



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 4 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during October (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 3.15 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the amount certified in October 1999. Updated totals for September 2000 show that 2.82 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during October 2000 was 4.24 billion pounds, up 4 percent from a year ago. Inspections included 3.52 billion pounds of young chickens, 5 percent above last year; 69.8 million pounds of mature chickens, down 10 percent; 629 million pounds of turkeys, up 5 percent; and 13.7 million pounds of ducks, up 10 percent from October 1999.

Young chickens slaughtered during October 2000 averaged 5.03 pounds per bird, down slightly from October 1999. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.46 pounds per bird, down fractionally from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during October 2000 averaged 24.9 pounds per bird, down 2 percent from October 1999.

Ante-mortem condemnations during October 2000 totaled 14.1 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.33 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.35 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 58.2 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.53 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.66 percent a year earlier.

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

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Sep 2000	638,358	12,274	650,632	1,976	-----
Oct 1999	667,154	14,107	681,260	1,869	-----
Oct 2000	699,749	12,785	712,533	2,069	-----
Jan-Oct 1999	6,796,128	148,109	6,944,237	19,183	-----
Jan-Oct 2000	6,939,130	139,987	7,079,116	19,929	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Sep 2000	3,176,239	66,090	3,242,329	12,926	1,557
Oct 1999	3,364,408	77,323	3,441,731	12,380	1,689
Oct 2000	3,520,288	69,770	3,590,058	13,659	2,188
Jan-Oct 1999	33,833,333	771,386	34,604,719	126,453	11,897
Jan-Oct 2000	34,599,777	742,503	35,342,280	131,690	11,662
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Sep 2000	4.98	5.38	4.98	6.54	-----
Oct 1999	5.04	5.48	5.05	6.62	-----
Oct 2000	5.03	5.46	5.04	6.60	-----
Jan-Oct 1999	4.98	5.21	4.98	6.59	-----
Jan-Oct 2000	4.99	5.30	4.99	6.61	-----

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

		Turkeys			Total	
		Fryer- Roasters	Young 3/	Old	Total Turkeys	Total Poultry
		1,000 Head				
Number Inspected						
Sep 2000	---	21,258	227	21,485	-----	
Oct 1999	---	23,540	194	23,734	-----	
Oct 2000	---	25,009	245	25,254	-----	
Jan-Oct 1999	56	217,337	1,602	218,995	-----	
Jan-Oct 2000	81	220,893	1,821	222,795	-----	
		1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight						
Sep 2000	---	531,779	6,096	537,874	3,794,686	
Oct 1999	---	595,635	5,145	600,781	4,056,582	
Oct 2000	---	622,963	6,411	629,374	4,235,279	
Jan-Oct 1999	491	5,519,651	42,385	5,562,527	40,305,596	
Jan-Oct 2000	657	5,670,130	47,660	5,718,446	41,204,079	
		Pounds				
Average Live Weight						
Sep 2000	---	25.02	26.85	25.04	-----	
Oct 1999	---	25.30	26.54	25.31	-----	
Oct 2000	---	24.91	26.15	24.92	-----	
Jan-Oct 1999	8.84	25.40	26.45	25.40	-----	
Jan-Oct 2000	8.13	25.67	26.17	25.67	-----	

- 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: October 1999: 6,601, October 2000: 5,889.
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: October 1999: 75, October 2000: 49.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Sep 2000					
Chilled	2,144,788	37,587	2,182,376	3,612	319
Frozen	196,827	3,152	199,979	5,744	619
Total	2,341,615	40,740	2,382,355	9,355	938
Oct 1999					
Chilled	2,261,716	43,617	2,305,333	3,630	358
Frozen	219,287	3,611	222,898	5,156	645
Total	2,481,003	47,228	2,528,231	8,785	1,003
Oct 2000					
Chilled	2,378,159	39,995	2,418,154	3,731	328
Frozen	216,943	2,681	219,623	6,132	1,002
Total	2,595,102	42,676	2,637,778	9,863	1,331
Jan-Oct 1999					
Chilled	22,694,534	431,723	23,126,257	34,429	3,435
Frozen	2,160,799	33,716	2,194,515	54,277	3,445
Total	24,855,333	465,439	25,320,772	88,706	6,880
Jan-Oct 2000					
Chilled	23,265,971	417,192	23,683,163	36,518	2,835
Frozen	2,189,483	31,696	2,221,179	57,964	4,282
Total	25,455,454	448,888	25,904,342	94,482	7,117

