

# Poultry Slaughter



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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 8 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during February (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.31 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the amount certified in 1994. Updated totals for January 1995 show that 2.50 billion pounds were certified. The January through February cumulative total of pounds certified, at 4.81 billion pounds, was up 9 percent from the same period the previous year.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during February 1995 was 3.15 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.60 billion pounds of young chickens, 67.0 million pounds of mature chickens, 473 million pounds of turkeys, and 9.43 million pounds of ducks.

Ante-mortem condemnations during February 1995 totaled 12.4 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.39 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.42 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 56.1 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.98 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.87 percent a year earlier.

February 1995 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays, the same as February 1994. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

## 1994 Poultry Slaughter Up 7 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome under Federal Inspection during 1994 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 29.4 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the total amount certified during 1993. Young chickens, at 23.8 billion pounds, accounted for 81 percent of the total pounds certified ready-to-cook and were up 8 percent from 1993. The average live weight for young chickens increased 2 percent to 4.63 pounds. Total turkeys, at 4.99 billion pounds, represented 17 percent of the overall total and were 3 percent above the previous year. Total turkeys average live weight increased 2 percent to 22.7 pounds per bird. The remaining 2 percent of pounds certified ready-to cook were mature chickens, ducks, and other poultry.

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight  
by Type, United States, February 1995 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jan 1995	607,437	14,479	621,916	1,645	-----
Feb 1994	521,846	13,458	535,304	1,677	-----
Feb 1995	559,699	13,285	572,984	1,417	-----
Jan-Feb 1994	1,079,045	28,620	1,107,665	3,412	-----
Jan-Feb 1995	1,167,135	27,764	1,194,900	3,062	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Jan 1995	2,837,954	69,770	2,907,724	11,056	364
Feb 1994	2,421,707	64,868	2,486,575	11,161	271
Feb 1995	2,602,872	67,013	2,669,886	9,431	358
Jan-Feb 1994	5,022,916	134,510	5,157,426	22,889	611
Jan-Feb 1995	5,440,826	136,783	5,577,609	20,487	722
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Jan 1995	4.67	4.82	4.68	6.72	-----
Feb 1994	4.64	4.82	4.65	6.66	-----
Feb 1995	4.65	5.04	4.66	6.66	-----
Jan-Feb 1994	4.65	4.70	4.66	6.71	-----
Jan-Feb 1995	4.66	4.93	4.67	6.69	-----

See footnotes at end of table.

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight  
by Type, United States, February 1995 with Comparisons <sup>1/</sup> (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <sup>3/</sup>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jan 1995	---	20,404	159	20,563	-----
Feb 1994	19	19,018	150	19,187	-----
Feb 1995	15	19,829	116	19,960	-----
Jan-Feb 1994	19	37,910	293	38,223	-----
Jan-Feb 1995	15	40,233	276	40,524	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Jan 1995	---	489,788	3,684	493,472	3,412,616
Feb 1994	174	432,809	3,731	436,713	2,934,721
Feb 1995	149	470,020	2,945	473,115	3,152,790
Jan-Feb 1994	174	869,461	7,492	877,126	6,058,052
Jan-Feb 1995	149	959,808	6,630	966,587	6,565,406
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Jan 1995	---	24.00	23.13	24.00	-----
Feb 1994	8.95	22.76	24.90	22.76	-----
Feb 1995	10.27	23.70	25.30	23.70	-----
Jan-Feb 1994	8.95	22.93	25.54	22.95	-----
Jan-Feb 1995	10.27	23.86	24.05	23.85	-----

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

<sup>2/</sup> Of the Mature Chickens inspected, the number reported in thousands as heavy fowl (broiler breeding stock) was: February 1994: 4,264, February 1995: 4,995.

