

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during April (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.16 billion pounds, 2 percent above the amount certified in 1991. Updated totals for March 1992 show that 2.17 billion pounds were certified.

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. Monthly totals for 1991 also reflect allowances for missing reports to insure comparability of current year's estimates with the previous year.

April 1992 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays, the same as April 1991. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during April 1992 was 2.94 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.37 billion pounds of young chickens, 74.8 million pounds of mature chickens, 486 million pounds of turkeys, and 10.6 million pounds of ducks.

FSIS ante-mortem condemnations during April 1992 totaled 9.20 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.31 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.33 percent a year earlier.

FSIS post-mortem condemnations, at 47.8 million pounds (N.Y. Dressed Weight), were 1.82 percent of quantities inspected compared with 1.85 percent a year earlier.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature <u>2/</u>	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Mar 1992	537,795	15,149	552,944	1,502	-----
Apr 1991	526,076	15,822	541,897	1,693	-----
Apr 1992	524,625	16,449	541,074	1,567	-----
Jan-Apr 1991	1,983,623	58,428	2,042,051	6,830	-----
Jan-Apr 1992	2,087,533	63,743	2,151,275	5,794	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Mar 1992	2,426,611	70,243	2,496,854	10,098	326
Apr 1991	2,340,294	70,332	2,410,626	11,081	296
Apr 1992	2,370,767	74,795	2,445,563	10,580	345
Jan-Apr 1991	8,796,431	270,724	9,067,155	45,551	1,168
Jan-Apr 1992	9,435,897	292,756	9,728,654	38,618	1,374
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Mar 1992	4.51	4.64	4.52	6.72	-----
Apr 1991	4.45	4.45	4.45	6.55	-----
Apr 1992	4.52	4.55	4.52	6.75	-----
Jan-Apr 1991	4.43	4.63	4.44	6.67	-----
Jan-Apr 1992	4.52	4.59	4.52	6.67	-----

See footnotes at end of table.

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Mar 1992	120	20,672	161	20,953	-----
Apr 1991	218	21,730	183	22,131	-----
Apr 1992	116	22,119	199	22,433	-----
Jan-Apr 1991	802	80,285	763	81,850	-----
Jan-Apr 1992	462	82,432	748	83,642	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Mar 1992	1,145	452,022	4,314	457,481	2,964,758
Apr 1991	2,221	467,851	4,453	474,524	2,896,528
Apr 1992	1,051	479,348	5,152	485,551	2,942,038
Jan-Apr 1991	7,886	1,736,829	19,083	1,763,798	10,877,673
Jan-Apr 1992	4,447	1,801,576	19,497	1,825,519	11,594,165
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Mar 1992	9.56	21.87	26.73	21.83	-----
Apr 1991	10.18	21.53	24.33	21.44	-----
Apr 1992	9.08	21.67	25.92	21.64	-----
Jan-Apr 1991	9.83	21.63	25.02	21.55	-----
Jan-Apr 1992	9.62	21.86	26.06	21.83	-----

1/ Federally inspected only. Cumulatives and 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: April 1991: 3,547, April 1992: 3,933.

3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: April 1991: 84, April 1992: 154.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Mar 1992					
Chilled	1,630,250	40,627	1,670,878	2,384	37
Frozen	130,290	2,664	132,953	4,798	164
Total	1,760,540	43,291	1,803,831	7,182	201
Apr 1991					
Chilled	1,582,998	39,542	1,622,540	2,166	22
Frozen	118,694	3,476	122,170	5,862	141
Total	1,701,692	43,018	1,744,710	8,028	163
Apr 1992					
Chilled	1,593,449	43,491	1,636,941	2,415	59
Frozen	129,578	2,421	131,999	5,088	152
Total	1,723,028	45,912	1,768,940	7,503	212
Jan-Apr 1991					
Chilled	5,907,522	156,159	6,063,681	9,630	62
Frozen	474,953	9,986	484,938	22,729	574
Total	6,382,475	166,145	6,548,619	32,359	636
Jan-Apr 1992					
Chilled	6,340,581	169,801	6,510,382	9,453	171
Frozen	498,644	9,739	508,383	18,109	664
Total	6,839,225	179,540	7,018,765	27,562	834

See footnotes at end of table.

