

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 14 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during March (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.17 billion pounds, 14 percent above the amount certified in 1991. Updated totals for February 1992 show that 1.96 billion pounds were certified.

Beginning with this release, monthly summaries for number of head slaughtered, live weight, and total pounds certified ready-to-cook will include the latest available data from FSIS plus allowance for missing reports. Revised monthly totals for 1991 will also reflect allowances for missing reports to insure comparability of current year's estimates with the previous year.

March 1992 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays. March 1991 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the months total.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during March 1992 was 2.96 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.42 billion pounds of young chickens, 70.2 million pounds of mature chickens, 456 million pounds of turkeys, and 9.84 million pounds of ducks.

FSIS ante-mortem condemnations during March 1992 totaled 10.4 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.35 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.34 percent a year earlier.

FSIS post-mortem condemnations, at 50.9 million pounds (N.Y.Dressed Weight), were 1.92 percent of quantities inspected compared with 2.08 percent a year earlier.

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, March 1992 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature <u>2/</u>	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Feb 1992	484,684	14,550	499,234	1,279	-----
Mar 1991	476,689	13,937	490,627	1,626	-----
Mar 1992	537,015	15,149	552,164	1,463	-----
Jan-Mar 1991	1,457,547	42,607	1,500,154	5,138	-----
Jan-Mar 1992	1,561,819	47,294	1,609,112	4,188	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Feb 1992	2,182,964	67,851	2,250,814	8,439	350
Mar 1991	2,110,962	65,444	2,176,406	10,972	296
Mar 1992	2,422,608	70,243	2,492,851	9,840	326
Jan-Mar 1991	6,456,137	200,392	6,656,529	34,470	872
Jan-Mar 1992	7,059,673	217,961	7,277,634	27,780	1,029
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Feb 1992	4.50	4.66	4.51	6.60	-----
Mar 1991	4.43	4.70	4.44	6.75	-----
Mar 1992	4.51	4.64	4.51	6.73	-----
Jan-Mar 1991	4.43	4.70	4.44	6.71	-----
Jan-Mar 1992	4.52	4.61	4.52	6.63	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, March 1992 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Feb 1992	119	19,205	139	19,463	-----
Mar 1991	172	19,568	203	19,944	-----
Mar 1992	120	20,584	161	20,865	-----
Jan-Mar 1991	584	58,556	580	59,719	-----
Jan-Mar 1992	347	60,225	549	61,121	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Feb 1992	1,184	414,842	3,609	419,635	2,679,237
Mar 1991	1,610	410,806	5,264	417,680	2,605,355
Mar 1992	1,145	450,411	4,314	455,870	2,958,886
Jan-Mar 1991	5,666	1,268,978	14,630	1,289,274	7,981,145
Jan-Mar 1992	3,396	1,320,616	14,345	1,338,357	8,644,800
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Feb 1992	9.96	21.60	25.96	21.56	-----
Mar 1991	9.36	20.99	25.87	20.94	-----
Mar 1992	9.56	21.88	26.73	21.85	-----
Jan-Mar 1991	9.71	21.67	25.24	21.59	-----
Jan-Mar 1992	9.80	21.93	26.11	21.90	-----

1/ Federally inspected only. Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Of the mature chickens inspected, the number reported in thousands as heavy fowl (broiler breeding stock) was: March 1991: 3,814, March 1992: 3,806.

3/ Of the young turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: March 1991: 156, March 1992: 157.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, March 1992 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Feb 1992					
Chilled	1,466,199	39,882	1,506,081	2,157	48
Frozen	112,903	2,033	114,936	3,907	172
Total	1,579,101	41,915	1,621,016	6,064	220
Mar 1991					
Chilled	1,419,627	38,495	1,458,122	2,379	16
Frozen	111,233	1,914	113,147	5,469	145
Total	1,530,860	40,408	1,571,269	7,848	161
Mar 1992					
Chilled	1,627,334	40,627	1,667,961	2,188	37
Frozen	130,245	2,664	132,908	4,798	164
Total	1,757,579	43,291	1,800,870	6,986	201
Jan-Mar 1991					
Chilled	4,324,524	116,617	4,441,141	7,464	40
Frozen	356,258	6,510	362,769	16,867	434
Total	4,680,783	123,127	4,803,909	24,331	473
Jan-Mar 1992					
Chilled	4,743,132	126,309	4,869,441	6,843	111
Frozen	369,021	7,318	376,339	13,021	511
Total	5,112,153	133,628	5,245,780	19,864	623