<sup>3/</sup> Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: February 1994: 80, February 1995: 71.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
 United States, February 1995 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Jan 1995					
Chilled	1,885,776	40,125	1,925,901	2,683	58
Frozen	173,650	2,187	175,836	5,232	168
Total	2,059,426	42,312	2,101,738	7,915	226
Feb 1994					
Chilled	1,616,641	37,522	1,654,163	3,013	32
Frozen	134,974	1,947	136,921	5,067	141
Total	1,751,614	39,470	1,791,084	8,080	173
Feb 1995					
Chilled	1,726,758	39,229	1,765,987	2,189	63
Frozen	161,284	1,646	162,930	4,566	164
Total	1,888,042	40,875	1,928,917	6,755	226
Jan-Feb 1994					
Chilled	3,351,682	77,992	3,429,674	5,811	92
Frozen	286,976	3,748	290,724	10,675	307
Total	3,638,658	81,740	3,720,398	16,486	398
Jan-Feb 1995					
Chilled	3,612,534	79,354	3,691,888	4,872	120
Frozen	334,933	3,833	338,766	9,797	332
Total	3,947,468	83,186	4,030,654	14,669	452

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
 United States, February 1995 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Jan 1995					
Chilled	---	198,325	1,767	200,093	2,128,734
Frozen	---	187,930	1,049	188,979	370,216
Total	---	386,256	2,816	389,072	2,498,950
Feb 1994					
Chilled	---	172,503	1,938	174,441	1,831,650
Frozen	129	166,623	822	167,574	309,703
Total	129	339,126	2,760	342,015	2,141,352
Feb 1995					
Chilled	---	186,090	1,636	187,725	1,955,964
Frozen	111	182,816	574	183,500	351,159
Total	111	368,905	2,209	371,225	2,307,123
Jan-Feb 1994					
Chilled	---	350,091	3,533	353,624	3,789,201
Frozen	129	334,013	2,046	336,189	637,894
Total	129	684,104	5,579	689,813	4,427,095
Jan-Feb 1995					
Chilled	---	384,415	3,403	387,818	4,084,698
Frozen	111	370,746	1,623	372,479	721,375
Total	111	755,161	5,026	760,297	4,806,073

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

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations  
by Type, United States, February 1995 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan 1995	10,580	1,121	11,701	13	2
Feb 1994	9,525	1,375	10,900	11	1
Feb 1995	10,246	923	11,169	8	2
Jan-Feb 1994	21,099	3,388	24,487	24	2
Jan-Feb 1995	20,826	2,044	22,870	21	4
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Feb 1994	0.39	2.12	0.44	0.10	0.34
Feb 1995	0.39	1.38	0.42	0.09	0.64
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan 1995	44,685	3,347	48,032	186	6
Feb 1994	36,086	3,012	39,097	192	2
Feb 1995	43,066	3,154	46,221	162	4
Jan-Feb 1994	74,967	6,325	81,291	405	5
Jan-Feb 1995	87,752	6,501	94,253	348	11
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Feb 1994	1.66	5.16	1.75	1.91	0.94
Feb 1995	1.84	5.23	1.92	1.91	1.37

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations  
by Type, United States, February 1995 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan 1995	---	1,201	17	1,218	12,934
Feb 1994	2	1,431	52	1,485	12,397
Feb 1995	1	1,179	22	1,202	12,381
Jan-Feb 1994	2	2,994	83	3,079	27,592
Jan-Feb 1995	1	2,380	39	2,420	25,316
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Feb 1994	0.92	0.33	1.39	0.34	0.42
Feb 1995	0.42	0.25	0.74	0.25	0.39
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan 1995	---	9,733	245	9,977	58,202
Feb 1994	2	9,707	306	10,015	49,307
Feb 1995	2	9,476	203	9,681	56,068
Jan-Feb 1994	2	19,025	613	19,640	101,342
Jan-Feb 1995	2	19,209	448	19,658	114,270
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Feb 1994	1.18	2.49	9.12	2.55	1.87
Feb 1995	1.32	2.24	7.67	2.27	1.98

