FROZEN	1,507,412	41,412	1,548,824	320	149,959	2,351	149,226	1,140	1	1,516,038
TOTAL	1,732,562	46,906	1,779,468	1,792	357,003	2,869	361,664	8,406	188	2,149,726
JAN-MAY 1990	7,016,297	210,088	7,226,385	4,934	854,930	11,419	871,283	12,982	091	8,110,741
CHILLED	602,874	20,038	622,912	3,637	815,663	5,310	824,610	28,850	583	1,476,955
FROZEN	6,413,423	189,950	6,603,373	1,297	63,267	6,109	64,673	10,132	32	6,668,080
TOTAL	7,619,171	230,126	7,849,297	8,571	1,670,593	16,729	1,695,893	41,832	674	9,587,696
JAN-MAY 1991	7,528,754	201,376	7,730,130	3,817	838,231	13,885	855,933	11,927	080	8,598,070
CHILLED	587,969	12,745	600,714	4,104	895,875	3,459	903,438	28,918	746	1,533,816
FROZEN	6,940,785	188,631	7,129,416	2,713	742,356	10,426	752,495	19,009	4	7,064,254
TOTAL	8,116,723	214,121	8,330,844	7,921	1,734,106	17,344	1,759,371	40,845	826	10,131,886

POULTRY: CONDEMNATIONS OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, MAY 1991 WITH COMPARISONS

	CHICKENS			TURKEY			DUCKS	OTHER POULTRY	TOTAL POULTRY	
	YOUNG		TOTAL	FRYER- ROASTERS		TOTAL				
	MATURE	YOUNG	OLD	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL				
1,000 POUNDS (LIVE WEIGHT)										
ANTE-MORTEM										
APR 1991	7,331	746	8,077	5	1,430	34	1,469	10	1	9,557
MAY 1990	5,971	900	6,871	5	1,122	27	1,154	19		8,044
MAY 1991	8,084	1,216	9,300	4	1,249	36	1,289	15		10,604
JAN-MAY 1990	31,822	4,452	36,274	35	5,982	222	6,239	78	2	42,593
JAN-MAY 1991	38,250	4,685	42,935	29	6,849	212	7,090	66	6	50,097
PERCENT 1/										
MAY 1990	.26	1.08	.29	.20	.23	.76	.23	.14	.21	.28
MAY 1991	.33	1.60	.37	.17	.27	.95	.28	.12	.28	.36
POST-MORTEM										
1,000 POUNDS (N.Y. DRESSED)										
APR 1991	36,035	3,232	39,267	28	8,330	258	8,616	133		48,016
MAY 1990	32,504	3,728	36,232	34	7,744	208	7,986	155	1	44,374
MAY 1991	37,531	3,361	40,892	24	6,969	241	7,234	138	1	48,265
JAN-MAY 1990	170,373	17,100	187,473	141	39,446	1,196	40,783	697	12	228,965
JAN-MAY 1991	189,890	15,994	205,884	134	39,370	1,372	40,876	750	11	247,521
PERCENT 2/										
MAY 1990	1.60	5.05	1.73	1.37	1.80	6.38	1.83	1.32	1.38	1.74
MAY 1991	1.75	5.01	1.85	1.24	1.72	7.18	1.76	1.30	.62	1.83

1/ POUNDS CONDEMNED AS PERCENT OF POUNDS (LIVE WEIGHT) INSPECTED. PERCENTAGE BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.

2/ POUNDS CONDEMNED AS PERCENT OF EQUIVALENT N.Y. DRESSED WEIGHT OF QUANTITY INSPECTED. PERCENTAGES BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.

YOUNG CHICKENS: SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), MAY 1990 AND 1991

