



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 3 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during July (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.89 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the amount certified in July 1999. Updated totals for June 2000 show that 3.22 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during July 2000 was 3.89 billion pounds, down 3 percent from a year ago. Inspections included 3.27 billion pounds of young chickens, 3 percent below last year; 72.2 million pounds of mature chickens, down 7 percent; 540 million pounds of turkeys, down 3 percent; and 12.3 million pounds of ducks, up 1 percent from July 1999.

Young chickens slaughtered during July 2000 averaged 4.95 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from 4.88 pounds per bird in July 1999. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.51 pounds per bird, up 6 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during July 2000 averaged 25.3 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from July 1999.

Ante-mortem condemnations during July 2000 totaled 19.9 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.51 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.63 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 55.0 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.57 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.79 percent a year earlier.

July 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. July 1999 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, July 2000 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jun 2000	733,367	15,118	748,485	2,084	-----
Jul 1999	688,068	14,921	702,989	1,876	-----
Jul 2000	659,808	13,100	672,908	1,865	-----
Jan-Jul 1999	4,738,370	106,111	4,844,480	13,331	-----
Jan-Jul 2000	4,839,928	99,823	4,939,750	13,773	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Jun 2000	3,640,423	81,946	3,722,369	13,671	1,057
Jul 1999	3,359,024	77,804	3,436,828	12,123	1,061
Jul 2000	3,265,748	72,159	3,337,907	12,296	848
Jan-Jul 1999	23,661,259	542,323	24,203,582	88,211	6,328
Jan-Jul 2000	24,154,939	523,431	24,678,370	91,361	6,631
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Jun 2000	4.96	5.42	4.97	6.56	-----
Jul 1999	4.88	5.21	4.89	6.46	-----
Jul 2000	4.95	5.51	4.96	6.59	-----
Jan-Jul 1999	4.99	5.11	5.00	6.62	-----
Jan-Jul 2000	4.99	5.24	5.00	6.63	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, July 2000 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young 3/	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jun 2000	31	23,641	194	23,866	-----
Jul 1999	---	21,964	175	22,139	-----
Jul 2000	---	21,182	156	21,339	-----
Jan-Jul 1999	56	147,007	988	148,051	-----
Jan-Jul 2000	81	150,030	1,096	151,207	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Jun 2000	255	608,974	4,945	614,175	4,351,272
Jul 1999	---	552,810	4,544	557,354	4,007,366
Jul 2000	---	536,099	3,974	540,073	3,891,124
Jan-Jul 1999	491	3,757,766	26,345	3,784,603	28,082,723
Jan-Jul 2000	657	3,907,738	28,770	3,937,164	28,713,526
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Jun 2000	8.26	25.76	25.49	25.73	-----
Jul 1999	---	25.17	26.01	25.18	-----
Jul 2000	---	25.31	25.41	25.31	-----
Jan-Jul 1999	8.85	25.56	26.65	25.56	-----
Jan-Jul 2000	8.13	26.05	26.26	26.04	-----

- 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 1999: 6,059, July 2000: 6,116.
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: July 1999: 95, July 2000: 57.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, July 2000 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Jun 2000					
Chilled	2,436,949	45,438	2,482,388	3,666	310
Frozen	234,765	3,991	238,757	6,257	334
Total	2,671,714	49,430	2,721,144	9,923	644
Jul 1999					
Chilled	2,248,787	43,410	2,292,197	3,144	342
Frozen	222,578	3,334	225,913	5,366	260
Total	2,471,365	46,745	2,518,109	8,510	602
Jul 2000					
Chilled	2,199,032	40,639	2,239,671	3,471	277
Frozen	207,597	3,293	210,890	5,425	237
Total	2,406,628	43,932	2,450,561	8,896	514
Jan-Jul 1999					
Chilled	15,842,261	302,391	16,144,652	23,854	2,252
Frozen	1,517,728	23,811	1,541,540	38,060	1,379
Total	17,359,989	326,202	17,686,191	61,914	3,631
Jan-Jul 2000					
Chilled	16,218,515	292,743	16,511,258	25,282	1,937
Frozen	1,544,335	22,363	1,566,698	40,038	2,131
Total	17,762,851	315,106	18,077,956	65,320	4,068

See footnotes at end of table.