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 United States, March 1992 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Feb 1992					
Chilled	210	165,726	1,784	167,720	1,676,005
Frozen	679	162,401	901	163,982	282,996
Total	889	328,127	2,686	331,701	1,959,001
Mar 1991					
Chilled	830	163,174	3,274	167,278	1,627,794
Frozen	414	161,320	729	162,464	281,226
Total	1,244	324,494	4,003	329,741	1,909,020
Mar 1992					
Chilled	172	178,802	2,220	181,195	1,851,381
Frozen	721	177,041	1,019	178,781	316,651
Total	893	355,843	3,239	359,975	2,168,032
Jan-Mar 1991					
Chilled	2,878	506,273	8,687	517,838	4,966,482
Frozen	1,521	495,504	2,424	499,449	879,518
Total	4,399	1,001,777	11,111	1,017,287	5,846,000
Jan-Mar 1992					
Chilled	532	514,772	8,374	523,678	5,400,073
Frozen	2,088	526,342	2,431	530,861	920,733
Total	2,620	1,041,114	10,805	1,054,539	6,320,805

1/ Ready-to-cook weights. Totals may not add due to rounding.

FSIS Poultry: Condemnations of Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, March 1992 With Comparisons

	Chickens			Turkey			Ducks	Other Poultry	Total Poultry	
	Fryer-Roasters			Old						
	Young	Mature	Total	Young	Old	Total				
1,000 Pounds (Live Weight)										
Ante-Mortem										
Feb 1992	6,858	856	7,714	3	1,132	39	1,174	6	1	8,895
Mar 1991	6,788	840	7,628	3	1,267	41	1,311	10	1	8,950
Mar 1992	8,256	958	9,214	9	1,130	46	1,185	7	1	10,407
Jan-Mar 1991	22,834	2,721	25,555	19	4,169	141	4,329	40	4	29,928
Jan-Mar 1992	23,839	3,069	26,908	20	3,685	134	3,839	22	3	30,772
Percent <u>1/</u>										
Mar 1991	.32	1.28	.35	.20	.30	.79	.31	.09	.52	.34
Mar 1992	.34	1.36	.37	.82	.24	1.07	.25	.07	.45	.35
Post-Mortem										
1,000 Pounds (N.Y. Dressed)										
Feb 1992	36,765	3,445	40,210	7	7,540	242	7,789	154	1	48,154
Mar 1991	36,776	3,104	39,880	20	7,939	311	8,270	127	1	48,278
Mar 1992	39,426	3,245	42,671	11	7,832	282	8,125	141	2	50,939
Jan-Mar 1991	116,322	9,398	125,720	79	24,067	871	25,017	476	7	151,220
Jan-Mar 1992	120,880	10,847	131,727	30	24,518	940	25,488	445	8	157,668
Percent <u>2/</u>										
Mar 1991	1.95	5.32	2.06	1.50	2.15	6.63	2.20	1.29	.95	2.08
Mar 1992	1.81	5.19	1.91	1.15	1.92	7.36	1.97	1.60	1.32	1.92

1/ Pounds condemned as percent of pounds (live weight) inspected. Percentage based on unrounded data, with no allowances for missing reports.

