



# Poultry Slaughter

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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 1 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during December (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.92 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the amount certified in December 1998. Updated totals for November 1999 show that 2.94 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during December 1999 was 3.95 billion pounds, up fractionally from a year ago. Inspections included 3.31 billion pounds of young chickens, up slightly; 75.3 million pounds of mature chickens, down 1 percent; 549 million pounds of turkeys, unchanged; and 14.6 million pounds of ducks, up 7 percent from December 1998.

Young chickens slaughtered during December 1999 averaged 5.04 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from 4.98 pounds per bird in December 1998. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.14 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during December 1999 averaged 25.7 pounds per bird, up 4 percent from December 1998.

Ante-mortem condemnations during December 1999 totaled 15.3 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.39 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.53 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 62.0 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.75 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.86 percent a year earlier.

December 1999 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays, the same as December 1998.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
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	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Nov 1999	647,137	12,777	659,914	1,949	-----
Dec 1998	661,113	15,102	676,215	2,042	-----
Dec 1999	655,763	14,656	670,420	2,186	-----
Jan-Dec 1998	7,837,684	169,297	8,006,980	23,477	-----
Jan-Dec 1999	8,098,247	175,542	8,273,789	23,318	-----
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	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Nov 1999	3,241,846	66,835	3,308,680	12,911	1,277
Dec 1998	3,291,191	75,764	3,366,955	13,694	835
Dec 1999	3,307,134	75,328	3,382,462	14,596	832
Jan-Dec 1998	38,054,849	865,381	38,920,229	154,796	14,582
Jan-Dec 1999	40,378,390	913,549	41,291,939	153,960	14,006
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	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Nov 1999	5.01	5.23	5.01	6.62	-----
Dec 1998	4.98	5.02	4.98	6.70	-----
Dec 1999	5.04	5.14	5.05	6.68	-----
Jan-Dec 1998	4.86	5.11	4.86	6.59	-----
Jan-Dec 1999	4.99	5.20	4.99	6.60	-----

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

		Turkeys			Total	
		Fryer- Roasters	Young 3/	Old	Total Turkeys	Poultry
		1,000 Head				
Number Inspected						
Nov 1999		1	24,856	123	24,980	-----
Dec 1998		33	21,886	139	22,058	-----
Dec 1999		---	21,121	226	21,347	-----
Jan-Dec 1998		76	271,055	1,882	273,013	-----
Jan-Dec 1999		56	263,315	1,951	265,322	-----
		1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight						
Nov 1999		15	621,238	3,274	624,527	3,947,395
Dec 1998		280	543,173	3,583	547,036	3,928,520
Dec 1999		---	543,000	6,150	549,150	3,947,039
Jan-Dec 1998		660	6,674,862	49,135	6,724,657	45,814,264
Jan-Dec 1999		506	6,683,888	51,809	6,736,204	48,196,108
		Pounds				
Average Live Weight						
Nov 1999		---	24.99	26.59	25.00	-----
Dec 1998		8.43	24.82	25.83	24.80	-----
Dec 1999		---	25.71	27.25	25.72	-----
Jan-Dec 1998		8.69	24.63	26.11	24.63	-----
Jan-Dec 1999		9.00	25.38	26.55	25.39	-----

- 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: December 1998: 5,404, December 1999: 5,947.  
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: December 1998: 64, December 1999: 70.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Nov 1999					
Chilled	2,200,044	38,141	2,238,185	3,895	321
Frozen	204,253	2,537	206,790	5,288	440
Total	2,404,297	40,678	2,444,974	9,184	760
Dec 1998					
Chilled	2,181,597	42,358	2,223,955	4,249	326
Frozen	213,717	3,652	217,369	5,409	172
Total	2,395,314	46,010	2,441,324	9,657	498
Dec 1999					
Chilled	2,227,100	43,831	2,270,931	4,226	256
Frozen	206,991	2,283	209,275	5,983	246
Total	2,434,091	46,114	2,480,205	10,209	502
Jan-Dec 1998					
Chilled	25,358,496	481,120	25,839,616	39,419	4,771
Frozen	2,504,184	42,472	2,546,655	70,656	3,596
Total	27,862,680	523,592	28,386,272	110,075	8,367
Jan-Dec 1999					
Chilled	27,120,138	513,695	27,633,833	42,550	4,012
Frozen	2,570,541	38,536	2,609,077	65,549	4,130
Total	29,690,679	552,231	30,242,910	108,098	8,142

