

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Inspected down 5 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during November (ready-to-cook) weight, totaled 1.94 billion pounds, 5 percent below the amount certified in 1990. Updated totals for October, 1991 show that 2.36 billion pounds were certified.

November 1991 contained 21 weekdays (one holiday) and five Saturdays, one less weekday than November 1990. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during November 1991 was 2.65 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.06 billion pounds of young chickens, 66.7 million pounds of mature chickens, 523 million pounds of turkeys and 8.16 million pounds of ducks.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations during November 1991 totaled 9.77 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.36 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.32 percent a year earlier.

Post-Mortem condemnations, at 46.5 million pounds (N.Y.Dressed Weight), were 1.95 percent of quantities inspected compared with 1.81 percent a year earlier.

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Poultry: Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, November 1991 With Comparisons

Number Inspected	Chickens				Turkey				Total Poultry
	Young		Fryer-Roasters		Young		Old		
	Mature	Total	Young	Total	Young	Total	Young	Total	
	Thousands								
Oct 1991	557,768	14,502	572,270	208	27,915	193	28,316	1,617	---
Nov 1990	484,210	12,684	496,894	161	25,750	150	26,061	1,771	---
Nov 1991	456,903	12,834	469,737	129	23,980	238	24,347	1,229	---
Jan-Nov 1990	5,395,310	168,563	5,563,873	2,568	247,434	2,028	252,030	19,127	---
Jan-Nov 1991	5,645,543	158,218	5,803,761	2,441	252,683	2,224	257,348	18,538	---
Pounds Inspected									
Oct 1991	2,517,056	71,612	2,588,668	2,318	605,051	4,822	612,191	10,598	1,453
Nov 1990	2,155,963	57,334	2,213,297	1,665	557,304	3,734	562,703	11,797	1,312
Nov 1991	2,057,735	59,455	2,117,190	1,269	514,532	7,065	522,866	8,156	1,039
Jan-Nov 1990	23,572,364	794,942	24,367,306	24,925	5,272,565	49,393	5,346,883	125,654	9,098
Jan-Nov 1991	24,929,718	748,129	25,677,847	24,273	5,384,599	56,348	5,465,220	121,064	5,761
Average Liveweight									
Oct 1991	4.51	4.93	4.52	11.10	21.67	24.90	21.61	6.61	---
Nov 1990	4.45	4.51	4.45	10.34	21.64	24.83	21.59	6.65	---
Nov 1991	4.50	4.63	4.50	9.80	21.45	29.62	21.47	6.63	---
Jan-Nov 1990	4.36	4.71	4.37	9.70	21.30	24.35	21.21	6.56	---
Jan-Nov 1991	4.41	4.72	4.42	9.94	21.30	25.33	21.23	6.53	---

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

November 1990: 3,029, November 1991: 3,459.

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

November 1990: 112, November 1991: 103.

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

Oct	Chickens				Turkey				Total Poultry
	Young		Fryer-Roasters		Young		Old		
	Mature	Total	Young	Total	Young	Total	Young	Total	
	Thousands								
Oct 1991	1,686,608	41,488	1,728,096	454	202,289	2,367	205,110	2,424	029
Chilled	139,059	3,196	142,255	1,371	275,753	1,362	278,486	5,348	854
Frozen	1,825,667	44,684	1,870,351	1,825	478,042	3,729	483,596	7,772	883
Nov 1990	1,434,323	33,227	1,467,550	699	203,169	2,325	206,193	2,896	020
Chilled	132,537	1,279	133,816	598	238,902	475	239,975	5,536	796
Frozen	1,566,860	34,506	1,601,366	1,297	442,071	2,800	446,168	8,432	816
Nov 1991	1,369,159	34,381	1,403,540	357	201,053	2,158	203,568	1,979	101
Chilled	119,707	2,092	121,799	651	205,682	3,288	209,621	3,664	518
Frozen	1,488,866	36,473	1,525,339	1,008	406,735	5,446	413,189	5,843	619
Jan-Nov 1990	15,783,471	445,898	16,229,369	12,149	1,952,016	26,571	1,990,736	27,637	2,295
Chilled	1,334,029	39,528	1,373,557	7,283	2,222,935	11,336	2,241,554	61,171	3,651
Frozen	17,117,500	485,426	17,602,926	19,432	4,174,951	37,907	4,232,290	88,808	5,946
Jan-Nov 1991	16,782,621	431,672	17,214,293	6,533	1,925,497	30,477	1,962,507	25,004	316
Chilled	1,319,262	30,565	1,349,827	12,362	2,333,201	12,751	2,358,314	61,762	2,994
Frozen	18,101,883	462,237	18,564,120	18,895	4,258,698	43,228	4,320,821	86,766	3,310