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, February 1994-95

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <sup>1/</sup>	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AL	68,754	67,962	319,811	316,788	4.65	4.66
AR	82,358	85,554	371,025	384,315	4.51	4.49
CA	16,361	18,190	82,434	91,829	5.04	5.05
DE	20,035	22,115	103,398	113,801	5.16	5.15
FL	10,440	10,657	44,926	46,583	4.30	4.37
GA	70,379	75,262	336,511	359,959	4.78	4.78
LA	12,271	12,375	55,371	58,224	4.51	4.70
MD	15,351	16,113	69,128	74,819	4.50	4.64
MS	41,061	49,013	185,719	229,210	4.52	4.68
MO	14,914	18,838	63,214	77,777	4.24	4.13
NC	46,631	48,854	237,881	245,580	5.10	5.03
PA	7,101	7,176	35,302	35,980	4.97	5.01
SC	14,482	17,807	58,082	71,922	4.01	4.04
TN	11,593	12,120	50,377	52,676	4.35	4.35
TX	30,472	31,427	133,922	141,925	4.39	4.52
VA	27,159	26,949	126,507	122,356	4.66	4.54
WA	2,758	2,762	13,613	13,791	4.94	4.99
US	521,846	559,699	2,421,707	2,602,872	4.64	4.65

<sup>1/</sup> Average weight based on unrounded data.



Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,  
Selected States and United States, February 1994-95

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations				
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>		
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	
		1,000 Pounds		Percent			
AL	230,302	229,609	5,759	6,981	2.00	2.45	
AR	261,769	269,954	5,150	5,372	1.54	1.55	
CA	60,407	64,746	1,202	2,813	1.62	3.40	
DE	73,797	82,197	1,958	2,273	2.10	2.22	
FL	31,918	33,698	370	426	0.92	1.02	
GA	248,223	266,546	4,995	5,712	1.65	1.76	
LA	38,720	40,580	746	895	1.50	1.71	
MD	49,143	51,723	998	1,352	1.60	2.01	
MS	137,339	172,027	2,405	3,233	1.44	1.57	
MO	45,893	56,452	883	1,153	1.55	1.65	
NC	174,663	183,373	3,462	3,661	1.62	1.66	
PA	25,104	25,380	762	893	2.40	2.76	
SC	42,262	53,269	774	1,024	1.48	1.58	
TN	35,845	36,704	493	517	1.09	1.09	
TX	101,004	106,330	2,086	1,890	1.73	1.48	
VA	91,426	87,411	1,326	1,688	1.16	1.53	
WA	10,002	10,292	288	329	2.35	2.65	
US	1,751,614	1,888,042	36,086	43,066	1.66	1.84	

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, February 1995

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AL	---	21,658	224,888	300,827	3,858	20,233
AR	---	17,176	359,530	210,524	6,319	13,572
CA	---	---	136,825	---	1,231	18,986
DE	---	27,461	109,839	94,015	---	---
FL	---	642	18,252	11,591	---	---
GA	---	28,554	178,706	207,841	---	20,101
LA	---	934	45,027	34,964	---	5,177
MD	---	35,152	84,711	45,771	238	7,104
MS	---	5,105	136,125	85,391	1,401	19,845
MO	---	7,144	85,419	26,389	2,230	2,569
NC	---	41,013	127,048	70,121	108	62,510
PA	---	1,927	36,995	40,293	361	3,948
SC	---	---	31,366	60,158	249	8,351
TN	---	---	41,843	13,503	---	2,233
TX	---	1,285	148,471	50,387	420	3,766
VA	---	7,608	79,042	95,898	124	---
WA	---	---	19,888	---	---	1,082
US	---	227,421	2,052,876	1,436,783	29,299	234,816
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
AL	13,595	38,148	77,116	7,348	209,275	916,946
AR	13,802	31,935	63,081	2,980	132,687	851,606
CA	1,085	6,218	3,332	---	87,608	255,285
DE	4,923	7,128	14,533	3,023	21,408	282,330
FL	990	4,068	5,300	---	24,034	64,877
GA	15,391	33,236	48,974	6,965	165,312	705,080
LA	2,369	3,104	5,937	63	---	97,575
MD	1,797	8,222	---	402	13,584	196,981
MS	7,286	22,380	40,072	1,917	131,063	450,585
MO	2,622	10,185	16,895	1,101	29,746	184,300
NC	4,539	30,873	25,968	3,751	117,002	482,933
PA	2,112	3,383	---	552	---	89,571
SC	3,204	17,822	14,012	---	36,743	171,905
TN	2,150	12,275	---	1,040	---	73,044
TX	1,452	8,686	10,048	1,001	5,577	231,093
VA	3,169	11,566	24,100	2,306	50,096	273,909
WA	270	736	334	---	14,094	36,404
US	89,075	265,709	432,691	43,137	1,235,635	6,047,442