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

		Turkeys			Total Poultry
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys
		1,000 Pounds			
Nov 1999					
Chilled	11	252,667	1,357	254,035	2,496,436
Frozen	---	234,898	1,096	235,994	448,512
Total	11	487,565	2,453	490,029	2,944,947
Dec 1998					
Chilled	209	215,620	1,677	217,506	2,446,036
Frozen	---	212,534	1,043	213,577	436,526
Total	209	428,154	2,720	431,083	2,882,562
Dec 1999					
Chilled	---	217,169	3,040	220,209	2,495,622
Frozen	---	208,443	1,587	210,029	425,533
Total	---	425,612	4,626	430,238	2,921,154
Jan-Dec 1998					
Chilled	257	2,502,124	25,710	2,528,091	28,411,897
Frozen	215	2,740,597	11,691	2,752,502	5,373,409
Total	472	5,242,720	37,400	5,280,593	33,785,306
Jan-Dec 1999					
Chilled	46	2,442,068	24,611	2,466,726	30,147,120
Frozen	313	2,815,616	14,099	2,830,029	5,508,785
Total	359	5,257,684	38,711	5,296,754	35,655,905

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

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
----- 1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Nov 1999	10,708	675	11,383	16	3
Dec 1998	18,292	1,143	19,435	23	4
Dec 1999	13,016	882	13,898	18	1
Jan-Dec 1998	167,654	15,455	183,109	188	56
Jan-Dec 1999	170,754	15,791	186,545	241	78
Percent 2/					
Dec 1998	0.56	1.51	0.58	0.17	0.45
Dec 1999	0.39	1.17	0.41	0.12	0.09
----- 1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Nov 1999	43,668	4,105	47,773	275	21
Dec 1998	50,589	4,563	55,153	311	8
Dec 1999	45,811	4,713	50,524	337	6
Jan-Dec 1998	600,661	50,805	651,465	3,289	155
Jan-Dec 1999	589,219	56,046	645,265	3,456	153
Percent 3/					
Dec 1998	1.71	6.69	1.82	2.52	1.01
Dec 1999	1.54	6.95	1.66	2.57	0.87

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

		Turkeys			
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Poultry
		1,000 Pounds			
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Nov 1999	---	1,204	27	1,230	12,632
Dec 1998	2	1,475	29	1,506	20,968
Dec 1999	---	1,288	75	1,363	15,279
Jan-Dec 1998	3	18,517	413	18,934	202,287
Jan-Dec 1999	1	17,701	512	18,214	205,078
Percent 2/					
Dec 1998	0.77	0.27	0.80	0.28	0.53
Dec 1999	---	0.24	1.22	0.25	0.39
		1,000 Pounds			
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Nov 1999	---	11,170	214	11,384	59,453
Dec 1998	14	10,148	215	10,376	65,847
Dec 1999	---	10,806	365	11,171	62,039
Jan-Dec 1998	22	130,558	2,990	133,569	788,479
Jan-Dec 1999	5	131,948	3,458	135,411	784,285
Percent 3/					
Dec 1998	5.44	2.08	6.66	2.11	1.86
Dec 1999	---	2.21	6.60	2.26	1.75

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, December 1998-1999

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/		
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	
	-----	1,000	-----	1,000 Pounds	----	Pounds	---
AL	71,115	76,294	353,902	388,978	4.98	5.10	
AR	97,076	93,127	473,648	449,475	4.88	4.83	
DE	22,302	21,026	129,091	126,041	5.79	5.99	
FL	11,039	10,252	59,763	56,609	5.41	5.52	
GA	97,553	91,985	480,563	461,829	4.93	5.02	
LA	13,926	13,682	62,296	60,170	4.47	4.40	
MD	16,776	16,972	80,987	81,763	4.83	4.82	
MS	58,320	56,796	286,580	288,192	4.91	5.07	
MO	29,674	29,298	133,880	132,777	4.51	4.53	
NC	54,660	55,666	311,254	324,250	5.69	5.82	
PA	8,488	8,879	43,506	46,248	5.13	5.21	
SC	18,880	17,376	89,458	86,277	4.74	4.97	
TN	16,336	17,848	82,582	85,577	5.06	4.79	
TX	44,251	44,430	206,771	212,327	4.67	4.78	
VA	29,084	26,525	142,843	132,250	4.91	4.99	
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---	
US	661,113	655,763	3,291,191	3,307,134	4.98	5.04	

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.



Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,  
Selected States and United States, December 1998-1999

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
		----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-- Percent --		
AL	262,604	283,151	6,110	7,105	1.92	2.03
AR	338,342	327,512	5,836	5,550	1.37	1.37
DE	93,601	91,946	2,597	1,983	2.24	1.75
FL	41,415	41,481	1,603	1,026	2.98	2.01
GA	351,905	332,929	7,435	7,316	1.72	1.76
LA	43,921	42,276	2,027	684	3.62	1.26
MD	57,147	56,931	1,303	1,262	1.79	1.71
MS	209,815	225,662	4,222	2,787	1.64	1.07
MO	96,664	96,519	1,740	1,518	1.44	1.27
NC	232,170	246,820	4,802	4,766	1.71	1.63
PA	30,807	32,494	1,380	1,378	3.52	3.31
SC	65,091	63,353	1,462	1,498	1.82	1.93
TN	59,799	62,206	886	725	1.19	0.94
TX	157,425	163,349	2,238	2,359	1.20	1.23
VA	100,997	92,746	1,568	1,236	1.22	1.04
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	2,395,314	2,434,091	50,589	45,811	1.71	1.54