STATE	NUMBER INSPECTED		POUNDS INSPECTED (LIVE WEIGHT)		AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT INSPECTED 1/ (READY-TO-COOK WT.)		TOTAL POUNDS CERTIFIED		POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS			
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991		
US	512,594	542,057	2,249,336	2,383,788	4.38	4.39	1,635,127	1,732,562	32,504	37,531	1.60	1.75
AL	76,162	74,977	325,260	319,141	4.27	4.25	238,956	234,242	4,184	3,865	1.43	1.35
AR	80,503	86,444	347,363	368,386	4.31	4.26	243,938	261,256	5,001	4,746	1.60	1.43
CA	20,366	20,552	95,311	101,334	4.67	4.93	69,871	74,480	2,046	4,668	2.39	5.14
DE	18,063	20,097	90,136	99,716	4.99	4.96	65,418	70,953	1,679	1,426	2.07	1.59
FL	9,604	10,552	38,686	44,357	4.02	4.20	27,425	32,022	480	708	1.38	1.79
GA	71,695	74,993	315,585	328,514	4.40	4.38	233,904	242,791	3,602	3,277	1.27	1.11
LA	9,550	10,108	38,612	40,064	4.04	3.96	29,003	30,117	394	554	1.13	1.54
MD	16,315	16,787	70,425	72,674	4.31	4.32	49,293	51,068	1,139	796	1.80	1.22
MS	35,515	39,262	146,618	167,709	4.12	4.27	109,199	125,042	2,083	2,318	1.58	1.54
MO	14,934	3/	62,105	3/	4.15	3/	45,170	3/	1,137	3/	2.04	3/
NC	48,439	48,363	231,129	232,369	4.77	4.80	168,019	171,330	3,279	3,289	1.58	1.57
PA	9,101	8,329	39,794	38,521	4.37	4.62	28,589	27,692	663	654	1.85	1.89
SC	9,781	11,280	40,004	45,171	4.08	4.00	28,226	32,040	730	654	2.03	1.61
TN	11,296	11,832	50,368	53,855	4.45	4.55	36,666	38,084	408	539	.90	1.11
TX	31,303	32,688	132,652	141,491	4.23	4.32	99,503	104,545	2,429	5,426	2.04	4.28
VA	26,275	27,182	120,802	120,987	4.59	4.45	86,430	86,912	1,358	1,128	1.25	1.04
WA	3,090	3,114	14,652	15,264	4.74	4.90	10,907	11,237	237	290	1.80	2.12

1/ AVERAGE WEIGHT BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.  
 2/ POUNDS CONDEMNED AS PERCENT OF EQUIVALENT N.Y. DRESSED WEIGHT OF QUANTITY INSPECTED. PERCENTAGES BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.  
 3/ MISSOURI NOT SHOWN SEPARATELY.

YOUNG CHICKENS: NUMBER CONDEMNED POST-MORTEM BY CAUSE, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), MAY 1991

STATE	TUBER- : LEU- : SEPTI- : AIRSAC- : SYNO- : :		KOSIS : CEMIA : CULITIS : VITIS : TUMORS : BRUISES : CADAVER : INATION :		CONTAM- : OVER- : :		TOTAL				
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991					
US	141,940	1,809,532	1,385,704	40,777	225,151	90,956	179,365	279,388	57,181	192,385	5,402,379
AL	18,138	164,475	99,231	5,330	28,953	15,127	24,808	37,397	7,768	89,103	490,330
AR	8,886	250,433	182,181	11,243	24,756	16,498	23,231	39,172	3,425	104,631	664,456
CA	4,544	300,734	138,390	1,317	14,695	824	11,998	3,191	7,601	371,098	854,392
DE	11,003	96,546	61,831	268	8,737	3,536	8,391	12,910	1,765	21,547	226,534
FL	346	22,850	34,183	3,478	2,592	2,002	2,809	14,785	2,218	24,105	109,368
GA	3,572	138,172	74,971	1,511	35,011	9,632	20,753	19,771	7,874	65,074	376,341
LA	446	24,599	21,739	951	2,668	2,227	4,198	3,761	445	34,107	95,141
MD	3,765	63,046	31,757	237	5,946	1,847	6,175	16,617	661	11,009	141,060
MS	4,406	76,613	121,916	2,331	11,149	8,092	12,824	22,778	8,410	78,243	346,762
MO 1/	39,328	136,925	78,725	47	34,484	4,687	16,214	20,921	7,030	74,381	412,742
NC	8,301	32,774	18,177	236	7,901	2,781	3,719	9,082	864	12,617	96,452
PA	6,585	23,078	47,143	690	6,076	2,345	7,131	9,026	578	15,559	118,211
SC	2,683	45,082	11,044	557	2,768	1,870	5,476	5,558	247	7,113	82,398
TN	6,897	156,192	326,063	2,811	7,789	3,556	7,055	11,606	1,656	166,141	689,766
TX	8,094	81,075	30,341	196	12,009	3,022	6,091	13,151	2,984	13,484	170,447
VA	124	15,094	1,391	---	936	342	885	290	21	13,247	32,330

1/ MISSOURI NOT SHOWN SEPARATELY.