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight.  
Selected States and United States, February 1994-95

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <u>1/</u>	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 -----		----- 1,000 Pounds -----		----- Pounds -----	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	13,458	13,285	64,868	67,013	4.82	5.04

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations.  
Selected States and United States, February 1994-95

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations				
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>		
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995	
		----- 1,000 Pounds -----		----- Percent -----			
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	39,470	40,875	3,012	3,154	5.16	5.23	

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, February 1995

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
CA	---	---	---	13	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	3,309	225,845	8,470	2,048	97,593

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
CA	---	---	---	---	---	13
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	32,619	29,554	134,008	1,551	40,919	575,916

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, February 1994-95

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <sup>1/</sup>	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	1.959	2.085	40,600	44,683	20.73	21.43
CA	1.205	1,300	28,005	26,884	23.24	20.68
IA	912	880	26,469	26,590	29.01	30.22
MN	2,448	2,386	49,318	51,898	20.15	21.75
MO	1,454	1,540	30,215	37,800	20.78	24.54
NC	3,800	4,156	84,853	96,378	22.33	23.19
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	2,762	2,700	50,820	52,504	18.40	19.44
US	19,018	19,829	432,809	470,020	22.76	23.70

<sup>1/</sup> Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, February 1994-95

State	Total Certified <sup>1/</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1994	1995	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2/</sup>	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	32,796	36,397	870	975	2.38	2.42
CA	22,712	21,942	492	333	1.95	1.38
IA	19,756	20,565	942	667	3.95	2.79
MN	38,446	41,413	1,538	1,231	3.47	2.64
MO	24,121	29,769	707	1,017	2.60	2.99
NC	66,774	75,854	1,479	1,826	1.94	2.11
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	38,979	39,213	794	802	1.74	1.70
US	339,126	368,905	9,707	9,476	2.49	2.24

<sup>1/</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2/</sup> 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, February 1995

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AR	---	---	11,851	---	---	---
CA	---	---	5,165	59	---	---
IA	---	---	---	3,405	---	---
MN	---	7	12,610	7,420	471	---
MO	---	---	15,722	5,346	---	---
NC	---	41	10,864	---	---	5
PA	---	---	---	820	---	---
VA	---	---	6,813	---	---	---
US	---	108	93,712	30,109	5,475	86

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Number						
AR	---	---	1,739	---	1,019	14,609
CA	---	---	348	---	---	5,572
IA	---	---	---	---	144	3,549
MN	206	1,148	1,076	---	---	22,938
MO	---	---	992	---	---	22,060
NC	293	1,642	2,237	187	1,254	16,523
PA	---	---	---	---	---	820
VA	27	1,072	368	---	1,356	9,636
US	1,448	8,172	9,120	1,850	9,042	159,122

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,  
United States, February 1995

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
US	---	---	2,661	1,219	39	88

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Number						
US	15	85	148	---	1,339	5,594

Poultry Slaughter: Number and Live Weight by Type,  
Month, and Total, United States, 1994 <sup>1/</sup>

