

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during May (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.21 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the 2.17 billion pounds certified in 1992. Updated totals for April 1993 show that 2.31 billion pounds were certified. The January through May cumulative total of pounds certified, at 11.1 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from the same period the previous year.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during May 1993 was 3.01 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.45 billion pounds of young chickens, 70.3 million pounds of mature chickens, 477 million pounds of turkeys, and 10.3 million pounds of ducks.

Young chickens slaughtered during May 1993 averaged 4.60 pounds per bird, an increase of 2 percent from the 4.53 pounds a year ago. The average live weight of mature chickens was up 1 percent from the previous year at 4.86 pounds per bird. Turkeys slaughtered during May 1993 averaged 22.5 per bird, up 3 percent from May 1992.

Ante-mortem condemnations during May 1993 totaled 8.39 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.28 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.29 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 43.6 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.61 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.72 percent a year earlier.

May 1993 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays, the same as May last year. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, May 1993 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature <u>2/</u>	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Apr 1993	557,469	15,799	573,268	1,631	-----
May 1992	527,918	14,784	542,702	1,497	-----
May 1993	533,504	14,460	547,964	1,515	-----
Jan-May 1992	2,619,931	78,527	2,698,458	7,291	-----
Jan-May 1993	2,704,173	72,289	2,776,461	7,878	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Apr 1993	2,573,462	71,604	2,645,066	11,121	328
May 1992	2,391,158	71,171	2,462,329	10,008	353
May 1993	2,454,417	70,332	2,524,749	10,254	317
Jan-May 1992	11,846,229	363,927	12,210,156	48,627	1,739
Jan-May 1993	12,408,264	339,693	12,747,957	53,422	1,662
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Apr 1993	4.62	4.53	4.61	6.82	-----
May 1992	4.53	4.81	4.54	6.68	-----
May 1993	4.60	4.86	4.61	6.77	-----
Jan-May 1992	4.52	4.63	4.52	6.67	-----
Jan-May 1993	4.59	4.70	4.59	6.78	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, May 1993 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Apr 1993	15	21,520	179	21,714	-----
May 1992	42	21,489	176	21,707	-----
May 1993	35	21,063	140	21,238	-----
Jan-May 1992	504	103,943	924	105,372	-----
Jan-May 1993	89	102,015	787	102,891	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Apr 1993	115	490,383	4,652	495,150	3,151,664
May 1992	382	469,281	4,376	474,039	2,946,730
May 1993	332	472,983	3,691	477,006	3,012,327
Jan-May 1992	4,829	2,271,366	23,874	2,300,068	14,560,590
Jan-May 1993	800	2,297,023	20,124	2,317,947	15,120,988
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Apr 1993	7.50	22.79	26.00	22.80	-----
May 1992	9.13	21.84	24.84	21.84	-----
May 1993	9.38	22.46	26.33	22.46	-----
Jan-May 1992	9.58	21.85	25.83	21.83	-----
Jan-May 1993	8.95	22.52	25.56	22.53	-----

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 1992: 4,393, May 1993: 4,717.

3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: May 1992: 96, May 1993: 91.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, May 1993 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Apr 1993					
Chilled	1,723,133	42,668	1,765,800	2,324	40
Frozen	144,113	1,667	145,780	5,428	171
Total	1,867,245	44,335	1,911,580	7,752	212
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
May 1993					
Chilled	1,652,859	41,456	1,694,315	2,031	31
Frozen	130,997	2,297	133,295	5,245	167
Total	1,783,856	43,753	1,827,610	7,276	198
Jan-May 1992					
Chilled	7,974,241	211,022	8,185,263	11,705	212
Frozen	619,925	12,453	632,378	22,992	848
Total	8,594,166	223,475	8,817,641	34,698	1,061
Jan-May 1993					
Chilled	8,318,976	200,330	8,519,305	11,607	192
Frozen	691,596	10,129	701,726	25,949	874
Total	9,010,572	210,459	9,221,031	37,556	1,066

