

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 14 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during February (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.63 billion pounds, up 14 percent from the amount certified in 1995. Updated totals for January 1996 show that 2.75 billion pounds were certified. The January through February cumulative total of pounds certified, at 5.38 billion pounds, was up 12 percent from the same period the previous year.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during February 1996 was 3.57 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.94 billion pounds of young chickens, 68.0 million pounds of mature chickens, 543 million pounds of turkeys, and 10.6 million pounds of ducks.

Ante-mortem condemnations during February 1996 totaled 15.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.44 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.39 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 65.5 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 2.04 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.98 percent a year earlier.

February 1996 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays, while February 1995 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

1995 Poultry Slaughter Up 4 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome under Federal Inspection during 1995 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 30.7 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the total amount certified during 1994. Young chickens, at 25.0 billion pounds, accounted for 81 percent of the total pounds certified ready-to-cook and were up 5 percent from 1994. The average live weight for young chickens increased 1 percent to 4.66 pounds. Total turkeys, at 5.13 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 23.2 pounds per bird. The remaining 2 percent of pounds certified ready-to cook were mature chickens, ducks, and other poultry

Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, February 1996 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
1,000 Head					
Number Inspected					
Jan 1996	643,563	14,140	657,704	1,705	-----
Feb 1995	560,504	13,285	573,789	1,417	-----
Feb 1996	613,099	13,325	626,424	1,591	-----
Jan-Feb 1995	1,167,941	27,764	1,195,705	3,062	-----
Jan-Feb 1996	1,256,662	27,466	1,284,128	3,296	-----
1,000 Pounds					
Live Weight					
Jan 1996	3,113,929	73,016	3,186,945	11,429	633
Feb 1995	2,605,944	67,013	2,672,958	9,431	359
Feb 1996	2,944,708	68,042	3,012,750	10,609	535
Jan-Feb 1995	5,443,899	136,783	5,580,682	20,487	724
Jan-Feb 1996	6,058,636	141,058	6,199,694	22,038	1,167
Pounds					
Average Live Weight					
Jan 1996	4.84	5.16	4.85	6.70	-----
Feb 1995	4.65	5.04	4.66	6.66	-----
Feb 1996	4.80	5.11	4.81	6.67	-----
Jan-Feb 1995	4.66	4.93	4.67	6.69	-----
Jan-Feb 1996	4.82	5.14	4.83	6.69	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, February 1996 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys				
		-----			Total	
		Fryer-			Total	Poultry
		Roasters	Young 3/	Old	Turkeys	

		1,000 Head				
Number Inspected						
Jan 1996	---	21,384	173	21,557	-----	
Feb 1995	15	19,829	116	19,960	-----	
Feb 1996	29	22,652	138	22,818	-----	
Jan-Feb 1995	15	40,233	276	40,524	-----	
Jan-Feb 1996	29	44,036	310	44,375	-----	

		1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight						
Jan 1996	---	525,102	4,419	529,521	3,728,528	
Feb 1995	149	470,020	2,945	473,115	3,155,863	
Feb 1996	286	539,677	3,512	543,476	3,567,369	
Jan-Feb 1995	149	959,808	6,630	966,587	6,568,480	
Jan-Feb 1996	286	1,064,779	7,932	1,072,997	7,295,896	

		Pounds				
Average Live Weight						
Jan 1996	---	24.56	25.57	24.56	-----	
Feb 1995	10.27	23.70	25.30	23.70	-----	
Feb 1996	9.88	23.82	25.52	23.82	-----	
Jan-Feb 1995	10.27	23.86	24.05	23.85	-----	
Jan-Feb 1996	9.88	24.18	25.55	24.18	-----	

