



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during July (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.93 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in July 1998. Updated totals for June 1999 show that 3.10 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during July 1999 was 3.96 billion pounds, up 2 percent from a year ago. Inspections included 3.31 billion pounds of young chickens, up 3 percent; 77.8 million pounds of mature chickens, up 2 percent; 557 million pounds of turkeys, down 5 percent; and 12.0 million pounds of ducks, down 8 percent from July 1998.

Young chickens slaughtered during July 1999 averaged 4.89 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from July 1998. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.21 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during July 1999 averaged 25.2 pounds per bird, up 5 percent from July 1998.

Ante-mortem condemnations during July 1999 totaled 24.4 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.62 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.59 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 63.9 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.79 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.91 percent a year earlier.

July 1999 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. July 1998 had 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, July 1999 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jun 1999	702,650	15,314	717,965	1,960	-----
Jul 1998	686,198	14,950	701,148	2,009	-----
Jul 1999	677,791	14,921	692,712	1,852	-----
Jan-Jul 1998	4,580,581	101,555	4,682,135	13,436	-----
Jan-Jul 1999	4,727,052	106,073	4,833,125	13,306	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Jun 1999	3,510,779	80,788	3,591,567	12,828	1,113
Jul 1998	3,211,453	76,438	3,287,891	12,978	1,074
Jul 1999	3,311,350	77,804	3,389,154	11,968	1,056
Jan-Jul 1998	22,106,062	515,351	22,621,413	88,793	7,422
Jan-Jul 1999	23,607,638	542,040	24,149,678	88,055	6,323
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Jun 1999	5.00	5.28	5.00	6.54	-----
Jul 1998	4.68	5.11	4.69	6.46	-----
Jul 1999	4.89	5.21	4.89	6.46	-----
Jan-Jul 1998	4.83	5.07	4.83	6.61	-----
Jan-Jul 1999	4.99	5.11	5.00	6.62	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, July 1999 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young 3/	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jun 1999	28	22,169	154	22,351	-----
Jul 1998	---	24,174	168	24,342	-----
Jul 1999	---	21,927	175	22,101	-----
Jan-Jul 1998	---	155,280	1,077	156,357	-----
Jan-Jul 1999	56	146,788	988	147,832	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Jun 1999	255	571,801	4,110	576,166	4,181,674
Jul 1998	---	579,867	4,251	584,119	3,886,062
Jul 1999	---	552,183	4,544	556,727	3,958,905
Jan-Jul 1998	---	3,871,518	28,372	3,899,890	26,617,519
Jan-Jul 1999	491	3,755,463	26,345	3,782,299	28,026,355
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Jun 1999	8.97	25.79	26.69	25.78	-----
Jul 1998	---	23.99	25.24	24.00	-----
Jul 1999	---	25.18	26.01	25.19	-----
Jan-Jul 1998	7.60	24.93	26.35	24.94	-----
Jan-Jul 1999	8.85	25.58	26.65	25.59	-----

- 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: July 1998: 5,655, July 1999: 6,059.
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: July 1998: 211, July 1999: 95.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, July 1999 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Jun 1999					
Chilled	2,359,613	44,678	2,404,290	3,338	379
Frozen	225,985	3,635	229,620	5,771	264
Total	2,585,597	48,313	2,633,910	9,109	642
Jul 1998					
Chilled	2,154,622	41,666	2,196,288	3,012	379
Frozen	199,466	3,989	203,456	6,315	243
Total	2,354,089	45,655	2,399,744	9,327	622
Jul 1999					
Chilled	2,221,697	43,410	2,265,107	3,151	340
Frozen	215,187	3,334	218,521	5,237	260
Total	2,436,884	46,745	2,483,629	8,387	600
Jan-Jul 1998					
Chilled	14,752,112	284,420	15,036,532	21,823	2,709
Frozen	1,438,119	25,888	1,464,007	41,651	1,437
Total	16,190,231	310,309	16,500,539	63,474	4,146
Jan-Jul 1999					
Chilled	15,811,665	302,210	16,113,875	23,860	2,248
Frozen	1,509,217	23,811	1,533,028	37,931	1,379
Total	17,320,882	326,022	17,646,903	61,790	3,627

