

# Poultry Slaughter



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## **Ready-to-Cook Weight Inspected up 10 Percent**

Poultry Certified Wholesome during September (ready-to-cook) weight, totaled 2.04 billion pounds, 10 percent above the amount certified in 1990. Updated totals for August, 1991 show that 2.23 billion pounds were certified.

September 1991 contained 21 weekdays and four Saturdays, one more weekday than September 1990. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during September 1991 was 2.77 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.18 billion pounds of young chickens, 66.7 million pounds of mature chickens, 512 million pounds of turkeys, and 11.0 million pounds of ducks.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations during September 1991 totaled 10.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.38 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.36 percent a year earlier.

Post-Mortem condemnations, at 44.2 million pounds (N.Y.Dressed Weight), were 1.77 percent of quantities inspected compared with 1.85 percent a year earlier.

The next Poultry Slaughter report will be released on December 3, 1991 at 3:00 p.m. ET.

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Poultry: Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, September 1991 with Comparisons

Number Inspected	Chickens				Turkey				Other Poultry	Total Poultry
	Young		Total		Young		Total			
	Mature	1/	Total		Young	2/	Total			
Aug 1991	556,034	14,283	570,317	243	25,384	256	25,883	1,859	---	
Sep 1990	449,691	13,262	462,953	176	22,910	192	23,278	1,548	---	
Sep 1991	495,939	13,729	509,668	261	24,324	231	24,816	1,711	---	
Jan-Sep 1990	4,365,811	141,149	4,506,960	2,192	193,590	1,691	197,473	15,540	---	
Jan-Sep 1991	4,635,865	130,881	4,766,746	2,103	200,787	1,791	204,681	15,692	---	
Pounds Inspected										
Aug 1991	2,417,568	67,562	2,485,130	2,468	528,070	6,113	536,651	11,924	460	
Sep 1990	1,951,919	64,833	2,016,752	1,711	478,493	4,646	484,850	9,986	310	
Sep 1991	2,182,077	66,704	2,248,781	2,536	504,281	5,646	512,463	10,961	276	
Jan-Sep 1990	18,984,791	666,466	19,651,257	21,223	4,117,499	41,190	4,179,912	101,813	3,339	
Jan-Sep 1991	20,354,895	617,059	20,971,954	20,684	4,265,015	44,460	4,330,159	102,210	3,267	
Average Live Weight										
Aug 1991	4.34	4.73	4.35	10.13	20.80	23.81	20.73	6.41	---	
Sep 1990	4.34	4.88	4.35	9.68	20.88	24.11	20.82	6.44	---	
Sep 1991	4.39	4.85	4.41	9.70	20.73	24.38	20.64	6.40	---	
Jan-Sep 1990	4.34	4.72	4.36	9.68	21.26	24.35	21.16	6.55	---	
Jan-Sep 1991	4.39	4.71	4.39	9.83	21.24	24.81	21.15	6.51	---	

1/ Of the mature chickens inspected, the number reported in thousands as heavy fowl (broiler breeding stock) was:

Sep 1990: 4,161, Sep 1991: 4,330.

2/ Of the young turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young banded breeders was:

Sep 1990: 128, Sep 1991: 110.

Poultry: Pounds Certified (Ready-to-Cook Weights), September 1991 with Comparisons

Aug	Chickens				Turkey				Other Poultry	Total Poultry
	Young		Total		Young		Total			
	Mature	1/	Total		Young	2/	Total			
1991	1,634,658	38,654	1,673,312	468	171,717	3,230	175,415	2,319	016	1,851,062
Chilled	123,494	3,531	127,025	1,440	245,834	1,477	248,751	6,291	237	382,304
Frozen	1,758,152	42,185	1,800,337	1,908	417,551	4,707	424,166	8,610	253	2,233,366
Sep 1990	1,313,321	37,713	1,351,034	704	162,110	2,841	165,655	2,355	017	1,519,061
Chilled	108,119	2,538	110,657	609	215,898	773	217,280	4,660	162	332,759
Frozen	1,421,440	40,251	1,461,691	1,313	378,008	3,614	382,935	7,015	179	1,851,820
Sep 1991	1,465,162	38,810	1,503,972	283	158,532	3,266	162,081	2,223	007	1,668,283
Chilled	120,174	2,437	122,611	1,706	240,915	1,148	243,769	5,656	144	372,180
Frozen	1,585,336	41,247	1,626,583	1,989	399,447	4,414	405,850	7,879	151	2,040,463
Jan-Sep 1990	12,720,261	372,862	13,093,123	10,130	1,543,731	21,601	1,575,462	21,973	682	14,691,240
Chilled	1,061,730	34,545	1,096,275	6,404	1,115,809	10,055	1,132,268	49,968	1,294	2,879,805
Frozen	13,781,991	407,407	14,189,398	16,534	3,259,540	31,656	3,307,730	71,941	1,976	17,571,045
Jan-Sep 1991	13,726,827	355,801	14,082,628	5,721	1,522,155	25,952	1,553,828	20,601	182	15,657,239
Chilled	1,060,495	25,276	1,085,771	10,339	1,851,764	8,099	1,870,202	52,549	1,620	3,010,142
Frozen	14,787,322	381,077	15,168,399	16,060	3,373,919	34,051	3,424,030	73,150	1,802	18,667,381
Total										

