

# Poultry Slaughter



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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 2 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during May (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.16 billion pounds, 2 percent below the amount certified in 1991. Updated totals for April 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. Revised monthly totals for 1991 will also reflect allowances for missing reports to ensure comparability of current year's estimates with the previous year.

May 1992 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday), and five Saturdays. May 1991 had 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the months total.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during May 1992 was 2.94 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.39 billion pounds of young chickens, 71.2 million pounds of mature chickens, 472 million pounds of turkeys, and 10.0 million pounds of ducks.

FSIS ante-mortem condemnations during May 1992 totaled 8.50 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.28 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.36 percent a year earlier.

FSIS post-mortem condemnations, at 45.6 million pounds (N.Y. Dressed Weight), were 1.73 percent of quantities inspected compared with 1.83 percent a year earlier.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Apr 1992	526,628	16,449	543,077	1,567	-----
May 1991	545,419	16,401	561,820	1,804	-----
May 1992	527,918	14,784	542,702	1,497	-----
Jan-May 1991	2,529,041	74,829	2,603,871	8,635	-----
Jan-May 1992	2,618,384	78,527	2,696,911	7,291	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Apr 1992	2,379,431	74,795	2,454,226	10,580	345
May 1991	2,398,782	76,149	2,474,931	11,886	343
May 1992	2,391,158	71,171	2,462,329	10,008	353
Jan-May 1991	11,195,213	346,873	11,542,086	57,437	1,511
Jan-May 1992	11,839,957	363,927	12,203,884	48,627	1,727
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight:					
Apr 1992	4.52	4.55	4.52	6.75	-----
May 1991	4.40	4.64	4.41	6.59	-----
May 1992	4.53	4.81	4.54	6.68	-----
Jan-May 1991	4.43	4.64	4.43	6.65	-----
Jan-May 1992	4.52	4.63	4.53	6.67	-----

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Apr 1992	116	22,140	199	22,454	-----
May 1991	247	23,326	157	23,730	-----
May 1992	42	21,375	176	21,593	-----
Jan-May 1991	1,049	103,612	919	105,580	-----
Jan-May 1992	504	103,830	924	105,258	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Apr 1992	1,051	479,812	5,152	486,014	2,951,165
May 1991	2,409	496,034	3,914	502,357	2,989,517
May 1992	382	466,974	4,376	471,732	2,944,422
Jan-May 1991	10,296	2,232,863	22,997	2,266,155	13,867,190
Jan-May 1992	4,829	2,269,058	23,874	2,297,760	14,551,998
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Apr 1992	9.08	21.67	25.92	21.64	-----
May 1991	9.77	21.26	24.99	21.17	-----
May 1992	9.13	21.85	24.84	21.85	-----
Jan-May 1991	9.82	21.55	25.02	21.46	-----
Jan-May 1992	9.58	21.85	25.83	21.83	-----

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: May 1991: 4,259, May 1992: 4,393.

3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: May 1991: 93, May 1992: 96.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Apr 1992					
Chilled	1,600,344	43,491	1,643,836	2,415	59
Frozen	129,399	2,421	131,820	5,088	152
Total	1,729,743	45,912	1,775,655	7,503	212
May 1991					
Chilled	1,628,252	44,406	1,672,657	2,274	20
Frozen	115,686	2,748	118,433	6,134	171
Total	1,743,937	47,154	1,791,091	8,407	191
May 1992					
Chilled	1,619,099	41,221	1,660,320	2,252	31
Frozen	121,199	2,714	123,913	4,883	184
Total	1,740,298	43,935	1,784,233	7,135	216
Jan-May 1991					
Chilled	7,535,774	200,565	7,736,338	11,903	82
Frozen	590,638	12,734	603,372	28,863	745
Total	8,126,412	213,298	8,339,710	40,766	827
Jan-May 1992					
Chilled	7,969,631	211,022	8,180,652	11,705	202
Frozen	619,747	12,453	632,200	22,992	848
Total	8,589,378	223,475	8,812,853	34,698	1,050