- 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: February 1995: 4,995, February 1996: 5,118.
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: February 1995: 71, February 1996: 103.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, February 1996 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Jan 1996					
Chilled	2,083,037	42,277	2,125,314	2,982	165
Frozen	201,257	2,108	203,365	5,238	211
Total	2,284,294	44,386	2,328,680	8,220	376
Feb 1995					
Chilled	1,728,017	39,229	1,767,246	2,189	63
Frozen	162,394	1,646	164,040	4,566	164
Total	1,890,411	40,875	1,931,286	6,755	227
Feb 1996					
Chilled	1,964,526	39,767	2,004,293	3,342	118
Frozen	184,491	1,551	186,042	4,311	194
Total	2,149,017	41,318	2,190,335	7,653	312
Jan-Feb 1995					
Chilled	3,613,793	79,354	3,693,147	4,872	121
Frozen	336,044	3,833	339,877	9,797	332
Total	3,949,837	83,187	4,033,024	14,669	453
Jan-Feb 1996					
Chilled	4,047,563	82,045	4,129,607	6,324	283
Frozen	385,748	3,659	389,408	9,549	405
Total	4,433,311	85,704	4,519,015	15,873	688

See footnotes at end of table.

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 United States, February 1996 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Jan 1996					
Chilled	---	211,044	2,309	213,352	2,341,813
Frozen	---	201,353	1,101	202,454	411,269
Total	---	412,396	3,410	415,806	2,753,082
Feb 1995					
Chilled	---	186,090	1,636	187,725	1,957,223
Frozen	111	182,816	574	183,500	352,270
Total	111	368,905	2,209	371,225	2,309,493
Feb 1996					
Chilled	---	206,017	1,632	207,649	2,215,403
Frozen	227	220,461	995	221,682	412,229
Total	227	426,478	2,627	429,332	2,627,632
Jan-Feb 1995					
Chilled	---	384,415	3,403	387,818	4,085,958
Frozen	111	370,746	1,623	372,479	722,486
Total	111	755,161	5,026	760,297	4,808,444
Jan-Feb 1996					
Chilled	---	417,061	3,941	421,002	4,557,215
Frozen	227	421,814	2,095	424,136	823,498
Total	227	838,875	6,036	845,138	5,380,714

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 1996 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan 1996	15,638	1,104	16,742	8	5
Feb 1995	10,259	923	11,182	8	2
Feb 1996	12,616	1,241	13,857	9	1
Jan-Feb 1995	20,839	2,044	22,883	21	4
Jan-Feb 1996	28,254	2,346	30,600	17	6
Percent 2/					
Feb 1995	0.39	1.38	0.42	0.09	0.64
Feb 1996	0.43	1.82	0.46	0.08	0.09
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan 1996	52,417	4,043	56,461	159	12
Feb 1995	43,142	3,154	46,296	162	4
Feb 1996	49,706	4,001	53,706	165	8
Jan-Feb 1995	87,827	6,501	94,328	348	11
Jan-Feb 1996	102,123	8,044	110,167	324	19
Percent 3/					
Feb 1995	1.84	5.23	1.92	1.91	1.37
Feb 1996	1.88	6.53	1.98	1.73	1.63

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, February 1996 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys			Total
		Fryer-	Young	Old	Poultry
		Roasters		Turkeys	
		1,000 Pounds			
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan 1996	---	1,840	56	1,896	18,652
Feb 1995	1	1,179	22	1,202	12,394
Feb 1996	2	1,763	57	1,822	15,689
Jan-Feb 1995	1	2,380	39	2,420	25,329
Jan-Feb 1996	2	3,603	113	3,718	34,341
Percent 2/					
Feb 1995	0.42	0.25	0.74	0.25	0.39
Feb 1996	0.65	0.33	1.62	0.34	0.44
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan 1996	---	11,909	229	12,139	68,770
Feb 1995	2	9,476	203	9,681	56,144
Feb 1996	3	11,392	257	11,651	65,530
Jan-Feb 1995	2	19,209	448	19,658	114,346
Jan-Feb 1996	3	23,301	486	23,789	134,300
Percent 3/					
Feb 1995	1.32	2.24	7.67	2.27	1.98
Feb 1996	1.04	2.35	8.12	2.38	2.04