2/ Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. Dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

FSIS Young Chickens: Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Selected State(s), March 1991 and 1992

State	Number Inspected		Pounds (Live Weight)		Average Live Weight Inspected		Total Pounds Certified		Post-Mortem Condemnations	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
AL	68,019	73,658	292,880	321,113	4.30	4.35	214,087	234,184	3,968	4,813
AR	79,088	87,948	339,929	384,633	4.29	4.37	239,660	269,511	4,974	5,233
CA	15,804	18,051	75,237	92,857	4.76	5.14	55,446	67,025	4,843	2,893
DE	16,529	20,871	84,413	106,962	5.10	5.12	62,127	78,296	1,750	2,036
FL	8,979	10,529	37,840	44,351	4.21	4.21	26,425	31,676	583	686
GA	62,769	71,880	282,399	321,399	4.49	4.47	206,873	238,219	2,910	4,177
LA	9,409	9,484	37,933	39,738	4.03	4.18	28,068	29,196	558	853
MO	14,673	16,910	64,297	75,823	4.38	4.48	44,718	53,692	957	991
MS	34,586	39,472	145,327	173,223	4.20	4.38	108,152	129,465	2,686	3,247
MO	14,302	16,363	59,378	70,282	4.15	4.29	43,076	50,574	1,354	1,129
NC	42,298	47,751	204,602	241,188	4.83	5.05	149,009	176,446	3,484	3,469
PA	7,612	8,277	36,162	40,874	4.75	4.93	25,623	29,037	738	784
SC	10,348	11,440	42,563	47,093	4.11	4.11	30,303	33,580	652	922
TN	10,176	11,388	45,405	50,551	4.46	4.43	33,297	36,870	551	588
TX	28,963	32,839	127,055	145,593	4.38	4.43	93,251	107,287	3,522	3,687
VA	22,760	27,513	102,975	124,502	4.52	4.52	75,223	90,031	1,160	1,367
WA	2,502	2,831	12,495	13,408	4.99	4.73	9,219	9,915	233	323

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data, with no allowance for missing reports.

2/ Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. Dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

FSIS Young Chickens: Number Condemned Post-mortem by Cause, United States Total and Selected State(s), March 1992

State	Tuber- Culosis		Leu- Kosis		Septi- Cemia		Airsac- Culitis		Syno- Vitis		Tumors Bruises		Cadaver Ination		Contam- Scald		Over- Other		Total	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992		
US	315,479	1,925,436	1,695,116	35,426	309,150	85,277	201,596	284,048	38,164	912,736	5,802,428	8,063	158,842	696,058	3,379	92,802	769,096	778	77,999	273,488
AL	14,249	204,671	182,636	4,975	44,621	13,459	23,851	40,691	8,063	158,842	696,058	3,379	92,802	769,096	778	77,999	273,488	778	77,999	273,488
AR	28,369	306,173	206,967	9,425	27,311	16,346	28,204	50,120	3,379	92,802	769,096	778	77,999	273,488	778	77,999	273,488	778	77,999	273,488
CA	5,229	123,253	42,855	1,599	12,333	539	6,595	2,308	3,206	22,972	333,541	3,206	22,972	333,541	3,206	22,972	333,541	3,206	22,972	333,541
DE	39,666	116,793	109,933	183	16,025	4,818	7,016	12,929	3,206	22,972	333,541	3,206	22,972	333,541	3,206	22,972	333,541	3,206	22,972	333,541
FL	28,053	25,101	22,779	1,367	11,424	1,505	2,948	5,910	820	25,413	125,320	820	25,413	125,320	820	25,413	125,320	820	25,413	125,320
GA	3,526	173,733	224,531	1,865	46,495	10,555	29,598	24,601	2,609	105,164	622,677	2,609	105,164	622,677	2,609	105,164	622,677	2,609	105,164	622,677
LA	1,347	27,492	61,827	1,201	2,726	1,780	4,115	3,112	446	40,000	144,046	446	40,000	144,046	446	40,000	144,046	446	40,000	144,046
MD	12,293	80,272	31,763	204	9,384	2,938	5,772	11,373	188	163,515	581,361	188	163,515	581,361	188	163,515	581,361	188	163,515	581,361
MS	9,186	130,551	246,489	1,297	16,314	6,688	16,665	22,119	4,218	127,834	581,361	4,218	127,834	581,361	4,218	127,834	581,361	4,218	127,834	581,361
MO	12,123	60,924	50,811	2,772	6,891	1,908	4,307	7,958	1,191	47,612	196,497	1,191	47,612	196,497	1,191	47,612	196,497	1,191	47,612	196,497
NC	28,724	135,375	102,113	88	53,456	4,133	16,572	20,023	3,969	78,377	442,830	3,969	78,377	442,830	3,969	78,377	442,830	3,969	78,377	442,830
PA	17,490	34,722	18,991	432	6,879	1,492	1,934	9,464	192	15,863	107,459	192	15,863	107,459	192	15,863	107,459	192	15,863	107,459
SC	67,789	22,141	21,354	376	6,908	2,195	9,006	7,623	566	9,362	147,320	566	9,362	147,320	566	9,362	147,320	566	9,362	147,320
TN	1,536	48,431	8,851	407	4,226	1,641	4,018	3,444	344	16,025	93,580	344	16,025	93,580	344	16,025	93,580	344	16,025	93,580
TX	11,763	194,313	247,854	2,087	12,029	2,273	8,555	10,345	2,273	8,555	507,276	2,273	8,555	507,276	2,273	8,555	507,276	2,273	8,555	507,276
VA	25,535	86,391	61,767	134	17,371	3,167	7,837	12,846	3,373	18,383	236,804	3,373	18,383	236,804	3,373	18,383	236,804	3,373	18,383	236,804
WA	153	20,103	654	---	1,302	315	942	257	176	16,805	40,707	176	16,805	40,707	176	16,805	40,707	176	16,805	40,707