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Apr 1992					
Chilled	240	182,356	2,664	185,259	1,831,569
Frozen	616	198,170	1,169	199,954	337,014
Total	856	380,525	3,833	385,213	2,168,583
May 1991					
Chilled	555	180,274	2,518	183,347	1,858,298
Frozen	1,366	212,998	473	214,838	339,576
Total	1,921	393,273	2,992	398,185	2,197,875
May 1992					
Chilled	174	161,941	1,973	164,088	1,826,691
Frozen	145	206,953	1,177	208,275	337,256
Total	319	368,894	3,150	372,363	2,163,947
Jan-May 1991					
Chilled	3,816	853,134	14,026	870,977	8,619,300
Frozen	4,232	912,605	3,467	920,303	1,553,283
Total	8,048	1,765,739	17,493	1,791,280	10,172,583
Jan-May 1992					
Chilled	945	859,268	13,010	873,224	9,065,783
Frozen	2,848	932,602	4,778	940,228	1,596,269
Total	3,794	1,791,870	17,788	1,813,452	10,662,052

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

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

	Chickens			Turkey			Ducks	Other Poultry	Total Poultry	
	Young	Mature	Total	Fryer-Roasters	Young	Old				Total
	1,000 Pounds (Live Weight)									
Ante-Mortem										
Apr 1992	6,861	1,203	8,064	2	1,152	52	1,206	7	9,277	
May 1991	8,135	1,216	9,351	4	1,389	36	1,429	15	10,795	
May 1992	6,310	921	7,231		1,216	43	1,259	8	8,498	
Jan-May 1991	38,302	4,685	42,987	29	6,989	213	7,231	66	50,290	
Jan-May 1992	37,028	5,194	42,222	23	6,054	229	6,306	39	48,572	
Percent 1/										
May 1991	.33	1.60	.37	.17	.28	.93	.28	.13	.36	
May 1992	.26	1.29	.29	.02	.26	1.08	.26	.08	.46	
Post-Mortem										
	1,000 Pounds (N.Y. Dressed)									
Apr 1992	36,455	3,447	39,902	10	8,065	308	8,383	150	48,437	
May 1991	37,711	3,367	41,078	26	7,679	248	7,953	138	49,170	
May 1992	34,634	3,314	37,948	3	7,285	232	7,520	136	45,604	
Jan-May 1991	190,069	15,999	206,068	136	40,079	1,379	41,594	750	248,423	
Jan-May 1992	192,083	17,610	209,693	45	39,870	1,481	41,396	745	251,847	
Percent 2/										
May 1991	1.75	5.01	1.85	1.25	1.72	7.14	1.76	1.30	1.83	
May 1992	1.61	5.24	1.72	1.19	1.73	6.56	1.77	1.52	1.73	

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.

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

State	Number Inspected		Pounds (Live Weight)		Average Live Weight		Total Pounds Certified		Post-Mortem Condemnations	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
AL	75,719	71,906	322,337	312,151	4.25	4.34	236,589	227,781	3,907	4,372
AR	86,444	83,488	366,386	366,499	4.26	4.38	261,256	256,124	4,746	4,335
CA	20,594	20,772	101,589	102,909	4.93	4.95	74,674	74,780	4,686	2,155
DE	20,097	18,590	99,716	96,571	4.96	5.19	70,953	70,881	1,426	1,540
FL	10,710	11,156	45,231	49,128	4.22	4.40	32,611	34,709	765	886
GA	74,993	69,333	328,514	318,456	4.38	4.59	242,791	235,700	3,277	4,002
LA	10,108	9,947	40,064	42,165	3.96	4.23	30,117	30,937	554	750
MD	16,787	16,700	72,674	75,723	4.32	4.53	51,068	53,903	796	978
MS	39,547	38,085	168,825	164,681	4.26	4.32	125,916	125,250	2,328	2,418
MO	19,076	15,848	81,749	67,485	4.28	4.25	57,339	48,598	1,287	993
NC	49,273	49,126	236,666	247,986	4.80	5.04	174,578	182,601	3,332	3,147
PA	8,329	7,946	38,521	39,720	4.62	4.99	27,692	28,353	654	650
SC	11,280	12,452	45,171	49,190	4.00	3.95	32,040	36,082	654	661
TN	11,832	11,536	53,855	53,405	4.55	4.62	38,084	38,041	539	740
TX	32,688	31,089	141,491	139,218	4.32	4.47	104,545	104,518	5,426	3,175
VA	27,182	26,975	120,987	124,110	4.45	4.60	86,912	89,795	1,128	1,384
WA	3,114	2,827	15,264	12,814	4.90	4.53	11,237	9,564	290	263

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.