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

	Chickens				Turkey				Total Poultry	
	Fryer-		Old		Young		Total			
	Young	Mature	Total	Roasters	Young	Old	Total	Ducks		Other Poultry
1,000 Pounds (Liveweight)										
Ante-Mortem										
Oct 1991	7,280	858	8,138	7	1,733	30	1,770	7	9	9,924
Nov 1990	7,081	633	7,714	5	1,369	24	1,398	17	2	9,131
Nov 1991	7,313	845	8,158	4	1,535	62	1,601	8	4	9,771
Jan-Nov 1990	76,807	10,083	86,890	59	17,090	492	17,641	190	25	104,746
Jan-Nov 1991	88,141	10,858	98,999	86	18,482	499	19,067	156	33	118,255
Percent 1/										
Nov 1990	.32	1.10	.34	.32	.24	.65	.24	.14	.28	.32
Nov 1991	.35	1.42	.38	.35	.29	.88	.30	.09	.50	.36
Post-Mortem										
1,000 Pounds (N.Y. Dressed)										
Oct 1991	35,675	3,338	39,013	26	11,433	269	11,728	166	12	50,919
Nov 1990	32,863	2,662	35,525	19	9,493	186	9,698	157	13	45,393
Nov 1991	32,794	3,032	35,826	10	10,267	264	10,541	123	11	46,501
Jan-Nov 1990	364,624	35,799	400,423	294	96,483	2,494	99,271	1,486	77	501,257
Jan-Nov 1991	394,836	34,503	429,339	328	98,574	2,995	101,897	1,634	53	532,923
Percent 2/										
Nov 1990	1.69	5.21	1.78	1.32	1.89	5.58	1.92	1.48	1.34	1.81
Nov 1991	1.77	5.74	1.88	.92	2.22	4.19	2.24	1.68	1.54	1.95

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), November 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	484,210	456,903	2,155,963	2,057,735	4.45	4.50	1,566,860	1,488,866	32,863	32,794	1.69	1.77
AL	57,997	64,107	294,099	278,221	4.32	4.33	216,148	202,537	4,786	3,935	1.81	1.57
AR	79,947	75,526	342,741	327,050	4.28	4.33	243,003	231,976	4,747	4,589	1.54	1.56
CA	17,152	15,314	86,687	79,552	5.05	5.19	63,787	55,787	2,335	4,247	3.00	5.95
DE	17,819	17,138	92,764	88,656	5.20	5.17	67,598	64,738	1,586	1,127	1.91	1.41
FL	9,978	10,622	41,793	46,330	4.18	4.36	30,181	33,861	756	641	2.02	1.54
GA	67,186	60,174	300,187	272,421	4.46	4.52	222,859	200,895	3,106	3,013	1.15	1.23
LA	8,797	7,959	35,608	32,665	4.04	4.10	26,618	24,350	487	623	1.52	2.12
MD	14,737	13,989	64,446	61,504	4.37	4.39	45,265	43,271	954	633	1.65	1.15
MS	35,702	35,227	149,292	153,171	4.18	4.34	109,763	112,938	2,429	2,584	1.81	1.88
MO	15,020	15,653	61,953	66,188	4.12	4.22	44,848	47,335	1,132	981	2.03	1.65
NC	45,117	39,023	223,236	197,734	4.94	5.06	160,250	142,930	3,278	2,851	1.63	1.60
OH	1,999	1,437	9,482	6,808	4.74	4.73	6,683	4,714	236	104	2.78	1.71
PA	7,145	7,683	34,313	37,153	4.80	4.83	24,525	25,760	651	795	2.11	2.38
SC	9,531	9,991	39,702	40,592	4.16	4.06	28,429	29,559	538	453	1.51	1.24
TN	10,292	9,281	45,829	42,157	4.45	4.54	32,819	30,423	548	553	1.33	1.46
TX	31,751	26,566	137,813	117,837	4.34	4.43	102,545	87,987	2,371	2,406	1.92	2.28
VA	21,410	22,492	96,917	102,017	4.52	4.53	70,596	73,350	1,077	918	1.23	1.00
WA	2,353	2,102	11,448	9,788	4.86	4.65	8,500	7,141	212	226	2.06	2.58

