

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Inspected up 3 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during October (ready-to-cook) weight, totaled 2.36 billion pounds, 3 percent above the amount certified in 1990. Updated totals for September 1991 show that 2.04 billion pounds were certified.

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

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during October 1991 was 3.21 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.52 billion pounds of young chickens, 71.6 million pounds of mature chickens, 612 million pounds of turkeys, and 10.7 million pounds of ducks.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations during October 1991 totaled 9.92 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.30 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.29 percent a year earlier.

Post-Mortem condemnations, at 50.9 million pounds (N.Y. Dressed Weight), were 1.76 percent of quantities inspected compared with 1.79 percent a year earlier.

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Poultry: Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, October 1991 with Comparisons

	Turkey									
	Chickens					Turkey				
	Young	Mature 1/	Total	Fryer- Roasters	Young 2/	Old	Total	Ducks	Other Poultry	Total Poultry
Number Inspected	495,939	13,729	509,668	261	24,324	231	24,816	1,711	--	2,772,481
Sep	545,288	14,729	560,017	215	28,093	186	28,494	1,815	--	3,123,505
Oct	557,717	14,501	572,218	208	27,914	193	28,315	1,617	--	3,212,673
Jan-Oct	4,911,099	155,879	5,066,978	2,407	221,684	1,877	225,968	17,356	--	27,059,829
Jan-Oct	5,188,588	145,383	5,333,971	2,312	228,701	1,985	232,998	17,309	--	28,620,302
Pounds Inspected	2,182,077	66,704	2,248,781	2,536	504,281	5,646	512,463	10,961	276	2,772,481
Sep	2,431,610	71,141	2,502,751	2,036	597,761	4,468	604,265	12,043	4,446	3,123,505
Oct	2,516,755	71,610	2,588,365	2,318	605,017	4,822	612,157	10,698	1,453	3,212,673
Jan-Oct	21,416,401	737,607	22,154,008	23,260	4,715,261	45,658	4,784,179	113,857	7,785	27,059,829
Jan-Oct	22,871,682	688,672	23,560,354	23,003	4,870,033	49,283	4,942,319	112,908	4,721	28,620,302
Average Live Weight	4.39	4.85	4.41	9.70	20.73	24.38	20.64	6.40	--	--
Sep	4.45	4.82	4.46	9.43	21.27	23.97	21.20	6.63	--	--
Oct	4.51	4.93	4.52	11.10	21.67	24.90	21.61	6.61	--	--
Jan-Oct	4.36	4.73	4.37	9.65	21.27	24.31	21.17	6.56	--	--
Jan-Oct	4.40	4.73	4.41	9.94	21.29	24.81	21.21	6.52	--	--

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

October 1990: 4,417, October 1991: 4,761.

2/ Of the young turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young banded breeders was:
October 1990: 128, October 1991: 183.

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

	Turkey									
	Chickens					Turkey				
	Young	Mature	Total	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total	Ducks	Other Poultry	Total Poultry
Sep	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
Oct	1,628,886	39,808	1,668,694	1,319	205,114	2,644	209,077	2,767	1,591	1,882,129
Chilled	139,761	3,702	143,463	280	268,223	805	269,308	5,665	1,558	419,994
Frozen	1,768,647	43,510	1,812,157	1,599	473,337	3,449	478,385	8,432	3,149	2,302,123
Oct	1,686,383	41,486	1,727,869	454	202,262	2,367	205,083	2,424	029	1,935,405
Chilled	139,059	3,196	142,255	1,371	275,753	1,362	278,486	5,348	854	426,943
Frozen	1,825,442	44,682	1,870,124	1,825	478,015	3,729	483,569	7,772	883	2,362,348
Jan-Oct	14,349,147	412,671	14,761,818	11,450	1,748,846	24,246	1,784,542	24,741	2,275	16,573,376
Chilled	1,201,491	38,248	1,239,739	6,685	1,984,033	10,860	2,001,578	55,634	2,854	3,299,805
Frozen	15,550,638	450,919	16,001,557	18,135	3,732,879	35,106	3,786,120	80,375	5,129	19,873,181
Jan-Oct	15,413,237	397,289	15,810,526	6,175	1,724,418	28,319	1,758,912	23,025	213	17,592,676
Chilled	1,199,554	28,472	1,228,026	11,710	2,127,518	9,462	2,148,690	57,897	2,475	3,437,088
Frozen	16,612,791	425,761	17,038,552	17,885	3,851,936	37,781	3,907,602	80,922	2,688	21,029,764
Jan-Oct	16,612,791	425,761	17,038,552	17,885	3,851,936	37,781	3,907,602	80,922	2,688	21,029,764