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

State	Tuber- culositis		Leu- kosis		Septi- cemia		Airsac- culitis		Syno- vitis		Tumors		Bruises		Cadaver		Contam- ination		Over- scaled		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	293,756	1,651,217	1,269,409	34,573	279,917	76,867	189,309	306,391	44,610	765,369	4,911,418	635,879	668,493	248,039	242,295	140,388	548,985	110,704	162,308	380,049	166,742	375,214	77,951	97,875	86,686	379,610	246,343	34,058	
AL	10,149	176,994	203,343	4,019	40,282	11,396	20,160	41,440	8,456	119,640	635,879	668,493	248,039	242,295	140,388	548,985	110,704	162,308	380,049	166,742	375,214	77,951	97,875	86,686	379,610	246,343	34,058		
AR	51,759	256,901	134,353	8,330	18,241	14,998	25,392	51,825	5,193	101,801	668,493	668,493	248,039	242,295	140,388	548,985	110,704	162,308	380,049	166,742	375,214	77,951	97,875	86,686	379,610	246,343	34,058		
CA	5,881	118,461	35,989	1,761	17,227	539	7,321	1,921	1,418	57,521	248,039	248,039	248,039	248,039	248,039	248,039	248,039	248,039	248,039	248,039	248,039	248,039	248,039	248,039	248,039	248,039	248,039	248,039	248,039
DE	55,874	75,440	51,827	136	19,820	2,679	5,185	11,379	1,539	18,416	242,295	242,295	242,295	242,295	242,295	242,295	242,295	242,295	242,295	242,295	242,295	242,295	242,295	242,295	242,295	242,295	242,295	242,295	
FL	16,318	29,998	31,792	4,456	8,433	1,981	2,766	8,040	419	36,185	140,388	140,388	140,388	140,388	140,388	140,388	140,388	140,388	140,388	140,388	140,388	140,388	140,388	140,388	140,388	140,388	140,388	140,388	
GA	4,472	149,062	219,320	1,275	37,098	9,809	21,221	20,729	7,485	78,514	548,985	548,985	548,985	548,985	548,985	548,985	548,985	548,985	548,985	548,985	548,985	548,985	548,985	548,985	548,985	548,985	548,985	548,985	
LA	700	25,732	37,815	1,063	2,950	2,073	7,318	3,282	139	29,632	110,704	110,704	110,704	110,704	110,704	110,704	110,704	110,704	110,704	110,704	110,704	110,704	110,704	110,704	110,704	110,704	110,704	110,704	
MD	24,530	74,572	17,829	658	9,272	2,508	7,294	12,974	476	12,195	162,308	162,308	162,308	162,308	162,308	162,308	162,308	162,308	162,308	162,308	162,308	162,308	162,308	162,308	162,308	162,308	162,308	162,308	
MS	4,588	96,690	126,458	939	11,265	5,590	14,177	21,341	4,034	94,967	380,049	380,049	380,049	380,049	380,049	380,049	380,049	380,049	380,049	380,049	380,049	380,049	380,049	380,049	380,049	380,049	380,049	380,049	
MO	6,766	54,129	45,458	2,242	5,775	2,151	2,921	9,755	1,743	35,802	166,742	166,742	166,742	166,742	166,742	166,742	166,742	166,742	166,742	166,742	166,742	166,742	166,742	166,742	166,742	166,742	166,742	166,742	
NC	26,206	116,940	71,003	389	51,245	4,212	17,181	19,314	3,223	65,501	375,214	375,214	375,214	375,214	375,214	375,214	375,214	375,214	375,214	375,214	375,214	375,214	375,214	375,214	375,214	375,214	375,214	375,214	
PA	6,575	27,980	13,211	293	6,481	1,337	1,734	9,816	444	10,080	77,951	77,951	77,951	77,951	77,951	77,951	77,951	77,951	77,951	77,951	77,951	77,951	77,951	77,951	77,951	77,951	77,951	77,951	
SC	11,447	22,183	24,610	353	7,079	1,994	10,067	8,896	1,348	9,898	97,875	97,875	97,875	97,875	97,875	97,875	97,875	97,875	97,875	97,875	97,875	97,875	97,875	97,875	97,875	97,875	97,875	97,875	
TN	3,968	48,440	9,210	469	3,263	1,538	6,081	3,973	323	9,421	86,686	86,686	86,686	86,686	86,686	86,686	86,686	86,686	86,686	86,686	86,686	86,686	86,686	86,686	86,686	86,686	86,686	86,686	
TX	8,495	154,640	169,711	1,258	9,906	1,737	8,656	8,602	2,246	14,559	379,610	379,610	379,610	379,610	379,610	379,610	379,610	379,610	379,610	379,610	379,610	379,610	379,610	379,610	379,610	379,610	379,610	379,610	
VA	47,603	81,842	46,072	113	17,699	2,915	10,322	15,178	4,011	20,588	246,343	246,343	246,343	246,343	246,343	246,343	246,343	246,343	246,343	246,343	246,343	246,343	246,343	246,343	246,343	246,343	246,343	246,343	
WA	390	17,205	739	491	895	437	691	252	264	12,694	34,058	34,058	34,058	34,058	34,058	34,058	34,058	34,058	34,058	34,058	34,058	34,058	34,058	34,058	34,058	34,058	34,058	34,058	