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 United States, July 2000 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys			Total Poultry	
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
		1,000 Pounds				
Jun 2000						
Chilled		15	216,340	2,857	219,211	2,705,575
Frozen		167	263,046	906	264,120	509,466
Total		182	479,386	3,763	483,331	3,215,042
Jul 1999						
Chilled		---	182,271	2,036	184,307	2,479,990
Frozen		---	252,467	1,390	253,857	485,396
Total		---	434,738	3,426	438,164	2,965,386
Jul 2000						
Chilled		---	193,032	1,822	194,854	2,438,273
Frozen		---	229,484	1,242	230,725	447,277
Total		---	422,515	3,064	425,579	2,885,550
Jan-Jul 1999						
Chilled		35	1,345,514	13,499	1,359,048	17,529,806
Frozen		313	1,614,623	6,222	1,621,158	3,202,137
Total		348	2,960,138	19,721	2,980,206	20,731,943
Jan-Jul 2000						
Chilled		219	1,473,433	15,063	1,488,715	18,027,192
Frozen		276	1,606,654	6,469	1,613,399	3,222,266
Total		495	3,080,087	21,532	3,102,114	21,249,458

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 2000 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys			Total
		Fryer-			Poultry
		Roasters	Young	Old	Turkeys
		1,000 Pounds			
Ante-Mortem					
(Live Weight)					
Jun 2000	1	1,851	34	1,886	17,765
Jul 1999	---	2,363	74	2,437	25,086
Jul 2000	---	1,902	23	1,926	19,949
Jan-Jul 1999	1	10,747	295	11,043	126,019
Jan-Jul 2000	17	11,013	284	11,315	115,676
Percent 2/					
Jul 1999	---	0.43	1.63	0.44	0.63
Jul 2000	---	0.35	0.59	0.36	0.51
Post-Mortem					
(N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jun 2000	3	11,962	305	12,271	60,871
Jul 1999	---	11,181	283	11,464	64,562
Jul 2000	---	10,714	231	10,945	54,975
Jan-Jul 1999	5	74,820	1,912	76,736	473,164
Jan-Jul 2000	9	80,900	1,937	82,846	450,039
Percent 3/					
Jul 1999	---	2.25	6.91	2.29	1.79
Jul 2000	---	2.22	6.46	2.25	1.57

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 1999-2000

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/		
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	
	-----	1,000	-----	-----	1,000	Pounds	---
AL	80,063	76,445	403,831	377,230	5.04	4.93	
AR	99,059	93,466	473,183	445,487	4.78	4.77	
DE	22,146	21,033	123,217	124,734	5.56	5.93	
FL	10,261	10,012	53,201	52,166	5.18	5.21	
GA	100,902	92,353	490,660	456,404	4.86	4.94	
LA	14,708	14,492	61,948	64,679	4.21	4.46	
MD	17,058	16,758	78,648	79,537	4.61	4.75	
MS	58,251	57,100	290,191	279,064	4.98	4.89	
MO	29,189	28,281	131,445	124,344	4.50	4.40	
NC	53,142	53,551	297,248	312,761	5.59	5.84	
PA	9,003	8,926	45,289	46,492	5.03	5.21	
SC	20,583	18,048	96,413	89,610	4.68	4.97	
TN	17,939	18,639	83,625	86,596	4.66	4.65	
TX	46,707	48,926	216,678	228,980	4.64	4.68	
VA	30,244	28,295	142,482	138,726	4.71	4.90	
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---	
US	688,068	659,808	3,359,024	3,265,748	4.88	4.95	

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, July 1999-2000

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-----		-- Percent --	
AL	296,675	273,694	8,150	5,854	2.24	1.72
AR	345,299	329,106	6,091	5,337	1.43	1.33
DE	88,770	90,651	2,431	2,060	2.19	1.83
FL	37,251	37,540	1,048	862	2.19	1.84
GA	358,640	336,134	6,888	5,078	1.56	1.24
LA	43,598	45,608	1,616	660	2.90	1.13
MD	55,665	55,852	1,194	1,041	1.69	1.45
MS	224,930	217,825	2,822	2,154	1.08	0.86
MO	96,588	90,598	1,436	1,482	1.21	1.32
NC	223,324	237,382	4,420	4,429	1.65	1.57
PA	32,101	32,098	1,087	1,016	2.67	2.43
SC	71,159	66,112	1,458	1,400	1.68	1.74
TN	60,017	62,791	740	691	0.98	0.89
TX	165,256	176,276	2,470	2,629	1.27	1.28
VA	98,931	92,988	1,369	1,101	1.07	0.88
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	2,471,365	2,406,628	48,084	39,678	1.59	1.35