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen. Pounds Certified by Type.
 United States, May 1993 with Comparisons ^{1/} (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Apr 1993					
Chilled	---	180,486	2,531	183,017	1,951,182
Frozen	84	207,800	950	208,835	360,214
Total	84	388,287	3,481	391,852	2,311,396
May 1992					
Chilled	174	162,135	1,973	164,282	1,826,885
Frozen	145	208,598	1,177	209,920	338,901
Total	319	370,733	3,150	374,202	2,165,786
May 1993					
Chilled	---	163,574	2,002	165,576	1,861,953
Frozen	251	212,079	817	213,148	351,854
Total	251	375,653	2,819	378,723	2,213,807
Jan-May 1992					
Chilled	945	859,462	13,010	873,418	9,070,598
Frozen	2,848	934,247	4,778	941,873	1,598,092
Total	3,794	1,793,709	17,788	1,815,291	10,668,690
Jan-May 1993					
Chilled	---	844,775	11,382	856,157	9,387,262
Frozen	597	969,537	3,965	974,099	1,702,648
Total	597	1,814,312	15,347	1,830,256	11,089,910

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

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, May 1993 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Apr 1993	7.462	803	8,265	6	1
May 1992	6.327	922	7,248	9	2
May 1993	6.593	800	7,393	6	1
Jan-May 1992	37.004	5,184	42,188	40	7
Jan-May 1993	37.367	4,417	41,784	42	6
Percent <u>2/</u>					
May 1992	0.26	1.30	0.29	0.09	0.46
May 1993	0.27	1.14	0.29	0.06	0.24
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Apr 1993	35,150	3,277	38,427	199	3
May 1992	34,713	3,315	38,028	137	2
May 1993	31,634	3,070	34,704	179	2
Jan-May 1992	191,902	17,555	209,456	742	16
Jan-May 1993	172,261	15,888	188,149	941	16
Percent <u>3/</u>					
May 1992	1.61	5.18	1.72	1.52	0.76
May 1993	1.43	4.85	1.53	1.93	0.81

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, May 1993 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer-Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Apr 1993	---	1,035	56	1,091	9,363
May 1992	---	1,216	47	1,263	8,521
May 1993	1	967	24	991	8,391
Jan-May 1992	23	6,036	233	6,292	48,527
Jan-May 1993	1	6,150	184	6,335	48,167
Percent <u>2/</u>					
May 1992	0.03	0.26	1.07	0.27	0.29
May 1993	0.15	0.20	0.64	0.21	0.28
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Apr 1993	2	8,602	360	8,964	47,593
May 1992	4	7,285	280	7,569	45,736
May 1993	3	8,539	219	8,761	43,645
Jan-May 1992	45	39,748	1,527	41,321	251,535
Jan-May 1993	10	43,123	1,315	44,448	233,554
Percent <u>3/</u>					
May 1992	1.19	1.72	7.10	1.77	1.72
May 1993	1.03	2.01	6.58	2.04	1.61

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

2/ Pounds condemned as percent of pounds (live weight) inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Pounds condemned as percent of pounds N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight.
Selected States and United States, May 1992-93

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected ^{1/}	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	-----	1,000	-----	1,000 Pounds	-----	Pounds
AL	72,260	67,867	313,571	306,609	4.34	4.52
AR	83,488	86,103	366,500	380,718	4.39	4.42
CA	20,773	19,903	102,909	105,219	4.95	5.29
DE	19,547	20,529	101,382	105,101	5.19	5.12
FL	11,062	11,012	48,732	48,047	4.41	4.36
GA	69,338	68,140	313,577	314,636	4.52	4.62
LA	9,947	12,815	42,166	55,951	4.24	4.37
MD	16,700	16,039	75,724	72,604	4.53	4.53
MS	38,085	39,726	164,681	181,116	4.32	4.56
MO	15,849	16,179	67,486	68,738	4.26	4.25
NC	49,126	50,332	247,986	255,118	5.05	5.07
PA	7,946	7,329	39,721	36,271	5.00	4.95
SC	12,316	14,930	48,659	58,231	3.95	3.90
TN	11,536	11,725	53,405	52,023	4.63	4.44
TX	31,116	30,077	139,405	134,676	4.48	4.48
VA	28,175	28,281	130,142	131,489	4.62	4.65
WA	2,828	2,975	12,814	14,478	4.53	4.87
US	527,918	533,504	2,391,158	2,454,417	4.53	4.60