Poultry: Condemnations of Poultry Slaughtered under Federal Inspection, October 1991 with Comparisons

	Chickens			Turkey			Ducks	Other Poultry	Total Poultry
	Roasters			Fryers					
	Young	Mature	Total	Young	Old	Total			
	1,000 Pounds (Live Weight)								
Ante-Mortem									
Sep 1991	7,626	1,132	8,758	8	1,903	38	1,949	16	10,723
Oct 1990	6,671	759	7,430	3	1,776	38	1,817	21	9,276
Oct 1991	7,280	858	8,138	7	1,733	30	1,770	7	9,924
Jan-Oct 1990	69,725	9,449	79,174	53	15,720	467	16,240	173	95,608
Jan-Oct 1991	80,827	10,012	90,839	81	16,947	437	17,465	148	108,481
Percent 1/									
Oct 1990	.27	1.06	.29	.16	.29	.86	.30	.17	.29
Oct 1991	.28	1.19	.31	.30	.28	.63	.28	.06	.71
Post-Mortem									
	1,000 Pounds (N.Y. Dressed)								
Sep 1991	30,911	3,052	33,963	23	9,769	247	10,039	158	44,160
Oct 1990	35,684	3,281	38,965	20	10,995	206	11,221	144	50,352
Oct 1991	35,669	3,338	39,007	26	11,433	269	11,728	166	50,913
Jan-Oct 1990	331,760	33,136	364,896	275	86,989	2,307	89,571	1,328	455,855
Jan-Oct 1991	362,036	31,471	393,507	318	88,306	2,730	91,354	1,511	486,410
Percent 2/									
Oct 1990	1.63	5.18	1.73	1.12	2.04	5.20	2.07	1.34	1.79
Oct 1991	1.57	5.24	1.67	1.28	2.10	6.23	2.13	1.74	1.76

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), October 1990 and 1991

State	Number Inspected		Pounds Inspected (Live Weight)		Average Live Weight Inspected		Total Pounds Certified		Post-Mortem Condemnation Pounds (NYD)		Percent Z/	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
US	557,288	557,717	2,431,610	2,516,755	4.45	4.51	1,768,647	1,825,442	35,684	35,669	1.63	1.57
AL	75,511	78,510	326,685	342,368	4.32	4.36	240,139	246,636	4,882	4,489	1.66	1.46
AR	92,651	92,061	393,925	400,573	4.25	4.35	280,462	283,310	4,865	5,209	1.37	1.44
CA	19,821	19,282	97,045	93,477	4.89	4.84	71,149	67,223	3,290	2,728	3.78	3.25
DE	20,253	21,960	104,388	112,865	5.15	5.13	76,217	82,508	1,486	1,330	1.58	1.31
FL	10,981	12,069	45,281	53,513	4.12	4.43	32,864	39,053	675	726	1.66	1.51
GA	72,588	73,650	325,134	331,008	4.47	4.49	240,900	247,029	3,287	3,728	1.12	1.25
LA	10,758	10,165	44,223	43,176	4.11	4.24	32,907	31,610	552	814	1.39	2.10
MD	17,549	17,080	75,650	76,637	4.31	4.48	53,313	54,343	994	694	1.46	1.01
MS	39,319	41,737	164,785	180,641	4.19	4.32	120,791	134,231	2,582	2,470	1.74	1.52
MO	16,995	17,463	70,615	73,600	4.15	4.21	51,223	53,180	1,213	984	1.91	1.49
NC	51,457	49,015	257,828	248,064	5.01	5.06	187,129	180,185	3,928	3,493	1.69	1.57
PA	8,386	8,950	40,020	43,530	4.77	4.86	28,756	30,805	719	853	2.00	2.18
SC	10,182	11,822	42,394	48,370	4.16	4.09	30,017	35,108	565	554	1.48	1.28
TN	11,535	12,251	51,922	56,781	4.50	4.63	37,304	41,191	612	662	1.31	1.30
TX	34,432	32,112	151,922	142,099	4.41	4.42	113,283	105,637	2,619	3,065	1.92	2.40
VA	26,704	28,902	123,555	133,899	4.62	4.63	89,072	95,941	1,259	1,078	1.13	.89
WA	2,897	2,872	13,699	13,925	4.72	4.84	10,178	10,362	239	306	1.94	2.48