Poultry: Condemnations of Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, September 1991 With Comparisons

	Chickens		Turkey		Ducks	Other Poultry	Total Poultry		
	: : :		: : :						
	Young	Mature	Fryer-Roasters	Young				Old	Total
1,000 Pounds (Live Weight)									
Ante-Mortem									
Aug 1991	8,914	1,081	9,995	5	2,025	49	18	3	12,095
Sep 1990	6,491	829	7,320	2	1,865	43	16		9,246
Sep 1991	7,626	1,132	8,758	8	1,903	38	16		10,723
Jan-Sep 1990	63,053	8,690	71,743	50	13,944	429	151	12	86,329
Jan-Sep 1991	73,547	9,154	82,701	74	15,213	406	141	19	98,554
Percent 1/									
Sep 1990	.33	1.27	.36	.13	.38	.93	.16	.40	.36
Sep 1991	.34	1.69	.38	.32	.37	.68	.15	.27	.38
Post-Mortem									
1,000 Pounds (N.Y. Dressed)									
Aug 1991	36,201	3,125	39,326	31	10,214	324	157	1	50,053
Sep 1990	28,989	2,660	31,649	20	9,705	218	114	2	41,708
Sep 1991	30,911	3,052	33,963	23	9,769	247	158		44,160
Jan-Sep 1990	296,076	29,855	325,931	255	75,994	2,099	1,183	35	405,497
Jan-Sep 1991	326,366	28,132	354,498	291	76,871	2,461	1,343	24	435,488
Percent 2/									
Sep 1990	1.65	4.61	1.75	1.32	2.26	5.29	1.29	1.19	1.85
Sep 1991	1.57	5.17	1.68	1.01	2.16	4.90	1.61	.80	1.77

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), September 1990 and 1991

State	Number Inspected		Pounds (Live Weight)		Average Live Weight Inspected		Total Pounds Certified		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991		
US	449,691	495,939	1,951,919	2,182,077	4.34	4.39	1,421,440	1,585,336	28,989	30,911	1.65	1.57
AL	62,989	70,419	264,877	301,421	4.20	4.28	194,486	219,783	4,302	4,431	1.81	1.63
AR	73,221	81,304	300,460	347,168	4.10	4.27	214,952	245,820	3,928	4,529	1.45	1.45
CA	17,020	18,806	83,392	86,493	4.89	4.59	60,299	62,654	1,670	2,328	2.23	3.00
DE	16,666	18,024	84,544	90,742	5.07	5.03	61,972	65,093	1,196	1,190	1.57	1.46
FL	8,856	9,727	36,196	41,305	4.08	4.24	26,313	30,314	484	538	1.49	1.45
GA	61,258	66,461	265,349	293,591	4.33	4.41	197,276	216,663	2,768	3,142	1.16	1.19
LA	8,718	8,741	34,814	35,486	3.99	4.05	25,852	26,445	491	750	1.57	2.35
MD	15,106	15,244	65,478	66,876	4.33	4.38	46,621	47,093	814	656	1.38	1.10
MS	32,623	35,673	133,008	151,402	4.07	4.24	99,732	113,783	2,258	2,320	1.89	1.71
MO	14,100	16,063	58,376	66,682	4.14	4.15	42,771	48,073	1,173	930	2.24	1.55
NC	42,214	43,353	204,628	212,431	4.84	4.89	146,422	155,031	3,161	2,937	1.72	1.54
PA	7,273	7,538	34,515	35,666	4.74	4.73	24,790	25,407	857	629	2.76	1.96
SC	8,710	10,715	35,333	43,456	4.05	4.05	25,207	31,475	453	546	1.43	1.40
TN	8,176	10,665	34,860	48,418	4.26	4.53	24,456	35,524	445	533	1.42	1.22
TX	27,526	29,704	113,769	127,669	4.13	4.29	84,498	94,914	2,113	2,398	2.07	2.09
VA	22,297	25,926	102,211	114,118	4.58	4.40	74,171	81,180	987	936	1.07	.91
WA	2,522	2,527	11,879	11,528	4.71	4.56	8,800	8,590	206	235	1.94	2.27