FSIS Mature Chickens: Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Selected State(s), March 1991 and 1992

State	Number Inspected		Pounds Inspected (Live Weight)		Average Live Weight		Total Pounds Certified		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992		
CA	1,314	1,394	5,486	5,516	4.17	3.95	3,132	3,041	345	321	7.14	6.55
GA	3,055	2,971	17,034	17,292	5.57	5.81	10,585	10,976	641	588	4.25	3.82

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data, with no allowance for missing reports.

2/ Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. Dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

FSIS Mature Chickens: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, United States Total and Selected State(s), March 1992

State	Whole Numbers										
	Leu- kosis	Septi- cemia	Airsac- culitis	Syno- vitis	Tumors	Bruises	Cadaver: ination	Contam- scald	Over- : Total	Other : Total	
US	2,975	326,546	10,421	2,422	125,885	36,469	36,866	110,581	2,883	27,412	682,460
CA	226	52,591	42	---	18,662	---	494	266	169	2,659	75,109
GA	316	63,970	---	---	19,509	9,882	10,166	11,783	594	1,695	117,915

FSIS Young Turkeys (Mature): Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Selected State(s), March 1991 and 1992

State	Number Inspected		Pounds Inspected (Live Weight)		Average Live Weight		Total Pounds Certified		Post-Mortem Condemnations		
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	
			Thousands		Pounds		Thousands		Pounds	Percent	
AR	2,009	1,911	38,237	38,874	19.02	20.33	30,769	32,113	952	740	2.77
CA	1,780	1,856	39,389	41,743	22.11	22.49	31,327	32,606	853	671	2.41
IA	896	963	24,275	26,892	27.08	27.91	18,765	20,885	710	639	3.27
MN	2,692	2,789	50,244	52,599	18.66	18.85	39,978	41,590	1,162	1,138	2.58
MO	1,644	1,787	33,307	36,564	20.25	20.45	26,713	29,161	1,748	637	2.51
NC	3,855	3,884	75,112	82,427	19.48	21.21	59,609	65,023	939	1,100	1.39
PA	600	595	10,327	12,244	17.19	20.56	8,160	9,633	128	209	1.38
VA	2,349	2,701	44,178	50,142	18.80	18.56	33,761	39,840	661	731	1.66

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data, with no allowances for missing reports.