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Mar 1992					
Chilled	172	178,964	2,220	181,356	1,854,655
Frozen	721	178,178	1,019	179,918	317,833
Total	893	357,142	3,239	361,274	2,172,488
Apr 1991					
Chilled	383	166,587	2,821	169,791	1,794,520
Frozen	1,344	204,103	569	206,017	334,189
Total	1,728	370,690	3,390	375,808	2,128,709
Apr 1992					
Chilled	240	182,262	2,664	185,166	1,824,581
Frozen	616	197,890	1,169	199,674	336,914
Total	856	380,152	3,833	384,840	2,161,494
Jan-Apr 1991					
Chilled	3,262	672,860	11,508	687,629	6,761,002
Frozen	2,865	699,607	2,993	705,465	1,213,707
Total	6,127	1,372,467	14,501	1,393,094	7,974,708
Jan-Apr 1992					
Chilled	772	697,196	11,037	709,005	7,229,011
Frozen	2,704	725,369	3,600	731,673	1,258,829
Total	3,475	1,422,565	14,638	1,440,678	8,487,840

1/ Ready-to-cook weights. Cumulatives and totals may not add due to rounding.

FSIS Poultry: Condemnations of Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, April 1992 with Comparisons

	Turkey										Total Poultry
	Chickens					Ducks					
	Young	Mature	Total	Fryer-Roasters	Young	Old	Total	Ducks	Other Poultry		
1,000 Pounds (Live Weight)											
Ante-Mortem											
Mar 1992	8,269	958	9,227	9	1,130	46	1,185	8	1	10,421	
Apr 1991	7,331	746	8,077	5	1,430	34	1,469	10	1	9,557	
Apr 1992	6,787	1,203	7,990	2	1,151	52	1,205	7		9,202	
Jan-Apr 1991	30,166	3,468	33,634	25	5,599	176	5,800	51	5	39,490	
Jan-Apr 1992	30,639	4,273	34,912	23	4,837	186	5,046	30	5	39,993	
Percent 1/											
Apr 1991	.31	1.05	.33	.25	.30	.77	.30	.09	.49	.33	
Apr 1992	.28	1.61	.32	.28	.24	1.02	.24	.07	.34	.31	
Post-Mortem											
1,000 Pounds (N.Y. Dressed)											
Mar 1992	39,500	3,245	42,745	11	7,832	282	8,125	152	2	51,024	
Apr 1991	36,035	3,232	39,267	28	8,330	258	8,616	133		48,016	
Apr 1992	35,858	3,447	39,305	10	8,060	308	8,378	150	2	47,835	
Jan-Apr 1991	152,357	12,632	164,989	109	32,399	1,130	33,638	610	9	199,246	
Jan-Apr 1992	156,813	14,295	171,108	40	32,579	1,249	33,868	607	10	205,593	
Percent 2/											
Apr 1991	1.72	5.13	1.82	1.50	1.97	6.52	2.01	1.34	.71	1.85	
Apr 1992	1.70	5.21	1.80	1.15	1.87	6.76	1.92	1.59	1.02	1.82	

1/ Pounds condemned as percent of pounds (live weight) inspected. Percentage 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: Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Selected State(s), April 1991 and 1992