- 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 1995-96

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/		
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996	
	-----	1,000	-----	1,000 Pounds	----	Pounds	----
AL	68,347	71,355	318,240	352,297	4.66	4.94	
AR	85,554	95,051	384,315	448,485	4.49	4.72	
CA	18,190	19,928	91,829	99,086	5.05	4.97	
DE	22,115	23,491	113,801	131,747	5.15	5.61	
FL	10,657	11,854	46,583	53,522	4.37	4.52	
GA	75,464	85,794	360,752	418,480	4.78	4.88	
LA	12,375	12,539	58,224	57,580	4.70	4.59	
MD	16,113	16,802	74,819	79,354	4.64	4.72	
MS	49,268	52,220	230,198	249,004	4.67	4.77	
MO	18,838	25,334	77,777	108,881	4.13	4.30	
NC	48,854	51,090	245,580	268,015	5.03	5.25	
PA	7,177	8,007	35,985	41,108	5.01	5.13	
SC	17,807	18,591	71,922	81,788	4.04	4.40	
TN	12,082	13,609	52,509	61,010	4.35	4.48	
TX	31,427	37,209	141,925	169,516	4.52	4.56	
VA	26,949	28,981	122,356	137,482	4.54	4.74	
WA	2,762	2,721	13,791	13,732	4.99	5.05	
US	560,504	613,099	2,605,944	2,944,708	4.65	4.80	

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, February 1995-96

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations				
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/		
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996	
		1,000 Pounds		Percent			
AL	230,781	262,991	7,006	8,521	2.45	2.69	
AR	269,954	318,915	5,372	6,755	1.55	1.67	
CA	64,746	72,275	2,813	1,396	3.40	1.57	
DE	82,197	95,448	2,273	3,311	2.22	2.79	
FL	33,698	37,024	426	599	1.02	1.24	
GA	267,086	309,012	5,721	6,186	1.76	1.64	
LA	40,580	41,557	895	1,336	1.71	2.58	
MD	51,723	55,564	1,352	1,370	2.01	1.92	
MS	172,801	188,461	3,244	3,040	1.57	1.36	
MO	56,452	78,131	1,153	2,136	1.65	2.18	
NC	183,373	199,440	3,661	4,284	1.66	1.78	
PA	25,383	28,984	893	1,147	2.76	3.10	
SC	53,269	60,829	1,024	1,440	1.58	1.96	
TN	36,582	44,359	548	676	1.16	1.23	
TX	106,330	128,712	1,890	1,952	1.48	1.28	
VA	87,411	94,802	1,688	2,074	1.53	1.68	
WA	10,292	10,233	329	373	2.65	3.02	
US	1,890,411	2,149,017	43,142	49,706	1.84	1.88	

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 1996

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	15,822	279,361	258,922	6,560	19,537
AR	---	8,107	363,738	239,075	8,763	11,815
CA	---	7,530	86,471	8,207	1,394	15,493
DE	---	59,564	155,614	133,610	---	---
FL	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	9,128	186,851	248,575	1,724	20,070
LA	---	---	47,125	29,664	---	4,318
MD	---	24,723	90,724	55,140	52	8,507
MS	---	5,044	127,935	66,855	1,873	25,203
MO	---	8,582	128,077	66,770	2,456	2,293
NC	---	16,683	134,880	94,456	90	51,033
PA	---	---	46,565	54,744	523	3,462
SC	---	---	37,633	92,510	138	6,108
TN	---	---	54,095	15,096	---	---
TX	---	1,859	124,358	52,640	414	2,632
VA	---	---	92,109	87,124	218	---
WA	---	---	23,453	---	---	---
US	---	205,756	2,213,335	1,575,969	40,321	234,737
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	15,622	41,379	91,057	8,990	300,168	1,037,418
AR	15,475	32,421	85,849	3,599	141,862	910,704
CA	1,068	8,250	2,908	---	26,706	158,027
DE	4,853	13,685	18,261	4,741	36,258	426,586
FL	1,170	5,644	8,316	---	25,538	40,668
GA	16,095	41,552	66,383	9,524	202,863	802,765
LA	1,987	3,954	---	72	26,922	114,042
MD	1,739	6,789	---	1,953	---	189,627
MS	6,601	25,338	35,534	1,690	167,230	463,303
MO	2,905	12,902	19,714	1,279	60,369	305,347
NC	6,735	32,211	61,064	3,920	211,455	612,527
PA	2,393	2,834	---	---	25,170	135,691
SC	3,557	19,469	17,815	1,097	53,718	232,045
TN	2,756	7,403	12,914	791	34,569	127,624
TX	1,296	11,009	12,141	352	4,478	211,179
VA	3,914	8,909	23,975	1,814	71,919	289,982
WA	437	687	641	260	15,897	41,375
US	96,766	292,297	557,873	44,176	1,518,984	6,780,214