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Head					
Number					
Jan	557,199	15,162	572,361	1,735	-----
Feb	521,846	13,458	535,304	1,677	-----
Mar	599,941	15,470	615,411	1,777	-----
Apr	567,983	15,393	583,376	1,587	-----
May	587,404	14,719	602,123	1,718	-----
Jun	628,900	15,260	644,160	1,808	-----
Jul	570,384	12,754	583,138	1,558	-----
Aug	662,530	13,882	676,412	1,782	-----
Sep	612,479	13,174	625,653	1,577	-----
Oct	601,695	12,474	614,169	1,621	-----
Nov	579,933	12,047	591,980	1,520	-----
Dec	581,276	14,234	595,509	1,691	-----
Total <sup>2/</sup>	7,071,569	168,026	7,239,595	20,051	-----
1,000 Pounds					
Live Weight					
Jan	2,601,209	69,642	2,670,851	11,727	339
Feb	2,421,707	64,868	2,486,575	11,161	271
Mar	2,797,139	72,603	2,869,741	11,829	324
Apr	2,643,379	72,098	2,715,478	10,582	251
May	2,717,712	71,198	2,788,909	11,470	330
Jun	2,850,554	76,412	2,926,966	11,883	405
Jul	2,573,640	62,849	2,636,489	10,147	367
Aug	3,033,678	70,929	3,104,608	11,597	443
Sep	2,848,279	69,531	2,917,810	10,298	830
Oct	2,833,201	66,332	2,899,533	10,858	1,793
Nov	2,724,607	63,323	2,787,931	10,268	609
Dec	2,720,836	69,680	2,790,516	11,454	416
Total <sup>2/</sup>	32,765,941	829,465	33,595,407	133,275	6,378

See footnotes at end of table.

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Poultry Slaughter: Number and Live Weight by Type,  
Month, and Total, United States, 1994 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys			Total Poultry
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys
		1,000 Head			
Number					
Jan	-----	18,892	144	19,036	-----
Feb	19	19,018	150	19,187	-----
Mar	15	22,242	149	22,406	-----
Apr	-----	20,691	124	20,815	-----
May	80	22,519	117	22,716	-----
Jun	32	24,987	287	25,306	-----
Jul	31	22,818	142	22,991	-----
Aug	117	27,665	225	28,007	-----
Sep	31	25,141	181	25,353	-----
Oct	21	25,526	190	25,738	-----
Nov	-----	25,474	156	25,630	-----
Dec	-----	21,598	129	21,728	-----
Total <u>2/</u>	348	276,570	1,994	278,912	-----
		1,000 Pounds			
Live Weight					
Jan	-----	436,653	3,760	440,413	3,123,331
Feb	174	432,809	3,731	436,713	2,934,721
Mar	138	504,838	3,806	508,782	3,390,677
Apr	-----	479,419	3,298	482,717	3,209,028
May	760	521,972	3,017	525,748	3,326,458
Jun	319	573,844	6,225	580,389	3,519,643
Jul	266	511,743	3,439	515,447	3,162,450
Aug	1,219	607,787	5,552	614,559	3,731,206
Sep	300	564,261	4,554	569,115	3,498,053
Oct	210	578,247	4,658	583,115	3,495,299
Nov	-----	568,868	3,924	572,792	3,371,600
Dec	-----	499,291	3,320	502,613	3,304,999
Total <u>2/</u>	3,388	6,279,731	49,285	6,332,404	40,067,464