2/ Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. Dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

FSIS Young Turkeys (Mature): Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, United States Total and Selected State(s), March 1992

State	Leucosis		Septicemia		Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors		Bruises		Cadaver		Contaminated		Over-scald		Other		Total
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	
US	485	98,327	22,819	7,170	278	1,618	4,876	8,579	1,522	6,764	152,438										
AR	---	10,264	1,949	339	8	184	470	1,502	---	1,450	16,166										
CA	---	12,308	93	25	52	40	147	149	334	314	13,462										
IA	---	5,202	3,526	3,085	18	38	---	262	---	173	12,304										
MN	14	16,455	3,475	1,270	85	464	1,036	1,371	318	1,414	25,902										
MO	---	10,938	2,739	---	9	126	715	1,414	292	---	16,233										
NC	227	9,419	2,457	---	25	316	664	1,832	---	651	15,591										
PA	---	3,520	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3,520										
VA	9	7,834	393	---	---	20	715	239	---	1,041	10,251										

FSIS Old Turkeys (Breeders): Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, United States Total, March 1992

State	Tuberculosis		Septicemia		Airsacculitis		Synovitis		Tumors		Bruises		Cadaver		Contaminated		Over-scald		Other		Total
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	
US	---	5,348	1,911	369	59	37	82	241	---	562	8,609										

Poultry Slaughter: Number and Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1991 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Head					
Number					
Jan	517,268	14,936	532,204	1,870	-----
Feb	463,590	13,733	477,323	1,642	-----
Mar	476,689	13,937	490,627	1,626	-----
Apr	526,076	15,822	541,897	1,693	-----
May	545,419	16,401	561,820	1,804	-----
Jun	494,829	13,448	508,277	1,607	-----
Jul	548,787	14,268	563,055	1,810	-----
Aug	552,217	14,555	566,773	1,824	-----
Sep	497,366	14,070	511,436	1,711	-----
Oct	560,063	14,453	574,516	1,617	-----
Nov	464,121	12,880	477,000	1,303	-----
Dec	493,852	14,874	508,727	1,483	-----
Total <u>2/</u>	6,140,277	173,377	6,313,654	19,991	-----
1,000 Pounds					
Live Weight					
Jan	2,296,063	69,925	2,365,988	12,502	326
Feb	2,049,111	65,023	2,114,135	10,996	250
Mar	2,110,962	65,444	2,176,406	10,972	296
Apr	2,340,294	70,332	2,410,626	11,081	296
May	2,398,782	76,149	2,474,931	11,886	343
Jun	2,170,431	66,004	2,236,435	10,040	468
Jul	2,365,011	68,642	2,433,652	11,405	546
Aug	2,401,467	68,575	2,470,041	11,703	468
Sep	2,189,398	67,933	2,257,331	10,961	284
Oct	2,527,647	71,230	2,598,877	10,698	1,454
Nov	2,091,514	59,807	2,151,321	8,633	1,042
Dec	2,230,099	69,548	2,299,647	9,706	442
Total <u>2/</u>	27,170,780	818,612	27,989,392	130,584	6,215

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Poultry Slaughter: Number and Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1991 1/ (continued)

Month	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Head					
Number					
Jan	169	20,338	221	20,729	-----
Feb	243	18,649	155	19,047	-----
Mar	172	19,568	203	19,944	-----
Apr	218	21,730	183	22,131	-----
May	247	23,326	157	23,730	-----
Jun	268	22,368	132	22,767	-----
Jul	277	24,047	244	24,568	-----
Aug	240	25,274	253	25,768	-----
Sep	261	24,262	232	24,755	-----
Oct	213	27,819	194	28,225	-----
Nov	129	24,447	239	24,815	-----
Dec	133	20,050	174	20,357	-----
Total <u>2/</u>	2,570	271,880	2,385	276,835	-----
1,000 Pounds					
Live Weight					
Jan	1,697	455,127	5,549	462,373	2,841,188
Feb	2,359	403,045	3,817	409,221	2,534,602
Mar	1,610	410,806	5,264	417,680	2,605,355
Apr	2,221	467,851	4,453	474,524	2,896,528
May	2,409	496,034	3,914	502,357	2,989,517
Jun	2,712	474,362	3,505	480,579	2,727,522
Jul	2,601	500,787	6,002	509,389	2,954,993
Aug	2,424	525,240	6,038	533,703	3,015,915
Sep	2,537	502,878	5,646	511,061	2,779,638
Oct	2,350	603,139	4,821	610,311	3,221,340
Nov	1,269	522,146	7,067	530,482	2,691,478
Dec	1,289	437,435	4,518	443,242	2,753,038
Total <u>2/</u>	25,479	5,798,849	60,594	5,884,922	34,011,113

1/ Federally inspected only.