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, February 1995-96

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	13,285	13,325	67,013	68,042	5.04	5.11

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, February 1995-96

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	40,875	41,318	3,154	4,001	5.23	6.53

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 1996

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	5,071	301,651	15,815	793	110,272

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	2,215	2,215
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	29,099	49,134	189,528	2,838	38,059	742,260

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, February 1995-96

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	2,085	2,282	44,683	47,664	21.43	20.88
CA	1,300	1,510	26,884	32,471	20.68	21.50
IA	880	1,045	26,590	29,898	30.22	28.60
MN	2,386	3,052	51,898	65,898	21.75	21.59
MO	1,540	2,100	37,800	50,617	24.54	24.10
NC	4,156	3,995	96,378	97,418	23.19	24.39
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	2,700	3,081	52,504	58,448	19.44	18.97
US	19,829	22,652	470,020	539,677	23.70	23.82

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, February 1995-96

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1995	1996	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	36,397	38,945	975	809	2.42	1.89
CA	21,942	26,583	333	352	1.38	1.21
IA	20,565	23,276	667	983	2.79	3.65
MN	41,413	52,120	1,231	2,048	2.64	3.45
MO	29,769	40,020	1,017	1,414	2.99	3.10
NC	75,854	76,377	1,826	1,674	2.11	1.91
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	39,213	46,314	802	879	1.70	1.67
US	368,905	426,478	9,476	11,392	2.24	2.35

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, February 1996

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AR	---	---	9,157	---	---	---
CA	---	---	4,724	40	---	---
IA	---	---	---	8,721	---	---
MN	---	13	16,857	---	---	---
MO	---	---	26,575	5,473	---	5
NC	---	25	9,552	1,094	---	10
PA	---	---	---	1,092	---	---
VA	---	---	---	881	---	---
US	---	127	113,753	38,707	7,997	132

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Number						
AR	---	---	1,157	---	1,034	11,348
CA	---	535	---	---	---	5,299
IA	37	---	---	---	---	8,758
MN	176	2,213	1,761	---	---	21,020
MO	121	---	1,086	---	---	33,260
NC	---	3,601	1,525	---	---	15,807
PA	105	---	---	---	---	1,197
VA	---	1,070	290	---	1,434	3,675
US	1,377	11,016	9,427	2,071	12,561	197,168

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
United States, February 1996

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
US	---	---	3,544	425	11	72

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Number						
US	4	142	201	17	707	5,123