^{1/} Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, May 1992-93

State	Total		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	Certified <u>1/</u>		N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-- Percent --				
AL	228,800	221,954	4,393	4,547	1.56	1.65
AR	256,125	270,850	4,336	4,285	1.31	1.25
CA	74,781	77,144	2,156	1,519	2.33	1.60
DE	74,695	76,766	1,603	1,597	1.76	1.69
FL	34,417	34,111	881	444	2.01	1.03
GA	232,268	231,862	3,968	3,626	1.41	1.28
LA	30,938	41,106	751	738	1.98	1.47
MD	53,904	50,268	980	919	1.44	1.41
MS	125,251	138,350	2,419	2,412	1.63	1.48
MO	48,599	50,142	994	824	1.64	1.33
NC	182,602	187,396	3,148	3,001	1.41	1.31
PA	28,353	25,711	652	725	1.82	2.22
SC	35,692	41,715	653	836	1.49	1.59
TN	38,042	37,291	740	517	1.54	1.10
TX	104,674	101,374	3,177	1,607	2.53	1.33
VA	94,069	93,322	1,434	1,192	1.22	1.01
WA	9,565	10,585	264	375	2.29	2.88
US	1,740,298	1,783,856	34,713	31,634	1.61	1.43

1/ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
Selected States and United States, May 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	3,898	175,798	103,000	3,102	34,379
AR	---	13,435	283,790	114,752	11,333	14,848
CA	---	4,279	76,260	9,371	2,951	12,624
DE	---	54,602	80,368	34,610	---	---
FL	---	---	16,487	14,456	---	---
GA	---	17,454	144,480	89,300	1,071	27,861
LA	---	9,139	34,522	16,517	---	3,990
MD	---	33,151	67,313	18,758	---	---
MS	---	6,231	92,819	41,208	1,381	13,290
MO	---	8,905	54,039	16,831	2,043	4,082
NC	---	21,726	114,181	59,582	---	29,309
PA	---	1,400	30,433	11,520	---	3,856
SC	---	2,619	21,712	---	232	10,505
TN	---	---	---	---	704	---
TX	---	---	94,079	50,746	596	8,577
VA	---	16,388	62,845	23,550	179	---
WA	---	---	18,757	851	---	---
US	---	215,489	1,570,882	731,319	34,631	234,360
State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Number						
AL	14,808	25,457	49,148	7,181	132,998	549,769
AR	15,017	26,352	54,153	3,669	82,361	619,710
CA	709	---	3,022	---	---	109,216
DE	3,441	9,195	11,937	4,948	---	199,101
FL	1,389	3,529	7,703	---	23,943	67,507
GA	11,064	24,845	22,589	6,311	86,895	431,870
LA	1,621	4,568	3,785	1,790	---	75,932
MD	1,363	6,138	11,405	206	9,576	147,910
MS	5,859	20,067	24,439	2,551	48,989	256,834
MO	1,836	3,319	8,926	---	29,737	129,718
NC	4,175	23,873	25,120	7,467	77,417	362,850
PA	1,865	1,489	---	---	20,742	71,305
SC	2,256	---	---	1,705	24,992	64,021
TN	2,695	9,588	8,038	---	9,266	30,291
TX	1,666	7,512	8,666	890	5,122	177,854
VA	2,621	---	21,162	1,313	24,691	152,749
WA	193	474	---	---	11,009	31,284
US	82,927	207,010	339,568	49,834	707,689	4,173,709

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, May 1992-93

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected ^{1/}	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	----- 1,000 -----		----- 1,000 Pounds -----		--- Pounds ---	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	3,168	2,590	19,119	16,316	6.04	6.30
US	14,784	14,460	71,171	70,332	4.81	4.86

^{1/} Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, May 1992-93

State	Total Certified ^{1/}		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1992	1993	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ^{2/}	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		1992	1993	1992	1993
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-- Percent --			
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	12,242	10,490	668	468	3.88	3.18
US	43,935	43,753	3,315	3,070	5.18	4.85

^{1/} Ready-to-cook weights.