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), November 1991

State	Tuberculosis		Leukosis		Septicemia		Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors		Bruises		Cadaverous		Contaminated		Over-scalded		Other		Total						
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991					
US	104,025	1,648,499	1,283,956	33,598	220,491	72,785	183,348	276,300	40,177	901,802	4,764,981	568,901	698,702	566,005	159,273	105,118	360,187	126,614	8,710	97,157	417,731	180,520	338,139	109,934	80,609	106,039	346,935	145,701	28,541
AL	2,925	190,757	162,560	4,095	36,288	11,100	22,663	32,123	4,596	101,794	568,901	698,702	566,005	159,273	105,118	360,187	126,614	8,710	97,157	417,731	180,520	338,139	109,934	80,609	106,039	346,935	145,701	28,541	
AR	8,782	262,772	227,547	8,468	18,181	13,211	24,699	39,941	2,747	92,354	698,702	566,005	159,273	105,118	360,187	126,614	8,710	97,157	417,731	180,520	338,139	109,934	80,609	106,039	346,935	145,701	28,541		
CA	30,908	205,372	115,144	2,855	10,053	900	11,864	1,992	5,447	181,470	566,005	159,273	105,118	360,187	126,614	8,710	97,157	417,731	180,520	338,139	109,934	80,609	106,039	346,935	145,701	28,541			
DE	1,988	79,352	30,012	266	9,550	3,447	4,383	10,009	1,270	18,996	159,273	105,118	360,187	126,614	8,710	97,157	417,731	180,520	338,139	109,934	80,609	106,039	346,935	145,701	28,541				
FL	762	27,986	21,854	1,507	5,871	2,436	3,349	16,043	631	24,679	105,118	360,187	126,614	8,710	97,157	417,731	180,520	338,139	109,934	80,609	106,039	346,935	145,701	28,541					
GA	3,812	121,413	83,725	1,532	35,982	7,253	20,012	32,203	4,873	49,382	360,187	126,614	8,710	97,157	417,731	180,520	338,139	109,934	80,609	106,039	346,935	145,701	28,541						
LA	454	26,407	52,829	1,255	2,101	1,372	3,764	1,812	---	36,620	126,614	8,710	97,157	417,731	180,520	338,139	109,934	80,609	106,039	346,935	145,701	28,541							
MD	738	52,729	12,667	203	4,087	1,775	4,682	11,475	91	8,710	97,157	417,731	180,520	338,139	109,934	80,609	106,039	346,935	145,701	28,541									
MS	2,392	90,612	174,870	1,309	11,602	5,617	16,782	24,265	1,375	88,907	417,731	180,520	338,139	109,934	80,609	106,039	346,935	145,701	28,541										
MO	12,264	52,124	55,439	2,348	10,079	2,295	3,855	10,023	1,303	30,780	180,520	338,139	109,934	80,609	106,039	346,935	145,701	28,541											
NC	4,838	105,471	71,974	30	33,961	3,543	18,030	15,781	6,229	78,282	338,139	109,934	80,609	106,039	346,935	145,701	28,541												
PA	13,416	37,419	22,329	530	5,456	1,780	2,705	6,870	923	18,506	109,934	80,609	106,039	346,935	145,701	28,541													
SC	319	18,373	29,676	304	5,993	2,209	5,701	7,617	699	9,718	80,609	106,039	346,935	145,701	28,541														
TN	3,946	46,722	18,873	405	2,781	1,808	7,124	3,748	638	19,994	106,039	346,935	145,701	28,541															
TX	10,716	121,894	120,792	1,528	5,531	2,099	7,520	7,830	1,955	67,070	346,935	145,701	28,541																
VA	1,199	68,009	28,855	131	9,322	2,593	6,806	12,863	3,208	12,715	145,701	28,541																	
WA	343	14,801	418	410	780	197	877	216	134	10,365	28,541																		