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, December 1999

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	1,952	198,133	376,140	3,214	11,408
AR	---	4,184	294,238	142,181	7,576	5,853
CA	---	7,183	102,121	7,962	765	3,308
DE	---	---	106,792	42,393	109	---
FL	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	1,500	156,103	331,673	861	9,914
LA	---	---	22,740	20,796	160	---
MD	---	6,028	92,819	39,256	38	6,586
MS	---	1,006	113,633	70,292	1,270	2,147
MO	---	3,664	87,342	38,243	2,378	1,513
NC	---	3,638	167,372	96,627	740	---
PA	---	---	45,947	60,889	428	---
SC	---	---	32,027	80,552	113	---
TN	---	---	45,601	14,949	447	---
TX	---	---	148,239	40,877	595	2,026
VA	---	1,141	67,719	36,052	45	---
WA	---	---	---	---	---	476
US	---	49,280	1,897,415	1,473,489	27,193	139,287
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	9,275	51,128	46,996	10,517	167,039	875,802
AR	10,008	38,873	47,537	3,593	106,890	660,933
CA	411	5,095	2,150	---	---	128,995
DE	2,674	10,033	10,816	5,105	38,065	215,987
FL	1,824	---	5,709	1,621	---	9,154
GA	12,362	57,023	65,047	11,417	327,608	973,508
LA	---	7,122	5,928	172	---	56,918
MD	1,790	10,173	---	---	24,586	181,276
MS	4,544	25,269	26,672	2,035	107,018	353,886
MO	1,922	15,940	13,062	1,778	33,284	199,126
NC	7,014	35,598	35,257	3,382	119,781	469,409
PA	1,896	3,848	---	166	44,219	157,393
SC	5,397	10,583	---	2,560	44,279	175,511
TN	2,482	13,273	16,193	2,330	22,090	117,365
TX	1,884	15,140	15,332	938	12,536	237,567
VA	2,251	17,943	9,699	2,003	26,831	163,684
WA	---	978	---	---	---	1,454
US	72,550	355,756	422,189	54,668	1,256,611	5,748,438

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,  
Selected States and United States, December 1998-1999

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	15,102	14,656	75,764	75,328	5.02	5.14

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,  
Selected States and United States, December 1998-1999

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1998	1999	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	46,010	46,114	4,563	4,713	6.69	6.95

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, December 1999

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	5,953	313,275	16,764	2,112	144,821

  

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	48	---	---	---	---	48
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	38,761	51,593	221,030	3,158	75,761	873,228

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, December 1998-1999

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	1,880	1,993	32,331	35,722	17.20	17.93
CA	1,681	1,715	40,396	41,852	24.02	24.40
IA	1,060	1,151	31,245	35,106	29.48	30.50
MN	3,679	3,269	83,679	82,361	22.74	25.19
MO	1,766	1,946	49,497	52,178	28.04	26.81
NC	2,749	2,510	67,241	62,903	24.46	25.06
PA	971	983	22,112	22,154	22.77	22.53
VA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	21,886	21,121	543,173	543,000	24.82	25.71

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemns, Selected States and United States, December 1998-1999

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemns			
	1998	1999	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	25,650	29,051	537	654	1.84	2.03
CA	32,384	33,092	556	609	1.53	1.62
IA	23,934	27,260	658	924	2.34	2.92
MN	66,694	64,019	2,199	2,459	2.92	3.32
MO	39,774	41,175	991	893	2.23	1.90
NC	53,137	48,201	1,065	1,220	1.76	2.16
PA	17,061	16,787	376	386	1.89	1.94
VA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	428,154	425,612	10,148	10,806	2.08	2.21

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, December 1999

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AR	---	---	5,517	681	---	---
CA	---	---	9,625	125	---	---
IA	---	---	6,358	1,958	---	---
MN	---	---	20,989	9,974	---	---
MO	---	---	14,562	2,085	77	---
NC	---	---	---	---	---	14
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	---	---	---	271	---	---
US	---	513	96,663	21,045	5,738	134

  

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
AR	---	282	596	---	1,577	8,653
CA	42	---	---	---	---	9,792
IA	71	---	---	---	178	8,565
MN	---	936	942	48	1,625	34,514
MO	---	302	641	---	1,353	19,020
NC	145	---	---	---	653	812
PA	---	---	---	---	1,012	1,012
VA	---	---	---	---	---	271
US	1,210	8,686	10,416	2,919	12,104	159,428



## 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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