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

		Turkeys			Total Poultry
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys
		1,000 Pounds			
Sep 2000					
Chilled	---	199,047	2,782	201,830	2,388,137
Frozen	---	219,202	1,897	221,099	427,440
Total	---	418,249	4,679	422,929	2,815,577
Oct 1999					
Chilled	---	219,440	2,215	221,655	2,530,976
Frozen	---	249,291	1,658	250,949	479,647
Total	---	468,731	3,874	472,604	3,010,624
Oct 2000					
Chilled	---	246,378	3,105	249,483	2,671,696
Frozen	---	245,089	1,812	246,901	473,659
Total	---	491,467	4,916	496,384	3,145,355
Jan-Oct 1999					
Chilled	35	1,972,232	20,215	1,992,482	25,156,603
Frozen	313	2,372,276	11,417	2,384,005	4,636,243
Total	348	4,344,507	31,632	4,376,487	29,792,845
Jan-Oct 2000					
Chilled	219	2,134,951	23,915	2,159,084	25,881,600
Frozen	276	2,332,694	12,054	2,345,023	4,628,448
Total	495	4,467,644	35,968	4,504,107	30,510,048

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

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, October 2000 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
----- 1,000 Pounds -----					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Sep 2000	11,758	1,561	13,319	27	4
Oct 1999	11,921	859	12,780	19	18
Oct 2000	11,689	959	12,648	23	10
Jan-Oct 1999	147,049	14,234	161,283	207	74
Jan-Oct 2000	139,532	13,184	152,716	227	45
----- Percent 2/ -----					
Oct 1999	0.35	1.11	0.37	0.16	1.05
Oct 2000	0.33	1.37	0.35	0.17	0.44
----- 1,000 Pounds -----					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Sep 2000	35,956	3,695	39,651	349	15
Oct 1999	44,352	4,640	48,992	279	32
Oct 2000	42,322	3,766	46,088	347	18
Jan-Oct 1999	499,807	47,228	547,035	2,844	125
Jan-Oct 2000	455,012	45,404	500,416	3,020	115
----- Percent 3/ -----					
Oct 1999	1.46	6.67	1.58	2.50	2.12
Oct 2000	1.34	6.00	1.43	2.82	0.92

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, October 2000 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys				
					Total	
		Fryer-	Young	Old	Total	Poultry
		Roasters			Turkeys	
		1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem						
(Live Weight)						
Sep 2000	---	1,711	51	1,763	15,113	
Oct 1999	---	1,343	32	1,375	14,192	
Oct 2000	---	1,412	35	1,448	14,128	
Jan-Oct 1999	1	15,210	410	15,621	177,185	
Jan-Oct 2000	17	16,318	444	16,779	169,767	
Percent 2/						
Oct 1999	---	0.23	0.62	0.23	0.35	
Oct 2000	---	0.23	0.55	0.23	0.33	
		1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem						
(N.Y. Dressed Weight)						
Sep 2000	---	10,771	320	11,091	51,106	
Oct 1999	---	11,137	340	11,477	60,780	
Oct 2000	---	11,478	304	11,782	58,235	
Jan-Oct 1999	5	109,971	2,879	112,856	662,860	
Jan-Oct 2000	9	115,156	2,924	118,089	621,640	
Percent 3/						
Oct 1999	---	2.08	7.35	2.12	1.66	
Oct 2000	---	2.05	5.27	2.08	1.53	

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, October 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	----
AL	78,505	81,903	407,186	415,425	5.19	5.07	
AR	96,298	100,808	468,767	493,930	4.87	4.90	
DE	22,141	22,509	129,000	133,567	5.83	5.93	
FL	10,528	10,793	54,433	58,155	5.17	5.39	
GA	94,396	93,108	476,345	460,128	5.05	4.94	
LA	14,340	14,844	62,790	70,004	4.38	4.72	
MD	16,987	17,489	83,787	83,974	4.93	4.80	
MS	58,670	61,844	298,533	314,668	5.09	5.09	
MO	29,301	30,639	131,984	137,870	4.50	4.50	
NC	53,580	57,205	311,498	333,898	5.81	5.84	
PA	9,426	8,470	49,649	44,750	5.27	5.28	
SC	18,545	17,983	92,374	97,668	4.98	5.43	
TN	17,336	19,325	82,217	88,817	4.74	4.60	
TX	44,096	51,345	212,176	235,187	4.81	4.58	
VA	29,247	30,404	140,372	151,623	4.80	4.99	
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---	
US	667,154	699,749	3,364,408	3,520,288	5.04	5.03	

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, October 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	297,629	301,905	6,779	5,574	1.85	1.49
AR	341,268	359,865	5,249	5,503	1.24	1.24
DE	93,779	96,495	1,932	1,964	1.66	1.63
FL	38,926	41,524	1,022	997	2.09	1.91
GA	348,200	336,317	6,922	6,194	1.61	1.50
LA	45,249	49,657	928	495	1.64	0.79
MD	60,223	59,787	1,169	1,028	1.55	1.36
MS	233,555	238,616	2,890	3,261	1.08	1.15
MO	96,306	101,331	1,368	1,683	1.15	1.36
NC	235,871	253,746	4,257	4,436	1.52	1.48
PA	34,596	31,322	1,134	1,053	2.54	2.61
SC	67,747	69,943	1,492	1,208	1.80	1.37
TN	59,074	64,390	676	662	0.91	0.83
TX	163,723	183,524	2,438	2,842	1.28	1.34
VA	99,939	109,892	1,160	1,466	0.92	1.07
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	2,481,003	2,595,102	44,352	42,322	1.46	1.34