Mature Chickens: Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, United States Total and Selected State(s), November 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	12,684	12,834	57,334	59,455	4.51	4.63	34,506	36,473	2,662	3,032	5.21	5.74
CA	1,017	1,078	3,770	4,645	3.70	4.30	1,974	2,712	218	297	6.52	7.21
GA	2,963	3,303	15,790	17,535	5.32	5.30	9,704	10,790	626	841	4.47	5.42

^{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), November 1991

State	Whole Numbers											
	Tuber- culosis	Leu- kosis	Septi- cemia	Airsac- culitis	Syno- vitis	Tumors	Bruises	Cadaver- ination	Contam- Over-	Other	Total	
US	---	3,055	282,110	8,149	652	120,158	33,284	40,742	102,514	3,039	45,825	639,528
CA	---	61	37,480	227	9	13,954	77	1,468	489	10	6,141	59,916
GA	---	608	101,265	---	32	29,157	19,195	15,591	16,921	870	9,313	192,952

Young Turkeys (Mature): Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, United States Total and Selected State(s), November 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	23,980	25,750	557,304	514,532	21.64	21.45	442,071	406,735	9,493	10,267	1.89	2.22
AR	1,697	1,822	38,446	35,662	21.09	21.01	31,008	27,932	904	762	2.62	2.38
CA	2,838	3,138	70,370	62,438	22.42	21.99	55,679	49,544	1,234	1,394	1.95	2.49
IA	1,332	1,124	34,333	29,385	25.76	26.13	26,812	22,952	700	554	2.27	2.10
MN	3,994	4,182	80,357	77,969	19.21	19.52	64,393	61,624	1,627	2,612	2.25	3.73
MO	1,634	1,680	35,033	34,612	20.85	21.17	27,870	27,371	667	680	2.12	2.18
NC	4,055	4,539	91,802	79,787	20.22	19.67	73,187	63,247	1,090	1,336	1.32	1.86
PA	867	1,092	17,471	20,909	20.13	19.14	14,074	16,830	219	244	1.40	1.30
VA	2,366	2,883	53,841	45,221	18.67	19.10	42,235	35,423	698	681	1.44	1.68

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), November 1991

State	Tuber- culosis		Leu- kosis		Septi- cemia		Airsac- culitis		Syno- vitis		Tumors		Bruises		Cadaver: scald		Over- ination		Other		Total
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	
US	---	848	166,340	37,422	14,049	164	1,806	7,455	10,563	1,821	20,944	261,412	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
AR	---	---	9,656	4,852	313	3	226	845	1,542	---	---	2,838	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	20,275
CA	---	---	30,053	2,831	4,490	10	44	294	586	273	835	39,416	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	39,416
IA	---	---	4,147	3,004	4,046	---	16	---	123	---	190	11,526	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	11,526
MN	---	---	40,675	13,581	2,973	32	488	2,025	2,117	821	10,498	73,210	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	73,210
MO	---	---	10,604	2,730	---	---	103	532	1,160	58	180	15,367	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	15,367
NC	---	337	16,156	3,520	---	34	394	1,098	2,013	174	1,459	25,185	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	25,185
PA	---	---	4,140	779	145	11	33	343	541	71	244	6,307	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6,307
VA	---	389	9,604	486	---	---	23	1,420	190	---	---	13,514	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	13,514

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

State	Number Inspected		Average Live Weight		Total Pounds Certified		Post-Mortem Condemnations	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
US	161	129	9.80	9.70	1,297	1,008	19	10
	Thousands		Pounds		Thousands		Percent	
	1.665	1.269	9.80	9.70	1,297	1,008	19	1.32

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), November 1991

State	Leu-	Septi-	Airsac-	Syno-	Tumors	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-	Over-	Total
US	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	0

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

State	Number Inspected		Average Live Weight		Total Pounds Certified		Post-Mortem Condemnations	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
US	150	238	24.83	29.62	2,800	5,446	186	264
	Thousands		Pounds		Thousands		Percent	
	3,734	7,065	24.83	29.62	2,800	5,446	186	5.58

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), November 1991

State	Leu-	Septi-	Airsac-	Syno-	Tumors	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-	Over-	Total
US	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5,337

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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