MATURE CHICKENS: SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), MAY 1990 AND 1991

STATE	NUMBER INSPECTED		POUNDS INSPECTED (LIVE WEIGHT)		AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT INSPECTED 1/ (LIVE WEIGHT)		TOTAL POUNDS CERTIFIED (READY-TO-COOK WT.)		POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS			
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991		
US	17,702	16,342	82,840	75,744	4.67	4.63	50,455	46,906	3,728	3,361	5.05	5.01
CA	1,554	1,650	6,178	6,472	3.97	3.92	3,493	3,880	346	347	6.28	6.01
GA	4,712	4,317	25,675	22,664	5.44	5.24	15,670	14,042	979	921	4.28	4.60

1/ AVERAGE WEIGHT BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.

2/ POUNDS CONDEMNED AS PERCENT OF EQUIVALENT N.Y. DRESSED WEIGHT OF QUANTITY INSPECTED. PERCENTAGES BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.

MATURE CHICKENS: NUMBER CONDEMNED POST-MORTEM BY CAUSE, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), MAY 1991

STATE	LEU- TUBER- : CULOSIS		KOSIS : SEPTI- : CEMIA		VITIS : AIRSAC- : CULITIS		TUMORS : BRUISES : CADAVER		WHOLE NUMBERS		OTHER : TOTAL	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
US	519	4,756	290,668	11,624	1,216	142,432	36,110	39,095	91,278	3,758	39,280	660,736
CA	---	93	55,963	632	---	21,296	459	561	191	17	2,500	81,712
GA	---	1,893	80,047	156	---	32,549	16,100	16,839	17,444	667	2,680	168,375

YOUNG TURKEYS (MATURE): SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), MAY 1990 AND 1991

STATE	NUMBER INSPECTED		POUNDS INSPECTED (LIVE WEIGHT)		AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT INSPECTED 1/ (READY-TO-COOK WT.)		TOTAL POUNDS CERTIFIED		POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS			
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991		
US	22,468	21,307	478,294	450,416	21.28	21.13	379,148	357,003	7,744	6,969	1.80	1.72
AR	2,007	1,612	41,455	31,773	20.65	19.70	33,766	25,921	576	582	1.54	2.04
CA	2,348	1,993	52,665	46,819	22.42	23.48	42,190	36,800	1,046	850	2.21	2.02
IA	1,120	924	29,914	24,733	26.68	26.75	23,029	19,244	658	438	2.45	1.98
MN	3,136	3,911	55,472	71,789	17.68	18.35	44,753	56,971	1,015	1,408	2.03	2.18
MO	1,613	1,431	35,220	28,906	21.83	20.19	28,422	23,296	693	475	2.19	1.83
NC	4,104	4,431	83,965	88,692	20.45	20.01	66,684	70,268	888	1,068	1.17	1.34
PA	506	507	10,938	10,126	21.60	19.94	8,692	8,173	181	112	1.84	1.24
VA	2,604	2,253	48,678	41,154	18.69	18.26	37,384	32,389	657	497	1.50	1.34

1/ AVERAGE WEIGHT BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.

2/ POUNDS CONDEMNED AS PERCENT OF EQUIVALENT N.Y. DRESSED WEIGHT OF QUANTITY INSPECTED. PERCENTAGES BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.

YOUNG TURKEYS (MATURE): NUMBER CONDEMNED POST-MORTEM BY CAUSE, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), MAY 1991