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 Chickens: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, United States Total and Selected State(s), September 1991

State	Whole Numbers										
	Tuber- culiosis	Leu- kosis	Septi- cemia	Airsac- culitis	Syno- vitis	Turnors	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Over- scald	Other
US	40,259	1,592,522	991,231	44,829	198,204	94,135	183,138	301,997	53,030	821,099	4,320,444
AL	2,818	183,038	148,475	6,294	31,752	15,340	27,539	41,550	6,097	136,272	599,175
AR	4,592	252,424	153,594	12,906	16,909	16,300	23,185	43,576	3,488	94,259	621,233
CA	3,158	175,643	71,645	2,838	10,707	710	10,358	3,537	3,968	63,259	345,823
DE	1,637	86,046	20,091	173	8,612	3,517	6,567	12,250	2,854	15,424	157,171
FL	325	26,151	27,475	4,489	3,387	2,156	3,547	16,455	1,092	18,552	103,629
GA	2,815	134,619	53,259	1,648	34,035	12,092	21,819	21,971	7,856	49,810	339,924
LA	159	33,025	52,541	1,781	2,118	2,105	3,619	3,026	2,002	45,636	146,012
MD	663	57,988	9,200	199	3,603	2,046	5,767	11,881	215	6,142	97,724
MS	852	86,533	142,255	1,693	9,285	7,769	12,333	24,405	9,096	93,307	387,528
MO	4,997	45,768	36,470	2,889	7,940	2,605	3,287	11,899	2,120	30,227	148,192
NC	7,845	109,565	69,958	79	32,164	5,167	18,361	21,207	5,798	81,721	345,617
PA	120	31,984	7,434	364	4,996	2,768	4,106	5,958	489	14,087	80,031
SC	778	17,588	29,100	292	5,583	3,169	8,068	13,232	819	11,516	89,487
TN	48,302	24,189	716	1,925	2,113	5,790	4,794	269	10,452	99,328	
TX	3,141	125,459	95,733	2,628	4,769	2,880	7,303	10,078	2,797	70,552	325,340
VA	1,267	65,741	21,369	149	9,291	3,743	8,344	12,900	2,135	10,803	135,742
WA	84	13,665	297	594	576	399	778	323	298	12,895	29,909

Mature Chickens: Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, United States Total and Selected State(s), September 1990 and 1991

State	Number Inspected		Pounds Inspected (Live Weight)		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/		Total Pounds Certified (Ready-to-Cook Wt.)		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991		
US	13,262	13,729	64,833	66,704	4.88	4.85	40,251	41,247	2,660	3,052	4.61	5.17
CA	973	1,214	4,601	4,783	4.72	3.93	2,650	2,660	181	307	4.45	7.35
GA	2,972	3,735	18,646	21,587	6.27	5.77	11,814	13,307	648	831	3.92	4.37

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), September 1991

State	Whole Numbers											
	Tuber- culosis	Leu- kosis	Septi- cemia	Airsac- culitis	Syno- vitis	Tumors	Bruises	Cadaver inaction	Contam- ination	Over- scald	Other	Total
US	---	3,312	246,644	8,575	744	114,688	31,423	28,956	102,956	4,221	43,027	584,546
CA	---	94	42,367	---	---	22,101	---	358	463	---	10,753	76,136
GA	---	507	70,907	105	---	21,511	15,463	9,451	21,578	624	2,501	142,647

Young Turkeys (Mature): Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, United States Total and Selected State(s), September 1990 and 1991

State	Number Inspected		Pounds Inspected (Live Weight)		Average Live Weight Inspected		Total Pounds Certified (Ready-to-Cook Wt.)		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991		
	Thousands		Thousands		Pounds		Thousands		Percent			
US	22,910	24,324	478,493	504,281	20.88	20.73	378,008	399,447	9,705	9,769	2.26	2.16
AR	1,678	2,000	34,164	39,884	20.35	19.93	27,226	32,253	1,281	1,260	4.19	3.52
CA	2,476	2,228	56,106	50,150	22.65	22.50	44,267	39,758	1,340	1,207	2.67	2.69
IA	1,163	1,253	28,927	30,914	24.86	24.67	22,708	24,222	655	523	2.52	1.89
MN	3,940	4,423	72,901	80,062	18.50	18.09	58,435	64,377	1,521	1,556	2.32	2.16
MO	1,650	1,685	33,227	35,732	20.12	21.19	26,097	28,007	885	1,144	2.97	3.57
NC	3,928	4,302	76,466	83,739	19.46	19.46	60,796	66,558	1,081	1,373	1.57	1.83
PA	613	500	11,683	9,661	19.04	19.29	9,608	7,358	174	134	1.65	1.55
VA	2,445	2,561	44,783	47,625	18.30	18.59	35,161	37,497	601	669	1.49	1.56