2/ Months may not add to total due to rounding of monthly data.

Poultry Slaughter: Average Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1991 ^{1/}

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
Pounds ^{2/}					
Average Live Weight					
Jan	4.44	4.68	4.45	6.68	-----
Feb	4.42	4.73	4.43	6.70	-----
Mar	4.43	4.70	4.44	6.75	-----
Apr	4.45	4.45	4.45	6.55	-----
May	4.40	4.64	4.41	6.59	-----
Jun	4.39	4.91	4.40	6.25	-----
Jul	4.31	4.81	4.32	6.30	-----
Aug	4.35	4.71	4.36	6.42	-----
Sep	4.40	4.83	4.41	6.41	-----
Oct	4.51	4.93	4.52	6.62	-----
Nov	4.51	4.64	4.51	6.62	-----
Dec	4.52	4.68	4.52	6.54	-----
Total	4.43	4.72	4.43	6.53	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Average Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1991 1/ (continued)

Month	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
Pounds <u>2/</u>					
Average Live Weight					
Jan	10.05	22.38	25.05	22.31	-----
Feb	9.71	21.61	24.69	21.49	-----
Mar	9.36	20.99	25.87	20.94	-----
Apr	10.18	21.53	24.33	21.44	-----
May	9.77	21.26	24.99	21.17	-----
Jun	10.11	21.21	26.66	21.11	-----
Jul	9.40	20.83	24.58	20.73	-----
Aug	10.08	20.78	23.85	20.71	-----
Sep	9.70	20.73	24.38	20.64	-----
Oct	11.05	21.68	24.90	21.62	-----
Nov	9.81	21.36	29.63	21.38	-----
Dec	9.71	21.82	26.04	21.77	-----
Total	9.91	21.33	25.40	21.26	-----

1/ Federally inspected only.

2/ Averages calculated from unrounded data.

Poultry: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1991 ^{1/}

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
I,000 Pounds					
Chilled					
Jan	1,529,787	40,180	1,569,968	2,680	14
Feb	1,375,110	37,942	1,413,052	2,405	10
Mar	1,419,627	38,495	1,458,122	2,379	16
Apr	1,582,998	39,542	1,622,540	2,166	22
May	1,628,252	44,406	1,672,657	2,274	20
Jun	1,474,684	37,904	1,512,588	2,048	37
Jul	1,600,517	39,171	1,639,688	2,083	39
Aug	1,625,185	39,290	1,664,475	2,319	20
Sep	1,469,898	39,519	1,509,418	2,223	9
Oct	1,693,403	41,252	1,734,655	2,424	31
Nov	1,392,285	34,601	1,426,885	2,334	103
Dec	1,489,425	41,112	1,530,537	2,948	31
Total ^{2/}	18,281,171	473,413	18,754,584	28,283	352
Frozen					
Jan	134,597	2,335	136,932	5,994	165
Feb	110,428	2,261	112,689	5,404	123
Mar	111,233	1,914	113,147	5,469	145
Apr	118,694	3,476	122,170	5,862	141
May	115,686	2,748	118,433	6,134	171
Jun	104,380	3,234	107,614	5,299	227
Jul	120,815	3,327	124,142	6,145	264
Aug	121,629	3,532	125,161	6,132	238
Sep	120,858	2,441	123,299	5,656	149
Oct	140,515	3,197	143,712	5,348	855
Nov	121,156	2,093	123,249	3,865	518
Dec	126,494	1,744	128,238	4,006	224
Total ^{2/}	1,446,486	32,301	1,478,787	65,315	3,221

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Poultry: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1991 1/ (continued)