Poultry Slaughter: Number and Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1995 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Head					
Number					
Jan	607,437	14,479	621,916	1,645	-----
Feb	560,504	13,285	573,789	1,417	-----
Mar	651,072	14,432	665,504	1,687	-----
Apr	564,327	14,389	578,716	1,372	-----
May	654,542	14,720	669,262	1,708	-----
Jun	659,734	14,346	674,080	1,676	-----
Jul	585,666	11,911	597,576	1,517	-----
Aug	665,681	12,521	678,203	1,750	-----
Sep	607,716	12,027	619,743	1,592	-----
Oct	640,987	13,341	654,327	1,765	-----
Nov	596,524	11,972	608,496	1,707	-----
Dec	577,239	11,995	589,234	1,692	-----
Total 2/	7,371,429	159,418	7,530,847	19,528	-----
1,000 Pounds					
Live Weight					
Jan	2,837,954	69,770	2,907,724	11,056	364
Feb	2,605,944	67,013	2,672,958	9,431	359
Mar	3,024,117	72,341	3,096,459	11,355	338
Apr	2,641,595	70,663	2,712,258	9,283	365
May	3,046,176	74,622	3,120,799	11,521	424
Jun	3,062,116	73,652	3,135,768	10,972	456
Jul	2,663,853	63,727	2,727,580	9,798	559
Aug	2,984,950	62,483	3,047,432	11,135	666
Sep	2,819,312	62,756	2,882,068	10,523	1,262
Oct	3,052,003	72,042	3,124,045	11,883	1,749
Nov	2,843,278	63,385	2,906,664	11,495	1,250
Dec	2,771,680	59,766	2,831,446	11,422	547
Total 2/	34,352,980	812,220	35,165,199	129,875	8,340

See footnotes at end of table.

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Poultry Slaughter: Number and Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1995 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys				
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	Total Poultry
		1,000 Head				
Number						
Jan	---	20,404	159	20,563	-----	
Feb	15	19,829	116	19,960	-----	
Mar	---	23,204	139	23,343	-----	
Apr	45	19,694	100	19,840	-----	
May	5	23,447	97	23,550	-----	
Jun	68	25,630	166	25,864	-----	
Jul	75	22,661	190	22,927	-----	
Aug	70	25,973	221	26,264	-----	
Sep	---	23,980	250	24,230	-----	
Oct	37	27,188	133	27,357	-----	
Nov	27	25,652	178	25,857	-----	
Dec	17	21,143	117	21,277	-----	
Total 2/	358	278,806	1,868	281,032	-----	
		1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight						
Jan	---	489,788	3,684	493,472	3,412,617	
Feb	149	470,020	2,945	473,115	3,155,863	
Mar	---	548,215	3,591	551,806	3,659,959	
Apr	418	468,041	2,597	471,056	3,192,962	
May	47	559,433	2,600	562,080	3,694,824	
Jun	499	605,645	4,366	610,510	3,757,706	
Jul	685	517,011	4,563	522,259	3,260,196	
Aug	594	568,642	5,329	574,565	3,633,799	
Sep	---	531,870	5,706	537,576	3,431,429	
Oct	338	611,868	3,273	615,479	3,753,156	
Nov	265	585,790	4,742	590,796	3,510,204	
Dec	140	500,256	3,019	503,415	3,346,830	
Total 2/	3,137	6,456,579	46,415	6,506,131	41,809,546	

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, 1995 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
Pounds 2/					
Average Live Weight					
Jan	4.67	4.82	4.68	6.72	-----
Feb	4.65	5.04	4.66	6.66	-----
Mar	4.64	5.01	4.65	6.73	-----
Apr	4.68	4.91	4.69	6.76	-----
May	4.65	5.07	4.66	6.75	-----
Jun	4.64	5.13	4.65	6.55	-----
Jul	4.55	5.35	4.56	6.46	-----
Aug	4.48	4.99	4.49	6.36	-----
Sep	4.64	5.22	4.65	6.61	-----
Oct	4.76	5.40	4.77	6.73	-----
Nov	4.77	5.29	4.78	6.73	-----
Dec	4.80	4.98	4.81	6.75	-----
Total	4.66	5.09	4.67	6.65	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Average Live Weight by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1995 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys				
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	Total Poultry
		Pounds 2/				
Average	:					
Live Weight	:					
Jan	:	---	24.00	23.13	24.00	-----
Feb	:	10.27	23.70	25.30	23.70	-----
Mar	:	---	23.63	25.82	23.64	-----
Apr	:	9.31	23.77	25.85	23.74	-----
May	:	9.74	23.86	26.71	23.87	-----
Jun	:	7.33	23.63	26.30	23.60	-----
Jul	:	9.14	22.81	23.96	22.78	-----
Aug	:	8.45	21.89	24.15	21.88	-----
Sep	:	---	22.18	22.79	22.19	-----
Oct	:	9.22	22.51	24.70	22.50	-----
Nov	:	9.88	22.84	26.59	22.85	-----
Dec	:	8.15	23.66	25.89	23.66	-----
Total	:	8.75	23.16	24.85	23.15	-----

1/ Federally inspected only.