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), September 1991

State	Leu- kosis		Septi- cemia		Airsac- culitis		Syno- vitis		Tumors		Bruises		Cadaver: ination: scald		Contam- over- : Other : Total	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
	Thousands		Thousands		Thousands		Thousands		Thousands		Thousands		Thousands		Percent	
US	769	146,417	44,193	44,193	14,943	248	1,269	6,845	8,410	1,606	14,399	239,099	4,458	34,858	28,288	11,400
AR	---	14,021	11,926	11,926	2,038	15	195	439	1,766	---	4,458	34,858	---	---	---	---
CA	---	24,344	2,214	2,214	259	19	20	398	553	283	198	28,288	283	198	28,288	198
IA	---	3,869	2,458	2,458	4,559	40	17	59	127	---	271	11,400	---	---	---	---
MN	7	33,044	4,523	4,523	4,867	45	415	2,335	1,840	725	2,556	50,357	725	2,556	50,357	2,556
MO	---	15,815	12,603	12,603	---	---	99	271	1,135	120	233	30,276	120	233	30,276	233
NC	---	15,008	4,304	4,304	---	---	277	1,133	1,664	180	2,823	25,389	180	2,823	25,389	2,823
PA	---	2,308	1,064	1,064	---	---	---	116	93	11	107	3,699	11	107	3,699	107
VA	---	7,373	291	291	---	---	---	1,121	203	57	1,760	10,805	57	1,760	10,805	1,760

Fryer-Roaster Turkeys: Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, United States Total and Selected State(s), September 1990 and 1991

State	Number Inspected		Average		Total Pounds		Post-Mortem Condemnations					
	1990	1991	(Live Weight)	Inspected	Live Weight	Certified	Inspected 1/:(Ready-to-Cook Wt.)	Pounds (NYD)	Percent 2/			
US	176	261	1,711	2,536	9.68	1,313	1,989	20	23	1.32	1.01	
	--- Thousands ---		--- Pounds ---		--- Thousands ---		--- Percent ---					

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), September 1991

State	Tuber- culositis	Leu- kosis	Septi- cemia	Airsac- culitis	Syno- vitis	Tumors	Bruises	Cadaver inaction	Contam- ination	Over- scald	Other	Total
US	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	0
	--- Whole Numbers ---											

Old Turkeys (Breeders): Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, United States Total and Selected State(s), September 1990 and 1991

State	Number Inspected		Average		Total Pounds		Post-Mortem Condemnations					
	1990	1991	(Live Weight)	Inspected	Live Weight	Certified	Inspected 1/:(Ready-to-Cook Wt.)	Pounds (NYD)	Percent 2/			
US	192	231	4,646	5,646	24.11	24.38	3,614	4,414	218	247	5.29	4.90
	--- Thousands ---		--- Pounds ---		--- Thousands ---		--- Percent ---					

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), September 1991

State	Tuber- culositis	Leu- kosis	Septi- cemia	Airsac- culitis	Syno- vitis	Tumors	Bruises	Cadaver inaction	Contam- ination	Over- scald	Other	Total
US	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4,873
	--- Whole Numbers ---											

**Data Sources:** Primary data for the commercial poultry slaughter data are obtained from the Poultry Inspection Form (FSIS 6000-21) completed by Inspectors from the Food, Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA, which provide actual counts of birds slaughtered in Federally Inspected (FI) plants. Over 99 percent of the total U.S. slaughter for any species is under FI. The FSIS 6000-21 forms collect number of head slaughtered daily under FI by species and class as well as condemnations and total live and dressed weights. Approximately 350 plants in the U.S. are operated under Federal Inspection.

**Update Policy:** Updated data are generally the result of late reports received. Updates for the previous month and the year-to-date totals are noted in each monthly release and are usually within 1 1/2 percent of the preliminary totals. Final data are generally published in the May report.

**Procedures:** Plant inspectors submit weekly forms (FSIS 6000-21) summarizing the plants activity. When inconsistencies in the data are detected, the reports are returned to the inspectors for correction. Inspectors correct or validate the report and resubmit it. The reports cover weekly activities through Saturday night. The reported data is allocated to the appropriate month as it enters the database.

Each month the data are summarized by FSIS into the form published by NASS in the Poultry Slaughter report. The summary includes all data available at that time. No allowances are made for missing reports. The degree of incompleteness can vary from month to month.

Generally, no State data are 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 head for that species. These data are included in the U.S. totals.

Annually, monthly summaries are rerun for the calendar year and tables are published in the May Poultry Slaughter report showing recap data by month for selected items.



**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.