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 United States, July 1999 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Jun 1999					
Chilled	14	203,835	1,809	205,658	2,613,664
Frozen	167	247,366	1,230	248,764	484,419
Total	182	451,201	3,039	454,422	3,098,083
Jul 1998					
Chilled	---	205,084	2,596	207,680	2,407,360
Frozen	---	250,950	687	251,636	461,649
Total	---	456,034	3,283	459,316	2,869,009
Jul 1999					
Chilled	---	182,271	2,036	184,307	2,452,904
Frozen	---	251,958	1,390	253,348	477,366
Total	---	434,229	3,426	437,655	2,930,271
Jan-Jul 1998					
Chilled	---	1,441,856	15,132	1,456,989	16,518,052
Frozen	---	1,607,533	6,317	1,613,850	3,120,945
Total	---	3,049,389	21,449	3,070,839	19,638,997
Jan-Jul 1999					
Chilled	35	1,345,465	13,499	1,358,999	17,498,982
Frozen	313	1,612,902	6,222	1,619,437	3,191,775
Total	348	2,958,367	19,721	2,978,436	20,690,757

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

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, July 1999 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jun 1999	15,323	1,960	17,283	20	10
Jul 1998	18,553	2,028	20,582	19	3
Jul 1999	19,310	2,651	21,961	17	4
Jan-Jul 1998	94,628	9,512	104,140	94	31
Jan-Jul 1999	103,555	10,475	114,030	118	38
Percent 2/					
Jul 1998	0.58	2.65	0.63	0.15	0.27
Jul 1999	0.58	3.41	0.65	0.15	0.39
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jun 1999	49,084	5,052	54,135	266	9
Jul 1998	50,838	4,469	55,306	245	12
Jul 1999	47,441	4,755	52,196	249	9
Jan-Jul 1998	352,335	29,815	382,149	1,833	72
Jan-Jul 1999	360,059	33,632	393,690	2,027	50
Percent 3/					
Jul 1998	1.76	6.50	1.87	2.10	1.22
Jul 1999	1.59	6.79	1.71	2.31	0.91

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, July 1999 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jun 1999	---	1,989	59	2,049	19,362
Jul 1998	---	2,124	38	2,162	22,766
Jul 1999	---	2,362	74	2,436	24,418
Jan-Jul 1998	---	11,248	228	11,476	115,741
Jan-Jul 1999	1	11,162	295	11,459	125,645
Percent 2/					
Jul 1998	---	0.37	0.89	0.37	0.59
Jul 1999	---	0.43	1.63	0.44	0.62
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jun 1999	3	10,919	320	11,242	65,652
Jul 1998	---	11,031	221	11,252	66,815
Jul 1999	---	11,176	283	11,458	63,912
Jan-Jul 1998	---	76,737	1,910	78,647	462,702
Jan-Jul 1999	5	74,793	1,912	76,709	472,476
Percent 3/					
Jul 1998	---	2.11	5.77	2.14	1.91
Jul 1999	---	2.25	6.91	2.29	1.79

- 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, July 1998-99

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	-----	1,000	-----	1,000 Pounds	----	Pounds
AL	73,999	79,503	355,530	401,482	4.80	5.05
AR	100,487	99,059	453,424	473,183	4.51	4.78
DE	23,809	22,146	128,198	123,217	5.38	5.56
FL	11,228	10,261	53,500	53,201	4.76	5.18
GA	100,692	97,345	477,264	477,522	4.74	4.91
LA	15,073	14,708	66,014	61,948	4.38	4.21
MD	18,216	17,058	85,232	78,648	4.68	4.61
MS	60,225	57,020	277,401	285,018	4.61	5.00
MO	31,668	28,851	133,330	129,923	4.21	4.50
NC	54,112	50,812	283,380	281,967	5.24	5.55
PA	9,735	9,003	48,964	45,289	5.03	5.03
SC	19,290	19,877	87,504	93,240	4.54	4.69
TN	16,644	17,939	77,395	83,625	4.65	4.66
TX	42,955	46,225	180,775	215,091	4.21	4.65
VA	32,213	30,244	149,643	142,482	4.65	4.71
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	686,198	677,791	3,211,453	3,311,350	4.68	4.89

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, July 1998-99

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-----		-- Percent --	
AL	261,772	296,115	7,437	8,113	2.32	2.25
AR	326,277	345,299	6,418	6,091	1.57	1.43
DE	92,961	88,770	2,353	2,431	2.04	2.19
FL	38,873	37,251	1,095	1,048	2.27	2.19
GA	356,657	349,782	6,965	6,687	1.62	1.56
LA	46,042	43,598	1,514	1,616	2.55	2.90
MD	61,038	55,665	1,110	1,194	1.45	1.69
MS	210,351	220,305	3,782	2,746	1.51	1.07
MO	97,519	95,460	1,573	1,423	1.31	1.22
NC	212,122	211,724	4,779	4,211	1.87	1.66
PA	33,970	32,101	1,509	1,087	3.43	2.67
SC	64,136	68,731	1,565	1,426	1.99	1.70
TN	56,959	60,017	908	740	1.30	0.98
TX	137,645	163,932	2,115	2,464	1.30	1.27
VA	103,040	98,931	1,880	1,369	1.40	1.07
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	2,354,089	2,436,884	50,838	47,441	1.76	1.59