2/ Averages calculated from unrounded data.

Poultry: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1995 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Chilled					
Jan	1,885,776	40,125	1,925,902	2,683	58
Feb	1,728,017	39,229	1,767,246	2,189	63
Mar	2,003,888	41,652	2,045,541	2,512	31
Apr	1,748,232	40,845	1,789,078	2,293	70
May	2,027,490	42,664	2,070,154	2,566	50
Jun	2,042,964	41,964	2,084,928	2,361	67
Jul	1,777,370	34,674	1,812,044	1,993	108
Aug	1,992,575	35,859	2,028,434	2,545	141
Sep	1,877,101	35,696	1,912,797	2,397	142
Oct	2,029,030	40,277	2,069,306	2,745	150
Nov	1,885,510	36,259	1,921,769	3,128	151
Dec	1,831,199	34,846	1,866,045	3,163	140
Total 2/	22,829,151	464,091	23,293,242	30,574	1,172
Frozen					
Jan	173,650	2,187	175,836	5,232	168
Feb	162,394	1,646	164,040	4,566	164
Mar	192,835	2,805	195,640	5,695	178
Apr	164,394	1,893	166,286	4,349	158
May	184,159	2,345	186,504	5,740	210
Jun	189,008	2,957	191,966	5,560	212
Jul	167,561	3,546	171,107	5,007	227
Aug	188,451	2,322	190,773	5,376	269
Sep	178,838	2,563	181,401	5,111	616
Oct	205,748	4,013	209,761	5,731	914
Nov	197,345	2,697	200,042	5,088	613
Dec	187,256	1,453	188,710	5,032	232
Total 2/	2,191,639	30,427	2,222,066	62,487	3,962

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Poultry: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
Month, and Total, United States, 1995 1/ (continued)

: Turkeys :					Total Poultry
: Fryer- : : Roasters :	: Young :	: Old :	: Total : : Turkeys :	:	

: 1,000 Pounds :					
Chilled :					
Jan	: ---	198,325	1,767	200,093	2,128,735
Feb	: ---	186,090	1,636	187,725	1,957,223
Mar	: ---	220,625	2,045	222,670	2,270,754
Apr	: ---	188,320	1,511	189,831	1,981,271
May	: ---	214,376	1,259	215,635	2,288,405
Jun	: ---	222,304	2,402	224,706	2,312,063
Jul	: ---	183,868	2,120	185,988	2,000,133
Aug	: ---	208,276	2,413	210,689	2,241,810
Sep	: ---	195,974	3,107	199,082	2,114,417
Oct	: ---	225,349	1,822	227,170	2,299,371
Nov	: 1	249,698	2,612	252,311	2,177,359
Dec	: 3	203,346	1,662	205,012	2,074,359
Total 2/	: 4	2,496,552	24,356	2,520,912	25,845,900
Frozen :					
Jan	: ---	187,930	1,049	188,979	370,216
Feb	: 111	182,816	574	183,500	352,270
Mar	: ---	212,503	669	213,172	414,684
Apr	: 310	181,302	452	182,064	352,858
May	: 35	227,069	677	227,780	420,235
Jun	: 366	256,109	880	257,355	455,093
Jul	: 551	225,226	1,293	227,070	403,410
Aug	: 451	238,983	1,584	241,018	437,436
Sep	: ---	223,546	1,364	224,910	412,039
Oct	: 249	254,879	689	255,817	472,224
Nov	: 178	213,320	906	214,405	420,147
Dec	: 86	191,101	646	191,832	385,806
Total 2/	: 2,337	2,594,784	10,782	2,607,904	4,896,418