Month	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Chilled					
Jan	751	180,840	3,102	184,693	1,757,354
Feb	1,298	162,259	2,310	165,868	1,581,334
Mar	830	163,174	3,274	167,278	1,627,794
Apr	383	166,587	2,821	169,791	1,794,520
May	555	180,274	2,518	183,347	1,858,298
Jun	810	157,516	1,967	160,293	1,674,965
Jul	317	167,049	3,382	170,748	1,812,558
Aug	451	170,025	3,221	173,697	1,840,511
Sep	283	157,532	3,267	161,082	1,672,732
Oct	471	202,147	2,367	204,986	1,942,096
Nov	357	206,106	2,158	208,621	1,637,944
Dec	323	167,014	2,586	169,924	1,703,440
Total <u>2/</u>	6,830	2,080,523	32,975	2,120,327	20,903,547
Frozen					
Jan	566	179,238	1,097	180,901	323,992
Feb	540	154,946	598	156,084	274,301
Mar	414	161,320	729	162,464	281,226
Apr	1,344	204,103	569	206,017	334,189
May	1,366	212,998	473	214,838	339,576
Jun	1,279	218,428	696	220,404	333,543
Jul	1,653	228,586	1,231	231,470	362,021
Aug	1,423	245,283	1,438	248,144	379,675
Sep	1,707	240,829	1,149	243,684	372,790
Oct	1,372	274,299	1,361	277,033	426,948
Nov	652	206,651	3,290	210,593	338,225
Dec	690	178,425	843	179,959	312,427
Total <u>2/</u>	13,008	2,505,106	13,475	2,531,589	4,078,912

1/ Ready-to-cook weights.

2/ Months may not add to total due to rounding of monthly data.

Poultry: Chilled Plus Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1991 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Chilled plus Frozen					
Jan	1,664,384	42,515	1,706,899	8,674	179
Feb	1,485,538	40,203	1,525,741	7,809	133
Mar	1,530,860	40,408	1,571,269	7,848	161
Apr	1,701,692	43,018	1,744,710	8,028	163
May	1,743,937	47,154	1,791,091	8,407	191
Jun	1,579,064	41,137	1,620,202	7,347	264
Jul	1,721,332	42,498	1,763,830	8,228	303
Aug	1,746,814	42,822	1,789,636	8,452	258
Sep	1,590,756	41,961	1,632,717	7,880	158
Oct	1,833,918	44,449	1,878,367	7,772	887
Nov	1,513,441	36,694	1,550,134	6,199	621
Dec	1,615,919	42,856	1,658,775	6,954	255
Total <u>2/</u>	19,727,657	505,715	20,233,372	93,598	3,574

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Poultry: Chilled Plus Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1991 1/ (continued)

Month	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Chilled plus Frozen					
Jan	1,317	360,078	4,198	365,593	2,081,345
Feb	1,838	317,205	2,909	321,952	1,855,635
Mar	1,244	324,494	4,003	329,741	1,909,020
Apr	1,728	370,690	3,390	375,808	2,128,709
May	1,921	393,273	2,992	398,185	2,197,875
Jun	2,089	375,944	2,664	380,697	2,008,509
Jul	1,970	395,634	4,613	402,217	2,174,579
Aug	1,874	415,308	4,658	421,840	2,220,186
Sep	1,990	398,361	4,416	404,767	2,045,522
Oct	1,843	476,447	3,728	482,018	2,369,044
Nov	1,009	412,756	5,448	419,214	1,976,169
Dec	1,013	345,440	3,430	349,883	2,015,867
Total <u>2</u> /	19,837	4,585,629	46,450	4,651,916	24,982,459

1/ Ready-to-cook weights.

2/ Months may not add to total due to rounding of monthly data.