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, 1994 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
Pounds <u>2/</u>					
Average Live Weight					
Jan	4.67	4.59	4.67	6.76	-----
Feb	4.64	4.82	4.65	6.66	-----
Mar	4.66	4.69	4.66	6.66	-----
Apr	4.65	4.68	4.65	6.67	-----
May	4.63	4.84	4.63	6.68	-----
Jun	4.53	5.01	4.54	6.57	-----
Jul	4.51	4.93	4.52	6.51	-----
Aug	4.58	5.11	4.59	6.51	-----
Sep	4.65	5.28	4.66	6.53	-----
Oct	4.71	5.32	4.72	6.70	-----
Nov	4.70	5.26	4.71	6.75	-----
Dec	4.68	4.90	4.69	6.78	-----
Total	4.63	4.94	4.64	6.65	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Average Live Weight by Type.  
 Month, and Total, United States, 1994 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
Average Live Weight	Pounds <u>2/</u>				
Jan	-----	23.11	26.20	23.14	-----
Feb	8.95	22.76	24.90	22.76	-----
Mar	8.98	22.70	25.62	22.71	-----
Apr	-----	23.17	26.57	23.19	-----
May	9.48	23.18	25.84	23.14	-----
Jun	9.91	22.97	21.72	22.94	-----
Jul	8.56	22.43	24.17	22.42	-----
Aug	10.41	21.97	24.68	21.94	-----
Sep	9.57	22.44	25.19	22.45	-----
Oct	9.95	22.65	24.45	22.66	-----
Nov	-----	22.33	25.15	22.35	-----
Dec	-----	23.12	25.65	23.13	-----
Total	9.74	22.71	24.72	22.70	-----

1/ Federally inspected only.

2/ Averages calculated from unrounded data.

Poultry: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
Month, and Total, United States, 1994 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Chilled					
Jan	1,735,041	40,469	1,775,511	2,798	60
Feb	1,616,641	37,522	1,654,163	3,013	32
Mar	1,857,736	42,186	1,899,922	2,906	71
Apr	1,764,701	40,987	1,805,688	2,540	13
May	1,830,389	40,871	1,871,260	2,280	41
Jun	1,913,090	43,706	1,956,796	2,056	90
Jul	1,730,401	35,302	1,765,703	1,907	78
Aug	2,032,389	39,918	2,072,307	2,206	81
Sep	1,909,891	40,207	1,950,098	2,182	30
Oct	1,889,747	38,112	1,927,859	2,403	215
Nov	1,816,827	37,445	1,854,272	2,841	64
Dec	1,807,569	41,298	1,848,867	2,968	91
Total <u>2/</u>	21,904,422	478,024	22,382,446	30,101	866
Frozen					
Jan	152,003	1,801	153,803	5,608	165
Feb	134,974	1,947	136,921	5,067	141
Mar	170,251	1,991	172,242	5,580	133
Apr	159,583	3,046	162,629	5,096	146
May	156,112	2,682	158,794	6,010	176
Jun	160,233	2,731	162,964	6,447	170
Jul	151,114	3,509	154,622	5,356	147
Aug	173,837	3,170	177,008	6,162	209
Sep	169,232	2,807	172,039	5,216	466
Oct	173,152	2,495	175,647	5,300	930
Nov	169,615	1,553	171,167	4,532	316
Dec	171,641	1,658	173,299	5,204	169
Total <u>2/</u>	1,941,747	29,389	1,971,136	65,578	3,169

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Poultry: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
Month, and Total, United States, 1994 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys			Total Poultry
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys
		1,000 Pounds			
Chilled					
Jan	-----	177,588	1,595	179,183	1,957,551
Feb	-----	172,503	1,938	174,441	1,831,650
Mar	-----	196,915	1,933	198,848	2,101,747
Apr	-----	181,102	1,767	182,869	1,991,109
May	-----	194,646	1,256	195,902	2,069,483
Jun	-----	203,108	2,765	205,874	2,164,816
Jul	-----	181,661	923	182,584	1,950,272
Aug	225	216,139	2,158	218,523	2,293,118
Sep	-----	207,808	1,700	209,509	2,161,819
Oct	-----	212,824	1,992	214,817	2,145,294
Nov	-----	230,623	1,878	232,501	2,089,678
Dec	-----	204,824	873	205,698	2,057,624
Total <u>2/</u>	227	2,379,743	20,778	2,400,748	24,814,161
Frozen					
Jan	-----	167,390	1,225	168,615	328,192
Feb	129	166,623	822	167,574	309,703
Mar	102	201,023	924	202,050	380,005
Apr	-----	197,079	672	197,751	365,622
May	566	218,146	962	219,674	384,654
Jun	236	249,693	2,089	252,018	421,599
Jul	197	221,204	1,607	223,008	383,133
Aug	723	262,414	1,938	265,075	448,454
Sep	225	236,275	1,729	238,230	415,951
Oct	155	242,586	1,514	244,255	426,133
Nov	-----	220,365	1,071	221,436	397,452
Dec	-----	190,196	1,595	191,792	370,464
Total <u>2/</u>	2,334	2,572,996	16,147	2,591,477	4,631,360