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, July 1999

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	2,234	223,884	361,300	3,156	12,018
AR	---	2,942	336,403	116,736	25,674	5,084
DE	---	5,010	131,052	52,324	211	---
FL	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	5,123	155,118	249,971	1,318	8,614
LA	---	265	60,073	57,395	843	1,216
MD	---	5,199	103,764	26,743	97	6,852
MS	---	1,323	117,928	41,466	1,240	2,459
MO	---	2,080	75,802	26,803	2,743	1,816
NC	---	---	153,079	64,233	---	45,356
PA	---	1,588	35,304	18,047	208	---
SC	---	1,159	39,182	61,756	---	---
TN	---	471	48,938	19,083	871	---
TX	---	---	132,934	47,345	1,261	2,265
VA	---	---	81,989	25,368	132	---
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	66,645	2,034,432	1,240,125	49,569	135,076
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	13,463	44,160	81,862	15,210	255,086	1,012,373
AR	15,541	39,095	65,238	7,850	118,149	732,712
DE	3,803	17,699	18,207	17,709	46,378	292,393
FL	2,845	---	9,283	541	---	12,669
GA	13,985	43,504	79,648	13,674	291,616	862,571
LA	2,311	15,156	10,809	869	---	148,937
MD	1,924	17,255	---	3,992	22,825	188,651
MS	5,763	27,787	23,611	1,728	87,373	310,678
MO	2,346	14,696	19,546	---	41,584	187,416
NC	8,915	38,494	41,653	7,526	111,757	471,013
PA	2,888	5,249	---	568	30,803	94,655
SC	4,711	16,637	---	---	---	123,445
TN	2,186	8,035	---	2,064	24,507	106,155
TX	2,509	19,459	18,499	2,550	13,133	239,955
VA	2,657	12,558	7,752	6,595	41,356	178,407
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	94,069	358,533	521,712	96,225	1,349,092	5,945,478

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, July 1998-99

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/		
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	
	-----	1,000	-----	1,000 Pounds	----	Pounds	---
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	14,950	14,921	76,438	77,804	5.11	5.21	

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, July 1998-99

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1998	1999	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	-----		1,000 Pounds		-- Percent --	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	45,655	46,745	4,469	4,755	6.50	6.79

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, July 1999

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	10,811	294,290	19,577	1,862	131,796
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	50	509	---	---	559
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	27,291	75,283	205,142	1,367	67,066	834,485

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, July 1998-99

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	----- 1,000 -----		----- 1,000 Pounds -----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	2,264	2,055	39,041	36,919	17.25	17.97
CA	1,503	1,668	34,225	39,659	22.77	23.78
IA	1,328	1,471	35,751	43,274	26.92	29.43
MN	4,060	3,733	91,872	89,651	22.63	24.01
MO	2,053	1,902	54,507	54,324	26.56	28.57
NC	3,587	2,588	88,862	61,932	24.77	23.93
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	3,157	2,940	62,601	65,155	19.83	22.16
US	24,174	21,927	579,867	552,183	23.99	25.18

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemns, Selected States and United States, July 1998-99

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemns			
	1998	1999	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	31,978	29,847	708	697	2.01	2.10
CA	28,077	31,784	517	538	1.68	1.51
IA	28,036	33,612	807	1,081	2.51	2.78
MN	71,983	71,282	2,169	2,386	2.62	2.96
MO	42,026	42,606	1,041	1,192	2.12	2.44
NC	70,584	48,144	1,483	1,166	1.85	2.09
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	48,429	50,803	782	981	1.39	1.67
US	456,034	434,229	11,031	11,176	2.11	2.25

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, July 1999

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AR	---	---	4,615	345	---	---
CA	---	---	7,280	---	---	---
IA	---	---	6,269	2,868	---	---
MN	---	54	17,086	3,328	1,364	22
MO	---	---	17,218	---	---	---
NC	---	---	---	---	---	---
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	---	---	3,283	---	---	---
US	---	193	82,883	14,084	6,325	121
	Number					
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AR	---	667	---	---	1,330	6,957
CA	17	---	167	---	---	7,464
IA	---	300	---	---	---	9,437
MN	218	1,250	969	---	2,014	26,305
MO	55	---	769	---	1,732	19,774
NC	153	---	2,553	---	887	3,593
PA	87	---	---	---	---	87
VA	24	---	---	---	1,328	4,635
US	846	10,013	8,701	3,409	12,463	139,038

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
 United States, July 1999

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	317	3,300	804	---	92
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	---	183	250	11	779	5,736

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.

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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