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, October 2000

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	896	156,784	107,430	1,415	9,815
AR	---	3,075	238,427	87,364	6,318	5,517
DE	---	2,958	100,490	26,109	---	---
FL	---	252	---	---	---	---
GA	---	829	110,179	88,221	599	16,431
LA	---	---	25,870	8,273	116	647
MD	---	3,586	66,838	17,633	---	6,810
MS	---	559	73,385	22,978	446	2,012
MO	---	---	85,446	29,528	1,702	---
NC	---	1,854	144,584	58,151	288	32,058
PA	---	655	34,932	16,822	291	---
SC	---	324	26,345	---	---	---
TN	---	268	46,457	20,592	458	1,003
TX	---	526	152,019	46,117	657	3,057
VA	---	---	56,724	17,267	91	---
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	32,501	1,607,603	621,448	18,352	121,147
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	8,555	39,241	57,990	8,591	114,204	504,921
AR	9,111	32,501	41,917	4,391	85,312	513,933
DE	2,567	9,957	11,850	851	28,490	183,272
FL	1,542	3,730	4,211	---	---	9,735
GA	7,753	35,449	26,116	10,332	133,199	429,108
LA	766	3,436	3,010	---	5,145	47,263
MD	2,022	15,631	---	1,500	23,248	137,268
MS	3,328	13,312	17,638	1,302	84,415	219,375
MO	2,493	16,786	15,822	---	34,719	186,496
NC	6,821	44,507	33,897	5,245	123,052	450,457
PA	1,532	3,127	9,011	55	32,281	98,706
SC	---	13,311	8,361	---	18,405	66,746
TN	2,369	11,792	9,607	---	31,418	123,964
TX	1,767	15,381	14,740	1,262	---	235,526
VA	1,741	10,660	---	972	19,379	106,834
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	58,979	299,909	335,743	53,670	885,502	4,034,854

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, October 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	14,107	12,785	77,323	69,770	5.48	5.46

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnsions			
	1999	2000	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	47,228	42,676	4,640	3,766	6.67	6.00

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, October 2000

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	6,694	256,251	11,922	1,744	107,287

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	21	729	750
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	25,004	28,471	154,022	2,036	57,143	650,574

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, October 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	2,015	2,405	37,849	41,582	18.79	17.29
CA	2,087	2,136	52,595	51,101	25.20	23.93
IA	1,530	1,467	44,451	42,063	29.05	28.68
MN	3,880	4,217	94,876	99,352	24.45	23.56
MO	2,162	2,128	58,977	54,307	27.28	25.52
NC	2,764	3,069	67,041	76,349	24.26	24.88
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	3,257	3,402	70,153	72,160	21.54	21.21
US	23,540	25,009	595,635	622,963	25.30	24.91

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemns			
	1999	2000	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	31,028	33,866	629	751	1.85	2.01
CA	41,704	40,299	768	755	1.62	1.64
IA	34,707	32,608	1,094	971	2.73	2.56
MN	74,924	78,671	2,153	2,047	2.52	2.29
MO	46,345	42,671	1,305	1,270	2.46	2.60
NC	52,150	60,185	1,307	1,398	2.17	2.04
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	54,768	57,148	826	852	1.31	1.31
US	468,731	491,467	11,137	11,478	2.08	2.05

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, October 2000

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors	
	Number						
AR	---	---	6,589	---	---	4	
CA	---	---	8,682	---	---	---	
IA	---	---	7,576	1,734	---	---	
MN	---	---	16,768	2,214	1,850	---	
MO	---	---	19,450	3,015	---	---	
NC	---	---	4,848	---	---	---	
PA	---	---	3,138	710	53	7	
VA	---	15	6,068	279	---	---	
US	---	243	94,330	14,984	6,219	201	
			Number				
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total	
AR	---	307	---	---	2,033	8,933	
CA	---	---	340	---	---	9,022	
IA	64	---	539	---	---	9,913	
MN	194	1,120	1,021	---	1,123	24,290	
MO	---	216	---	---	---	22,681	
NC	---	1,307	---	---	1,260	7,415	
PA	---	---	---	5	---	3,913	
VA	---	1,084	440	354	2,027	10,267	
US	856	7,851	11,418	3,273	13,221	152,596	

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
United States, October 2000

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
			3,202	709		84
State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
US		150	300		724	5,169

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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