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), October 1991

State	Tuber- culositis		Leu- kosis		Septi- cemia		Airsac- culitis		Syno- vitis		Tumors		Bruises		Cadaver inaction		Contam- ination		Over- scald		Other		Total											
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991												
US	84,665	1,759,902	1,167,765	43,405	233,687	88,510	224,358	315,954	43,262	911,232	4,872,740	5,607	115,219	599,922	3,491	113,220	352,724	4,179	47,172	2,167	17,266	118,795	400,804	152,325	107,496	387,723	154,978	401,570	116,378	99,374	125,875	432,209	163,700	36,859
AL	4,636	204,744	141,663	5,865	38,072	14,311	30,197	39,608	5,607	115,219	599,922	3,491	113,220	352,724	4,179	47,172	2,167	17,266	118,795	400,804	152,325	107,496	387,723	154,978	401,570	116,378	99,374	125,875	432,209	163,700	36,859			
AR	6,767	282,511	203,118	10,955	20,197	14,474	31,897	45,158	3,491	113,220	352,724	4,179	47,172	2,167	17,266	118,795	400,804	152,325	107,496	387,723	154,978	401,570	116,378	99,374	125,875	432,209	163,700	36,859						
CA	5,315	183,821	84,731	2,378	11,276	1,007	10,195	2,650	4,179	47,172	2,167	17,266	118,795	400,804	152,325	107,496	387,723	154,978	401,570	116,378	99,374	125,875	432,209	163,700	36,859									
DE	2,350	83,639	29,083	142	8,691	3,674	6,762	12,850	2,167	17,266	118,795	400,804	152,325	107,496	387,723	154,978	401,570	116,378	99,374	125,875	432,209	163,700	36,859											
FL	421	29,907	26,557	4,584	5,371	3,000	3,255	20,510	1,095	24,095	118,795	400,804	152,325	107,496	387,723	154,978	401,570	116,378	99,374	125,875	432,209	163,700	36,859											
GA	3,000	137,475	87,210	1,796	37,652	9,990	24,495	31,131	3,700	64,355	400,804	152,325	107,496	387,723	154,978	401,570	116,378	99,374	125,875	432,209	163,700	36,859												
LA	229	34,986	52,105	1,731	2,241	1,925	6,239	3,087	900	48,882	152,325	107,496	387,723	154,978	401,570	116,378	99,374	125,875	432,209	163,700	36,859													
MD	1,144	59,610	11,962	879	4,045	2,130	6,460	12,861	375	8,030	107,496	387,723	154,978	401,570	116,378	99,374	125,875	432,209	163,700	36,859														
MS	1,055	89,652	128,242	1,324	12,085	6,408	17,525	28,807	3,151	99,474	387,723	154,978	401,570	116,378	99,374	125,875	432,209	163,700	36,859															
MO	10,372	53,833	30,110	2,049	10,188	2,543	4,545	10,717	1,075	29,546	154,978	401,570	116,378	99,374	125,875	432,209	163,700	36,859																
NC	2,599	124,957	75,862	63	37,751	4,531	22,851	19,744	8,137	105,075	401,570	116,378	99,374	125,875	432,209	163,700	36,859																	
PA	13,374	41,657	19,750	411	5,786	2,439	3,951	7,965	607	20,438	116,378	99,374	125,875	432,209	163,700	36,859																		
SC	218	18,843	36,660	878	7,060	3,069	8,829	9,949	818	13,050	99,374	125,875	432,209	163,700	36,859																			
TN	1,902	52,175	34,489	590	2,804	2,142	4,764	4,84	484	19,001	125,875	432,209	163,700	36,859																				
TX	24,583	143,136	138,740	2,679	5,345	2,514	9,110	10,555	1,547	94,000	432,209	163,700	36,859																					
VA	1,532	76,591	29,700	113	10,990	3,705	11,198	13,392	3,370	13,109	163,700	36,859																						
WA	82	20,423	184	768	1,288	539	726	368	78	12,403	36,859																							

Whole Numbers

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

State	Number Inspected		Pounds Inspected (Live Weight)		Average Live Weight Inspected		Total Pounds Certified		Post-Mortem Condemnations	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
US	14,729	14,501	71,141	71,610	4.82	4.93	43,510	44,682	3,281	3,338
CA	1,056	1,126	4,002	3,969	3.78	3.52	1,995	2,186	218	278
GA	3,358	3,397	20,443	21,340	6.08	6.28	12,832	13,457	874	854