^{2/} Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
Selected States and United States, May 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	12,957
US	---	6,082	224,717	10,442	1,933	104,510
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	7,332	10,558	---	471	31,318
US	21,605	30,564	130,788	4,495	34,723	569,859

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, May 1992-93

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected ^{1/}	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	----- 1,000 -----		----- 1,000 Pounds -----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	1,878	1,973	39,030	40,496	20.78	20.52
CA	1,447	1,431	31,008	31,451	21.43	21.98
IA	1,055	986	29,346	28,422	27.82	28.82
MN	2,866	3,140	51,163	62,270	17.85	19.83
MO	1,706	1,623	36,907	35,576	21.63	21.92
NC	4,333	4,003	95,630	90,616	22.07	22.63
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	2,721	2,726	51,624	51,915	18.97	19.05
US	21,489	21,063	469,281	472,983	21.84	22.46

^{1/} Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, May 1992-93

State	Total Certified ^{1/}		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1992	1993	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ^{2/}	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	32,142	32,513	704	856	2.00	2.35
CA	25,353	25,673	486	427	1.74	1.51
IA	22,734	21,942	661	571	2.50	2.23
MN	40,717	49,864	868	1,268	1.89	2.26
MO	29,406	28,028	729	907	2.20	2.83
NC	75,770	71,690	1,152	1,180	1.34	1.45
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	39,378	41,234	747	677	1.61	1.45
US	370,733	375,653	7,285	8,539	1.72	2.01

^{1/} Ready-to-cook weights.

^{2/} Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
Selected States and United States, May 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AR	---	---	7,893	---	---	---
CA	---	---	6,617	---	---	---
IA	---	---	---	2,671	---	---
MN	---	---	15,136	---	1,428	---
MO	---	---	15,425	1,677	---	---
NC	---	21	---	---	---	15
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	---	---	3,877	274	---	---
US	---	84	85,176	13,356	6,812	120
	Number					
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AR	---	574	1,476	---	---	9,943
CA	37	405	319	---	289	7,667
IA	---	---	---	---	118	2,789
MN	---	1,832	---	---	---	18,396
MO	240	---	---	---	---	17,342
NC	353	1,882	1,573	---	468	4,312
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	7	945	115	---	475	5,693
US	1,724	8,593	8,762	1,514	9,830	135,971

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
 United States, May 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	---	3,625	846	86	198
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	26	123	158	---	626	5,688

Poultry Slaughter Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for commercial poultry slaughter estimates 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 form collects 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. Annual totals of poultry slaughtered under State-administered Non-Federal Inspection (NFI) are published in the April release.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late reports received by FSIS from plants and are usually less than one-half of 1 percent of the preliminary totals. Revisions for the previous month and year-to-date totals are published in each monthly release. Final data are published in the annual summary released in April and reflect any late reports or corrections which occurred after the monthly revision were published.

Procedures and Reliability: Plant inspectors submit forms (FSIS 6000-21) weekly summarizing the 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.

A NASS computer program provides a review of current data with historical data for each plant. An edit provides checks for the detection of errors such as invalid plant information, duplication, and erroneous data. The program also generates a missing reports listing for a telephone follow-up. Data are summarized weekly and accumulated to a monthly total for this release.

Major slaughter plants with missing reports are adjusted prior to publication to assure that all plants slaughtering a significant portion of a specific class are accounted for each week. Estimates for missing weeks are made only after verifying that the plant was in operation. Adjustments are based on either the previous week's information or a week determined to be similar to the one missing. Late reports replace imputed data as they become available. While there will continue to be a varying degree of incompleteness from month to month, it is expected to have only a minimal impact on the final totals.

Poultry slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants and, therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors are minimized through strict quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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.

Definitions Used To Report Federally Inspected Slaughter:

Ante-Mortem Condemnations - Birds condemned prior to their entry into the slaughter plant.

Certified Ready-to-Cook - The weight of poultry certified wholesome by inspection after post-mortem condemnation pounds are removed. Ready-to-cook represents poultry meat ready for the marketing channel.

Ducks - Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

Fryer-Roaster Turkeys - Young immature birds, usually under 16 weeks of age.

Mature Chickens - Fowl from breeder and market egg flocks and stags and cocks.

New York Dressed Weight - Carcass weight after only feathers and blood are removed. This weight is approximately 90% of live weight.

Old Turkeys (Breeders) - Fully matured birds held for egg production, usually over 15 months of age.

Other Poultry - Includes all other ready-to-cook products which bear the U.S.D.A. Inspected for Wholesomeness legend.

Post-Mortem Condemnations - Carcasses or parts condemned by the inspector because of disease or mishandling and removed from the slaughter line and destroyed.

Young Chickens - Commercially grown broilers-fryers and other young immature birds such as roasters and capons.

Young Turkeys (Mature) - Young birds grown to a matured market age, about 5 months.

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