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

State	Number Inspected	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
		Thousands	Thousands	Pounds	Pounds	Average Live Weight Inspected	Average Live Weight Inspected	Total Pounds Certified	Total Pounds Certified	Post-Mortem Condemnations	Post-Mortem Condemnations	Percent <u>1</u>	Percent <u>2</u>
CA	1,658	1,455	6,510	5,634	3.92	3.87	3,908	3,060	351	255	6.05	5.10	
GA	4,317	3,167	22,664	19,118	5.24	6.03	14,042	12,241	921	667	4.60	3.95	

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.

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leu- kosis	Septi- cemia	Airsac- culitis	Syno- vitis	Tumors	Bruises	Cadaver: ination	Contam-: scald	Over-: scald	Other	Total
	Whole Numbers											
US	---	3,190	299,234	14,629	696	118,281	30,210	33,593	107,318	3,141	28,444	638,736
CA	---	288	38,310	90	---	13,459	---	197	221	286	2,753	55,604
GA	---	---	69,915	---	---	19,115	12,762	12,060	13,300	765	2,829	130,746



FSIS Young Turkeys (Mature): Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Selected State(s), May 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
AR	2,036	1,877	40,749	39,029	20.01	20.78	33,235	32,142	761	703
CA	2,285	1,446	52,747	31,007	23.07	21.43	41,777	25,352	959	485
IA	1,125	1,054	30,675	29,345	27.26	27.82	23,879	22,733	569	660
MN	3,911	2,866	71,789	51,162	18.35	17.84	56,971	40,716	1,408	867
MO	1,765	1,684	36,003	36,452	20.39	21.63	28,750	29,033	585	722
NC	4,431	4,350	88,692	96,023	20.01	22.07	70,268	76,043	1,068	1,198
PA	507	487	10,126	9,398	19.94	19.29	8,173	7,346	112	136
VA	2,608	2,721	48,636	51,624	18.64	18.97	38,299	39,378	592	747

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.

FSIS Young Turkeys (Mature): Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, United States Total and Selected State(s), May 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	---	145	89,242	12,120	10,668	106	1,193	5,901	7,506	1,240	7,407	135,528	14,990	8,375	10,405	22,364	15,404	15,842	2,999	1,598	10,862	730	91	181	1,653	108	45	106	1,598			
AR	---	---	7,210	1,523	4,059	4	208	610	646	---	730	14,990	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
CA	---	---	7,767	56	---	---	10	140	220	91	91	8,375	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
IA	---	---	4,981	2,102	2,743	---	42	---	356	---	---	10,405	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
MN	---	7	14,561	1,859	1,505	21	174	1,005	1,404	175	1,653	22,364	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MO	---	---	11,504	1,789	---	7	109	699	1,188	---	1,653	15,404	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
NC	---	11	10,696	1,315	5	18	265	1,124	1,866	45	497	15,842	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
PA	---	---	2,119	528	---	---	27	77	142	---	106	2,999	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	---	---	7,416	359	12	---	10	1,277	190	---	1,598	10,862	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

FSIS Old Turkeys (Breeders): Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, United States Total, May 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	---	---	3,840	1,115	---	38	24	124	264	---	627	6,032	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	

**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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