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, Month, and Total, United States, 1991 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
----- 1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan	8,646	1,097	9,743	16	2
Feb	7,280	768	8,049	14	1
Mar	6,835	839	7,674	11	2
Apr	7,378	745	8,123	10	1
May	8,143	1,219	9,362	16	1
Jun	7,356	905	8,260	14	3
Jul	11,211	1,351	12,561	25	6
Aug	8,821	1,101	9,922	18	3
Sep	7,651	1,141	8,791	17	1
Oct	7,327	856	8,183	7	10
Nov	7,441	847	8,288	9	5
Dec	6,983	939	7,921	8	1
Total <u>2/</u>	95,071	11,807	106,878	166	36
Post-Mortem (NY Dress Weight)					
Jan	26,272	2,178	28,450	174	2
Feb	23,173	2,054	25,227	121	2
Mar	23,265	2,145	25,410	106	1
Apr	21,905	2,239	24,144	113	1
May	21,641	2,347	23,988	116	1
Jun	18,744	1,980	20,724	91	2
Jul	20,226	2,091	22,318	128	3
Aug	20,211	2,160	22,371	127	2
Sep	16,911	2,136	19,047	132	1
Oct	19,702	2,225	21,926	140	8
Nov	19,686	2,164	21,850	107	6
Dec	22,961	2,391	25,351	124	2
Total <u>2/</u>	254,698	26,109	280,807	1,478	30

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, Month, and Total, United States, 1991 ^{1/} (continued)

Month	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan	9	1,561	68	1,638	11,398
Feb	8	1,327	32	1,367	9,431
Mar	3	1,267	42	1,312	8,998
Apr	6	1,428	35	1,469	9,603
May	4	1,388	37	1,428	10,807
Jun	10	1,527	49	1,586	9,863
Jul	21	2,717	55	2,792	15,385
Aug	5	2,015	48	2,069	12,012
Sep	8	1,900	39	1,947	10,756
Oct	7	1,732	31	1,770	9,971
Nov	5	1,566	62	1,633	9,935
Dec	8	1,398	38	1,444	9,375
Total ^{2/}	94	19,826	536	20,456	127,535
Post-Mortem (NY Dress Weight)					
Jan	11	3,642	154	3,808	32,434
Feb	13	2,904	95	3,011	28,362
Mar	9	3,130	135	3,274	28,792
Apr	11	3,224	117	3,352	27,609
May	9	2,829	121	2,959	27,063
Jun	23	2,818	85	2,926	23,743
Jul	39	3,661	163	3,863	26,312
Aug	13	4,290	130	4,433	26,932
Sep	10	4,486	98	4,594	23,774
Oct	13	5,123	107	5,244	27,317
Nov	4	4,778	124	4,907	26,871
Dec	5	3,709	116	3,830	29,307
Total ^{2/}	160	44,594	1,446	46,200	328,515

^{1/} Federally inspected only.

^{2/} Months may not add to total due to rounding of monthly data.

Total Poultry Slaughtered (Ready-to-cook Weights),
United States, 1990 and 1991

Year	:	Federal Inspection	:	Non-Federal Inspection <u>1/</u>	:	Total Inspection
	:	(Million Pounds)				
1990	:	23,739	:	40	:	23,779
1991	:	24,982	:	41	:	25,023

1/ Excludes ducks and other miscellaneous poultry.

Data Sources: Data for commercial poultry slaughter are obtained from the Poultry Inspection Form (FSIS 6000-21) completed by Inspectors of the Food, Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA. This form provides 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.

Procedures: Plant inspectors submit weekly forms (FSIS 6000-21) summarizing each plant's 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 and reported data are allocated to the appropriate month as it enters the database.

Beginning with the May 1992 release, monthly summaries published by NASS will include the most recent data available from FSIS, plus allowances for missing reports. Estimates for number of head, live weight, and total pounds certified ready-to-cook will be made for the larger slaughter plants with missing data. However, there will continue to be a varying degree of incompleteness from month to month. The condemnations data received from FSIS will be published as it has in the past.

This issue of "Poultry Slaughter" also contains revised monthly data on selected items for 1991. These revisions are shown on pages 10 through 19. The annual tables include late reports received from FSIS after the monthly summary process had concluded, plus allowances for missing reports.

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.

Revision Policy: Updated data are generally the result of late reports received from FSIS. Late reported data will replace the estimated data as it becomes available. Updates for the previous month and the year-to-date totals are published in each monthly release and are usually within 1 1/2 percent of the preliminary totals.

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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