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, 1994 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Chilled plus Frozen					
Jan	1,887,044	42,270	1,929,314	8,406	225
Feb	1,751,614	39,470	1,791,084	8,080	173
Mar	2,027,987	44,177	2,072,164	8,487	204
Apr	1,924,285	44,033	1,968,318	7,635	158
May	1,986,501	43,553	2,030,054	8,291	217
Jun	2,073,323	46,437	2,119,760	8,503	260
Jul	1,881,515	38,810	1,920,325	7,263	225
Aug	2,206,227	43,088	2,249,315	8,368	290
Sep	2,079,123	43,014	2,122,137	7,398	496
Oct	2,062,899	40,607	2,103,506	7,703	1,145
Nov	1,986,442	38,997	2,025,439	7,374	380
Dec	1,979,209	42,956	2,022,166	8,172	260
Total <u>2/</u>	23,846,169	507,413	24,353,582	95,680	4,034

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Poultry: Chilled Plus Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
 Month, and Total, United States, 1994 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys			Total Poultry
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys
		1,000 Pounds			
Chilled plus Frozen					
Jan	-----	344,978	2,820	347,798	2,285,743
Feb	129	339,126	2,760	342,015	2,141,352
Mar	102	397,938	2,857	400,897	2,481,752
Apr	-----	378,181	2,439	380,620	2,356,731
May	566	412,792	2,218	415,576	2,454,138
Jun	236	452,801	4,854	457,892	2,586,415
Jul	197	402,866	2,529	405,592	2,333,405
Aug	948	478,554	4,096	483,598	2,741,571
Sep	225	444,084	3,429	447,738	2,577,770
Oct	155	455,410	3,507	459,072	2,571,427
Nov	-----	450,989	2,949	453,937	2,487,130
Dec	-----	395,020	2,468	397,490	2,428,088
Total <u>2/</u>	2.560	4,952,739	36,926	4,992,225	29,445,522

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, 1994 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan	11,574	2,013	13,587	13	1
Feb	9,525	1,375	10,900	11	1
Mar	9,094	1,212	10,306	15	1
Apr	7,716	1,269	8,985	14	5
May	7,721	1,149	8,870	10	2
Jun	9,818	1,606	11,424	18	3
Jul	9,445	1,056	10,502	11	2
Aug	10,813	1,118	11,931	12	2
Sep	8,902	1,029	9,931	10	6
Oct	7,780	762	8,542	10	10
Nov	7,677	682	8,359	9	2
Dec	8,923	898	9,821	10	3
Total <u>2/</u>	108,987	14,170	123,157	142	37
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan	38,881	3,313	42,194	213	3
Feb	36,086	3,012	39,097	192	2
Mar	41,240	3,169	44,409	206	4
Apr	36,914	3,400	40,314	172	1
May	36,384	3,311	39,695	171	3
Jun	38,123	3,355	41,479	186	6
Jul	37,959	2,940	40,900	160	6
Aug	42,820	3,314	46,134	192	13
Sep	40,192	3,297	43,489	167	9
Oct	38,669	3,154	41,823	184	52
Nov	38,212	3,203	41,415	180	10
Dec	43,301	3,320	46,621	190	8
Total <u>2/</u>	468,780	38,790	507,571	2,212	118