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, 1995 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Chilled plus Frozen					
Jan	2,059,426	42,312	2,101,738	7,915	226
Feb	1,890,411	40,875	1,931,286	6,755	227
Mar	2,196,723	44,457	2,241,181	8,207	209
Apr	1,912,626	42,738	1,955,364	6,642	228
May	2,211,649	45,009	2,256,658	8,306	261
Jun	2,231,972	44,922	2,276,894	7,921	280
Jul	1,944,931	38,220	1,983,151	6,999	335
Aug	2,181,026	38,182	2,219,207	7,921	411
Sep	2,055,939	38,259	2,094,198	7,508	758
Oct	2,234,778	44,290	2,279,067	8,476	1,064
Nov	2,082,855	38,956	2,121,811	8,216	764
Dec	2,018,455	36,299	2,054,754	8,196	372
Total 2/	25,020,790	494,518	25,515,308	93,061	5,133

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Poultry: Chilled Plus Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 Month, and Total, United States, 1995 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys				Total
		Fryer-	Young	Old	Total	Poultry
		Roasters			Turkeys	
		1,000 Pounds				
Chilled	:					
plus Frozen	:					
Jan	:	---	386,256	2,816	389,072	2,498,951
Feb	:	111	368,905	2,209	371,225	2,309,493
Mar	:	---	433,128	2,714	435,842	2,685,438
Apr	:	310	369,622	1,963	371,895	2,334,129
May	:	35	441,445	1,935	443,415	2,708,640
Jun	:	366	478,413	3,282	482,061	2,767,156
Jul	:	551	409,094	3,413	413,059	2,403,543
Aug	:	451	447,259	3,997	451,707	2,679,246
Sep	:	---	419,521	4,472	423,992	2,526,456
Oct	:	249	480,228	2,511	482,988	2,771,595
Nov	:	179	463,018	3,518	466,716	2,597,506
Dec	:	89	394,447	2,308	396,844	2,460,165
Total 2/	:	2,341	5,091,336	35,138	5,128,816	30,742,318

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, 1995 1/

Month	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan	10,580	1,121	11,701	13	2
Feb	10,259	923	11,182	8	2
Mar	10,916	963	11,879	11	1
Apr	8,491	973	9,464	12	1
May	9,669	1,177	10,846	9	2
Jun	11,461	1,575	13,036	13	2
Jul	13,242	1,741	14,983	24	7
Aug	14,256	1,535	15,791	30	5
Sep	9,470	950	10,421	18	4
Oct	9,547	1,189	10,736	10	6
Nov	9,539	731	10,270	9	5
Dec	10,123	841	10,964	9	1
Total 2/	127,553	13,719	141,272	165	38
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan	44,685	3,347	48,032	186	6
Feb	43,142	3,154	46,296	162	4
Mar	49,189	3,409	52,598	185	4
Apr	42,209	3,434	45,643	142	5
May	48,906	3,654	52,560	187	5
Jun	46,372	3,467	49,840	175	6
Jul	40,977	3,043	44,020	178	16
Aug	45,502	3,078	48,580	200	21
Sep	39,606	3,160	42,766	181	16
Oct	42,714	3,866	46,580	224	22
Nov	41,527	3,282	44,809	190	14
Dec	43,119	3,390	46,509	172	6
Total 2/	527,948	40,283	568,232	2,182	125