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), October 1991

State	Leukosis		Septicemia		Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors		Bruises		Cadaveration		Contamination		Over-scald		Total
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	
US	---	2,252	255,776	9,853	827	124,572	31,709	33,224	114,511	4,724	38,215	615,663	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CA	---	47	34,471	48	---	27,817	125	---	274	---	6,595	69,377	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	430	68,064	23	95	24,558	14,548	6,694	19,734	873	5,079	140,098	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Whole Numbers

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

State	Number Inspected		Pounds Inspected (Live Weight)		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/ (Ready-to-Cook Wt.): Pounds (NYD)		Total Pounds Certified		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991		
US	28,093	27,914	597,761	605,017	21.27	21.67	473,337	478,015	10,995	11,433	2.04	2.10
AR	2,021	2,231	42,458	45,210	21.00	20.26	34,071	36,486	1,144	1,229	3.00	3.03
CA	3,079	2,892	70,779	64,268	22.98	22.22	55,872	51,255	1,507	1,274	2.37	2.21
IA	1,429	1,457	35,997	37,689	25.18	25.85	27,728	29,551	756	682	2.34	2.01
MN	4,909	4,867	93,871	95,556	19.12	19.63	75,173	76,095	2,095	2,193	2.48	2.55
MO	1,856	2,093	38,034	43,926	20.48	20.98	30,247	34,516	867	1,009	2.54	2.56
NC	5,096	4,724	98,378	95,210	19.30	20.15	78,263	74,481	1,167	1,738	1.32	2.03
PA	787	833	16,253	16,771	20.64	20.12	12,975	13,497	249	269	1.71	1.79
TX 3/	---	982	---	20,171	---	20.52	---	15,998	---	295	---	1.63
VA	2,899	2,875	54,612	55,479	18.83	19.29	42,707	42,929	712	765	1.45	1.53

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/ Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Young Turkeys (Mature): Number Condemned Post-Mortem by cause, United States Total and Selected State(s), October 1991

State	Tuber- : Leu- : Septi- : Airsac- : Syno- : Contam- : Over- : Total		culosis: kosis : cemia : culitis : vitis : Tumors : Bruises: Cadaver: ination: scald : Other : Total									
	1990	1991	1990	1991								
US	---	228	178,901	39,219	14,350	241	1,670	8,592	10,710	2,524	19,290	275,725
AR	---	---	14,218	12,015	531	6	256	923	1,903	---	5,611	35,463
CA	---	---	27,816	2,803	97	29	56	463	629	235	405	32,533
IA	---	---	4,961	2,635	4,937	---	13	88	275	---	305	13,214
MN	---	---	38,718	4,974	4,986	69	395	2,429	2,277	1,204	4,105	59,157
MO	---	---	18,303	5,105	---	---	105	455	1,306	117	263	25,654
NC	---	28	21,436	4,568	---	21	433	1,703	1,970	51	4,349	34,559
PA	---	---	4,792	2,347	142	---	38	156	188	21	326	8,010
TX	---	---	6,431	320	1,280	---	35	---	98	51	71	8,286
VA	---	---	11,630	309	---	---	31	1,324	215	18	1,541	15,068

Whole Numbers

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

State	Numbered		Pounds		Average		Total Pounds		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	Inspected	(Live Weight)	Inspected	(Live Weight)	Live Weight	Inspected 1/:(Ready-to-Cook Wt.)	Certified	Inspected 1/:(Ready-to-Cook Wt.)	Pounds (NYD)	Percent 2/		
1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	
US	215	208	2,036	2,318	9.43	11.10	1,599	1,825	20	26	1.12	1.28

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), October 1991

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

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

State	Numbered		Pounds		Average		Total Pounds		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	Inspected	(Live Weight)	Inspected	(Live Weight)	Live Weight	Inspected 1/:(Ready-to-Cook Wt.)	Certified	Inspected 1/:(Ready-to-Cook Wt.)	Pounds (NYD)	Percent 2/		
1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	
US	186	193	4,468	4,822	23.97	24.90	3,449	3,729	206	269	5.20	6.23

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), October 1991

State	Tuber- culositis	Leu- kosis	Septi- cemia	Airsac- culitis	Syno- vitis	Tumors	Bruises	Cadaver inaction	Contam- ination	Over- scald	Other	Total
US	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5,661

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.

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