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 Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
Selected States and United States, July 2000

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	1,940	178,901	137,137	3,545	8,445
AR	---	1,998	235,233	82,651	---	3,984
DE	---	3,177	112,063	28,076	---	---
FL	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	2,783	130,012	118,330	721	9,626
LA	---	---	31,983	15,840	---	373
MD	---	4,609	69,116	15,080	37	7,204
MS	---	677	85,878	24,282	441	1,399
MO	---	1,677	69,506	27,537	2,060	---
NC	---	3,013	156,936	55,754	678	28,916
PA	---	1,357	32,129	12,029	282	---
SC	---	1,207	35,837	59,624	---	---
TN	---	333	43,589	16,924	586	826
TX	---	714	165,756	47,588	749	3,815
VA	---	---	56,301	16,160	25	---
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	32,242	1,674,878	703,384	27,329	104,316
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	10,241	41,610	45,758	17,709	149,881	595,167
AR	9,032	29,281	43,807	4,343	96,376	506,705
DE	3,061	15,863	13,588	7,318	35,837	218,983
FL	1,978	---	5,614	---	---	7,592
GA	11,586	30,321	29,595	24,492	152,578	510,044
LA	824	3,619	4,070	237	---	56,946
MD	1,819	20,080	---	2,324	19,786	140,055
MS	3,975	17,242	---	1,022	47,748	182,664
MO	2,264	15,205	16,464	2,116	43,966	180,795
NC	9,861	46,147	37,362	8,233	123,507	470,407
PA	2,214	3,412	9,591	---	29,291	90,305
SC	4,870	16,661	12,191	8,972	35,237	174,599
TN	2,308	13,259	12,765	1,611	25,941	118,142
TX	1,851	11,311	14,441	1,228	15,777	263,230
VA	1,769	8,352	---	1,260	18,911	102,778
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	71,980	311,293	347,081	86,128	909,216	4,267,847

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, July 1999-2000

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/		
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	
	-----	1,000	-----	-----	1,000 Pounds	-----	--- Pounds ---
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	14,921	13,100	77,804	72,159	5.21	5.51	

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, July 1999-2000

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1999	2000	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-- Percent --			
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	46,745	43,932	4,755	4,090	6.79	6.30

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 2000

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	3,434	263,754	19,061	1,331	105,950

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	---	213	75	---	288
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	38,063	48,976	175,072	2,508	83,009	741,158

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, July 1999-2000

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	2,055	2,014	36,919	36,683	17.97	18.21
CA	1,668	1,439	39,659	32,893	23.78	22.86
IA	1,471	1,356	43,274	38,925	29.43	28.70
MN	3,733	3,453	89,651	82,651	24.01	23.94
MO	1,902	2,025	54,324	53,556	28.57	26.44
NC	2,625	2,633	62,560	65,494	23.83	24.87
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	2,940	2,903	65,155	63,201	22.16	21.77
US	21,964	21,182	552,810	536,099	25.17	25.31

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemns, Selected States and United States, July 1999-2000

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemns			
	1999	2000	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		1999	2000	1999	2000
AR	29,847	30,284	697	726	2.10	2.20
CA	31,784	26,065	538	504	1.51	1.70
IA	33,612	30,427	1,081	889	2.78	2.54
MN	71,282	65,860	2,386	1,946	2.96	2.62
MO	42,606	41,622	1,192	1,094	2.44	2.27
NC	48,653	51,721	1,171	1,370	2.08	2.33
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	50,803	49,646	981	983	1.67	1.73
US	434,738	422,515	11,181	10,714	2.25	2.22

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 2000

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors	
	Number						
AR	---	---	4,269	---	---	---	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---	
IA	---	---	5,699	---	---	---	
MN	---	---	12,228	1,917	1,112	---	
MO	---	---	15,978	2,254	---	---	
NC	---	---	3,793	3,047	---	---	
PA	---	---	---	480	27	---	
VA	---	---	---	291	---	---	
US	---	1,264	71,980	12,540	5,489	104	
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total	
	Number						
AR	---	249	---	---	---	4,518	
CA	---	---	---	---	112	112	
IA	84	---	---	---	---	5,783	
MN	149	891	937	---	---	17,234	
MO	70	359	669	---	---	19,330	
NC	---	865	---	---	1,250	8,955	
PA	---	---	---	---	887	1,394	
VA	25	---	---	---	---	316	
US	709	6,990	9,582	2,562	14,165	125,385	

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.

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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