STATE	TUBER- : CULOSIS:		LEU- : KOSIS :		SEPTI- : CEMIA :		AIRSAC- : CULITIS :		SYNO- : VITIS :		TUMORS : BRUISES:		CADAVER: INATION:		CONTAM- : OVER- :		SCALD : OTHER :		TOTAL	
	WHOLE NUMBERS	PERCENT	WHOLE NUMBERS	PERCENT	WHOLE NUMBERS	PERCENT	WHOLE NUMBERS	PERCENT	WHOLE NUMBERS	PERCENT	WHOLE NUMBERS	PERCENT	WHOLE NUMBERS	PERCENT	WHOLE NUMBERS	PERCENT	WHOLE NUMBERS	PERCENT		
US	44	97,340	13,599	8,319	133	1,557	5,870	6,439	1,723	5,657	140,681	1,099	12,162	17,453	8,013	38,947	13,272	12,741	2,453	7,817
AR	---	8,006	1,049	120	4	173	822	889	---	1,099	12,162	---	1,099	12,162	---	1,099	12,162	---	1,099	12,162
CA	---	16,231	244	239	10	33	102	161	228	205	17,453	228	205	17,453	---	228	205	---	228	205
IA	---	3,170	2,056	2,136	---	16	---	237	204	194	8,013	204	194	8,013	---	204	194	---	204	194
MN	6	24,729	3,865	4,148	29	658	1,594	1,610	133	2,175	38,947	133	2,175	38,947	---	133	2,175	---	133	2,175
MO	---	9,165	2,801	---	---	100	300	862	---	44	13,272	---	44	13,272	---	---	---	---	---	---
NC	---	7,243	1,719	---	47	313	1,229	1,682	126	365	12,741	126	365	12,741	---	126	365	---	126	365
PA	---	2,453	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,453	---	---	2,453	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	---	5,928	149	---	---	23	1,012	107	---	598	7,817	---	598	7,817	---	---	---	---	---	---

FRYER-ROASTER TURKEYS: SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), MAY 1990 AND 1991

STATE	NUMBER INSPECTED	POUNDS INSPECTED (LIVE WEIGHT)	AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT	TOTAL POUNDS CERTIFIED	POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS					
		1/ (LIVE WEIGHT)	2/ (READY-TO-COOK WT.)		PERCENT 2/					
1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991					
US	283	2,798	2,236	9.86	2,162	1,792	34	24	1.37	1.24

1/ AVERAGE WEIGHT BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.  
 2/ POUNDS CONDEMNED AS PERCENT OF EQUIVALENT N.Y. DRESSED WEIGHT OF QUANTITY INSPECTED. PERCENTAGES BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.

FRYER-ROASTER TURKEYS: NUMBER CONDEMNED POST-MORTEM BY CAUSE, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), MAY 1991

STATE	TUBER-LEU-INSPECTED	SEPTI-AIRSAC-INSPECTED	SYNO-INSPECTED	VITIS-INSPECTED	TUMORS-INSPECTED	BRUISES-INSPECTED	CADAVER-INSPECTED	SCALD-INSPECTED	OTHER-INSPECTED	TOTAL
	1/	2/	3/	4/	5/	6/	7/	8/	9/	10/
US	464	191	655							

OLD TURKEYS (BREEDERS): SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), MAY 1990 AND 1991

STATE	NUMBER INSPECTED	POUNDS INSPECTED (LIVE WEIGHT)	AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT	TOTAL POUNDS CERTIFIED	POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS							
		1/ (LIVE WEIGHT)	2/ (READY-TO-COOK WT.)		PERCENT 2/							
1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991							
US	145	150	3,670	3,779	25.29	25.09	2,817	2,869	208	241	6.38	7.18

1/ AVERAGE WEIGHT BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.  
 2/ POUNDS CONDEMNED AS PERCENT OF EQUIVALENT N.Y. DRESSED WEIGHT OF QUANTITY INSPECTED. PERCENTAGES BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.

OLD TURKEYS (BREEDERS): NUMBER CONDEMNED POST-MORTEM BY CAUSE, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), MAY 1991

STATE	TUBER-LEU-INSPECTED	SEPTI-AIRSAC-INSPECTED	SYNO-INSPECTED	VITIS-INSPECTED	TUMORS-INSPECTED	BRUISES-INSPECTED	CADAVER-INSPECTED	SCALD-INSPECTED	OTHER-INSPECTED	TOTAL
	1/	2/	3/	4/	5/	6/	7/	8/	9/	10/
US	3,286	1,329	21	69	43	92	419	500	5,759	

**DEFINITIONS USED TO REPORT FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER:**

**YOUNG CHICKENS** - Commercially grown broilers-fryers and other young immature birds such as roasters and capons.

**MATURE CHICKENS** - Fowl from breeder and market egg flocks and stags and cocks.

**FRYER-ROASTER TURKEYS** - Young immature birds, usually under 16 weeks of age.

**YOUNG TURKEYS (MATURE)** - Young birds grown to a matured market age, about 5 months.

**OLD TURKEYS (BREEDERS)** - Fully matured birds held for egg production, usually over 15 months of age.

**DUCKS** - Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

**OTHER POULTRY** - Includes all other ready-to-cook products which bear the U.S.D.A. Inspected for Wholesomeness legend.

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