State	Number Inspected		Pounds (Live Weight)		Average Inspected		Total Pounds Certified		Post-Mortem Condemnations	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
AL	71,848	73,549	312,765	320,158	4.35	4.35	227,935	233,117	3,864	4,826
AR	85,272	86,794	369,378	379,608	4.33	4.37	261,417	266,920	5,060	4,718
CA	18,492	18,221	91,766	92,285	4.96	5.06	68,620	67,743	3,976	1,619
DE	19,465	19,281	101,212	100,271	5.19	5.20	72,732	73,029	1,775	1,621
FL	10,248	10,618	42,745	45,687	4.17	4.30	30,206	32,841	666	788
GA	71,494	69,845	314,857	313,220	4.40	4.48	234,393	231,766	3,115	4,143
LA	9,808	9,627	38,723	40,264	3.94	4.18	28,052	29,904	540	810
MD	16,183	16,192	71,882	72,174	4.44	4.45	50,729	50,465	892	937
MS	38,367	38,079	164,275	165,490	4.28	4.34	121,971	124,355	2,973	2,973
MO	16,389	16,944	68,042	72,385	4.15	4.27	49,371	52,386	1,217	1,071
NC	47,445	43,214	227,055	220,931	4.78	5.11	165,870	162,493	3,339	3,135
PA	8,407	8,542	40,013	42,190	4.75	4.93	28,845	29,996	677	787
SC	11,037	11,391	45,804	46,364	4.14	4.07	32,875	33,941	667	1,164
TN	11,393	10,299	51,481	47,175	4.51	4.58	37,319	34,270	523	578
TX	32,412	28,843	143,295	128,063	4.42	4.43	106,556	95,676	3,632	2,787
VA	26,995	27,628	120,942	127,672	4.48	4.62	87,568	92,054	1,259	1,427
WA	2,753	2,709	13,501	12,430	4.90	4.58	9,916	9,204	265	254

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), April 1992

State	Leu-		Septi-		Airsac-		Syno-		Tumors:		Bruises:		Cadaver:		Contam-:		Over-:		Total
	culositis	kosis	cemia	culitis	vitis	culitis	vitis	culitis	vitis	scald	inflation	scald	inflation	scald	inflation	scald	inflation		
US	400,720	1,743,874	1,531,655	33,477	295,760	78,597	174,569	294,134	49,895	788,456	5,391,147	731,412	140,108	7,200	140,108	731,412	704,910	180,590	180,590
AL	19,256	198,170	241,986	4,133	44,443	12,596	19,693	43,827	7,200	140,108	731,412	140,108	7,200	140,108	731,412	704,910	180,590	180,590	180,590
AR	34,114	285,675	173,054	9,097	21,969	14,998	26,623	52,170	5,029	82,181	704,910	82,181	5,029	82,181	704,910	704,910	180,590	180,590	180,590
CA	8,616	87,351	16,131	1,646	15,921	747	6,343	1,846	979	41,010	180,590	41,010	979	41,010	180,590	180,590	180,590	180,590	180,590
DE	54,151	84,472	63,049	163	16,428	3,349	6,249	11,746	4,575	14,443	258,625	14,443	4,575	14,443	258,625	258,625	188,963	188,963	188,963
FL	24,869	29,229	28,719	2,540	10,863	1,611	4,134	6,271	741	29,986	138,963	29,986	741	29,986	138,963	138,963	138,963	138,963	138,963
GA	2,491	156,672	253,548	1,523	42,269	9,502	20,140	24,593	3,552	76,678	590,968	76,678	3,552	76,678	590,968	590,968	126,885	126,885	126,885
LA	1,168	27,175	50,769	1,220	3,000	2,260	5,514	3,037	307	32,435	126,885	32,435	307	32,435	126,885	126,885	145,847	145,847	145,847
MD	12,609	73,198	25,454	160	8,640	2,518	5,505	9,595	266	7,902	145,847	7,902	266	7,902	145,847	145,847	145,847	145,847	145,847
MS	9,926	126,509	195,364	1,133	14,169	5,730	13,667	22,721	4,273	125,219	518,731	125,219	4,273	125,219	518,731	518,731	173,679	173,679	173,679
MO	8,824	62,351	42,224	2,383	6,942	2,256	3,580	9,760	2,141	33,218	173,679	33,218	2,141	33,218	173,679	173,679	173,679	173,679	173,679
NC	22,874	121,330	94,651	30	50,504	3,707	17,999	18,120	4,435	83,985	417,635	83,985	4,435	83,985	417,635	417,635	104,573	104,573	104,573
PA	21,862	32,223	14,679	494	7,952	1,527	1,931	11,397	739	11,769	104,573	11,769	739	11,769	104,573	104,573	223,326	223,326	223,326
SC	134,045	20,907	31,851	279	6,826	2,130	6,549	7,957	1,127	11,655	223,326	11,655	1,127	11,655	223,326	223,326	80,037	80,037	80,037
TN	761	43,636	7,809	517	4,065	1,339	5,582	3,406	527	12,395	80,037	12,395	527	12,395	80,037	80,037	397,010	397,010	397,010
TX	10,868	156,854	183,755	1,323	10,950	1,902	7,113	8,802	1,193	14,250	397,010	14,250	1,193	14,250	397,010	397,010	235,311	235,311	235,311
VA	26,157	86,733	60,827	201	15,992	2,941	5,939	12,363	1,223	22,935	235,311	22,935	1,223	22,935	235,311	235,311	32,834	32,834	32,834
WA	211	16,188	1,054	255	995	367	640	168	168	12,712	32,834	12,712	168	12,712	32,834	32,834	32,834	32,834	32,834