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

Month	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jan	---	1,201	17	1,218	12,934
Feb	1	1,179	22	1,202	12,394
Mar	---	1,316	43	1,358	13,249
Apr	4	1,048	16	1,068	10,545
May	---	1,178	41	1,219	12,075
Jun	2	1,817	58	1,877	14,927
Jul	1	2,164	39	2,205	17,218
Aug	2	1,843	55	1,900	17,726
Sep	---	1,210	27	1,237	11,680
Oct	3	1,307	19	1,329	12,081
Nov	12	1,359	36	1,406	11,690
Dec	1	1,340	44	1,386	12,361
Total 2/	25	16,963	417	17,405	158,879
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jan	---	9,733	245	9,977	58,202
Feb	2	9,476	203	9,681	56,144
Mar	---	10,746	327	11,074	63,861
Apr	4	8,687	202	8,893	54,683
May	1	9,734	212	9,947	62,699
Jun	11	10,697	301	11,009	61,029
Jul	7	9,790	311	10,108	54,322
Aug	6	11,244	323	11,572	60,373
Sep	---	10,436	268	10,704	53,666
Oct	6	11,179	202	11,387	58,213
Nov	13	10,299	312	10,624	55,637
Dec	29	9,714	188	9,931	56,618
Total 2/	78	121,736	3,094	124,907	695,446

1/ Federally inspected only.

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

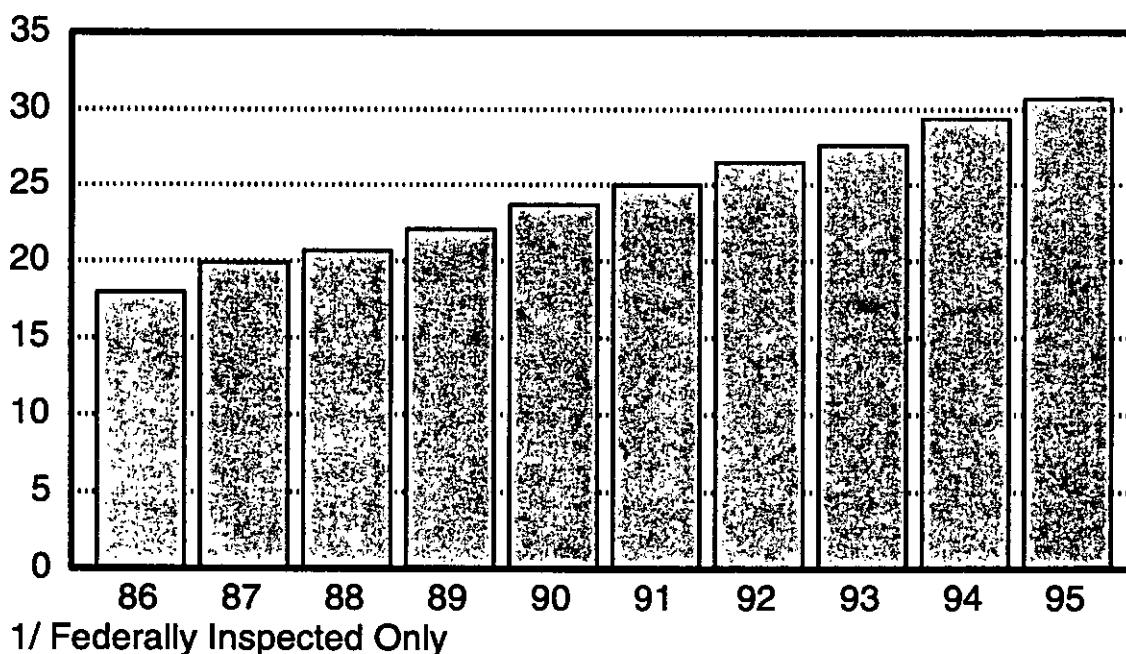
Total Poultry Slaughtered (Ready-to-cook Weights),
United States, 1994 and 1995

Year	Federal Inspection 1/	Non-Federal Inspection 2/	Total Inspection
(Million Pounds)			
1994	29,446	47	29,493
1995	30,725	46	30,771

1/ Includes chickens, turkeys, ducks and other poultry.

2/ Includes chickens and turkeys only.

Poultry Slaughter: Pounds Certified
United States, 1986-95
Ready-to-Cook Weight 1/



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.

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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.

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This issue of "**Poultry Slaughter**" also contains revised monthly data on selected items for 1995. 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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