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations  
by Type, Month, and Total, United States, 1994 1/ (continued)

Month	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan	-----	1,563	31	1,594	15,195
Feb	2	1,431	52	1,485	12,397
Mar	-----	1,335	23	1,358	11,679
Apr	-----	1,062	19	1,082	10,086
May	2	1,040	33	1,076	9,958
Jun	1	1,649	39	1,688	13,133
Jul	1	1,448	24	1,473	11,987
Aug	2	1,668	56	1,726	13,671
Sep	1	1,364	25	1,390	11,336
Oct	1	1,121	32	1,153	9,714
Nov	-----	1,162	35	1,197	9,566
Dec	-----	1,075	21	1,096	10,930
Total <u>2/</u>	8	15,918	390	16,316	139,652
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan	-----	9,318	307	9,625	52,034
Feb	2	9,707	306	10,015	49,307
Mar	-----	10,800	283	11,085	55,704
Apr	-----	9,381	291	9,672	50,159
May	12	9,428	246	9,686	49,556
Jun	4	10,071	284	10,358	52,029
Jul	3	9,956	253	10,212	51,277
Aug	16	11,884	406	12,307	58,646
Sep	4	10,792	288	11,083	54,748
Oct	3	10,754	303	11,060	53,118
Nov	-----	10,066	254	10,320	51,925
Dec	-----	9,197	226	9,423	56,243
Total <u>2/</u>	46	121,352	3,447	124,846	634,746

1/ Federally inspected only.

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



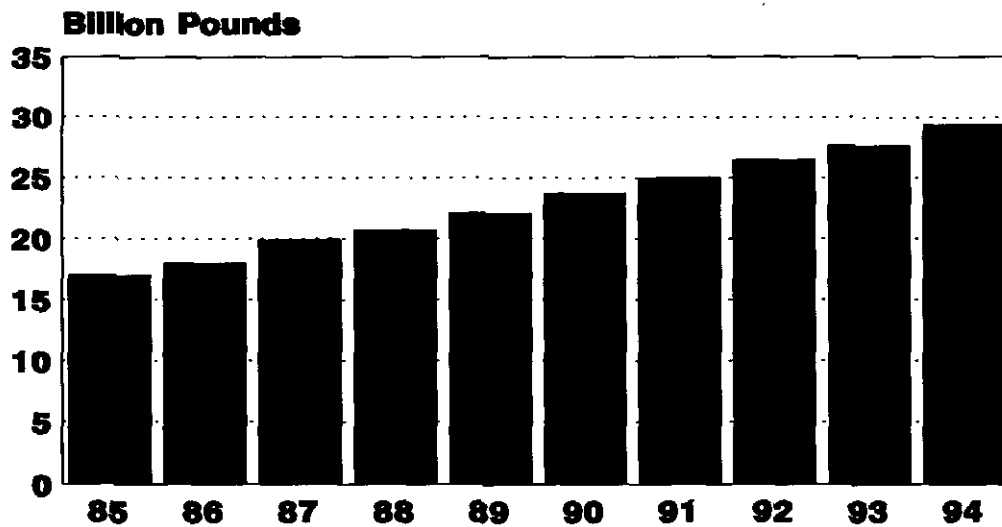
Total Poultry Slaughtered (Ready-to-cook Weights),  
United States, 1993 and 1994

Year	Federal Inspection	Non-Federal Inspection <u>1/</u>	Total Inspection
	(Million Pounds)		
1993	27,642	48	27,690
1994	29,446	47	29,493

1/ Excludes ducks and other miscellaneous poultry.

## Poultry Slaughter: Pounds Certified

United States, 1985-94  
Ready-to-Cook Weight 1/



**1/ Federally Inspected Only**

## 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 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. 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.

This issue of "**Poultry Slaughter**" also contains revised monthly data on selected items for 1994. These revisions are shown on pages 15 through 24.

## 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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