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

State	Number Inspected	Pounds Inspected (Live Weight)	Average Live Weight Inspected (Ready-to-Cook Wt.)	Total Pounds Certified	Post-Mortem Condemnation Pounds (NYD)	Percent 2/
	1991 : 1992	1991 : 1992	1991 : 1992	1991 : 1992	1991 : 1992	1991 : 1992
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	Percent
CA	1,449	5,485	3.68	3,062	310	6.34
GA	4,070	21,008	5.16	12,869	850	4.55

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), April 1992

State	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsacculitis	Synovitis	Tumors	Bruises	Cadaver contamination	Over-scald	Other	Total
	Whole Numbers									
US	4,077	333,633	15,134	885	142,202	32,923	36,709	127,574	4,005	30,930
CA	264	51,459	---	---	29,505	207	295	273	147	2,422
GA	307	66,291	14	---	20,572	8,458	9,309	10,220	322	2,442

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

State	Number Inspected		Pounds Inspected (Live Weight)		Average Live Weight Inspected		Total Pounds Certified		Post-Mortem Condemnations	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	1,966	2,057	42,609	40,075	20.71	20.37	34,392	32,818	967	719
AR	2,010	2,004	46,138	42,302	23.01	21.03	36,838	33,435	1,063	653
CA	1,049	2,970	28,373	27,502	27.03	28.35	22,147	20,979	656	615
IA	2,997	2,945	54,403	53,655	18.14	18.21	43,483	43,083	1,222	1,047
MN	1,852	1,818	39,303	37,812	21.21	20.79	31,521	30,212	670	939
MO	4,369	4,268	88,689	91,032	20.29	21.32	70,467	72,458	1,153	1,137
NC	521	575	10,633	12,199	20.39	21.18	8,467	9,581	133	213
PA	2,479	2,713	46,550	51,374	18.77	18.93	36,560	40,224	611	759
VA										
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

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

State	Tuber- culosis		Leu- kosis		Septi- cemia		Airsac- culitis		Syno- vitis		Tumors		Bruises		Cadaver		Contam- ination		Over- scald		Other		Total
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	
US	51	98,729	18,741	7,892	226	1,562	5,160	8,724	1,164	7,597	149,846												
AR		9,249	1,336	572	15	232	498	803			916												
CA		11,413	64	30	22	31	121	261			477												
IA		4,862	2,325	3,160		26		270			125												
MN		16,545	2,640	1,344	26	328	1,169	1,730			1,631												
MO		13,480	3,193		22	143	575	1,258			173												
NC		9,177	1,334		26	274	726	1,378			42												
PA		3,935						172															
VA		7,089	445			19	1,192	180															

FSIS Old Turkeys (Breeders): Number condemned post-Mortem by Cause, United States Total and Selected State(s), April 1992

State	Tuber- Culosis		Leu- Kosis		Septi- Cemia		Airsac- Culitis		Syno- Vitis		Tumors		Bruises		Cadaver		Contam- ination		Over- Scald		Other		Total
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	
US			4,984	962	50	131	52	89	281	6	633	7,188											

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 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 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.

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.

Update 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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