



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during May 2001 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.35 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in May 2000. Updated totals for April 2001 show that 2.97 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during May 2001 was 4.50 billion pounds, up 1 percent from a year ago. Inspections included 3.80 billion pounds of young chickens, 2 percent above last year; 74.1 million pounds of mature chickens, down 10 percent; 614 million pounds of turkeys, down 2 percent; and 15.5 million pounds of ducks, up 20 percent from May 2000.

Young chickens slaughtered during May 2001 averaged 5.07 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from May 2000. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.40 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2001 averaged 26.4 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from May 2000.

Ante-mortem condemnations during May 2001 totaled 17.0 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.38 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.37 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 61.7 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.52 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.62 percent a year earlier.

May 2001 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays, the same as May 2000.

Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, May 2001 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		

	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Apr 2001	670,073	12,973	683,046	2,247	-----
May 2000	751,778	15,521	767,299	1,953	-----
May 2001	749,674	13,721	763,395	2,353	-----
Jan-May 2000	3,447,002	71,932	3,518,934	9,824	-----
Jan-May 2001	3,455,449	67,729	3,523,178	11,056	-----

	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Apr 2001	3,376,808	69,100	3,445,909	14,843	573
May 2000	3,732,923	82,120	3,815,043	12,904	1,026
May 2001	3,799,395	74,125	3,873,520	15,467	879
Jan-May 2000	17,250,102	371,889	17,621,991	65,395	4,817
Jan-May 2001	17,387,966	355,306	17,743,272	72,983	3,801

	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Apr 2001	5.04	5.33	5.04	6.60	-----
May 2000	4.97	5.29	4.97	6.61	-----
May 2001	5.07	5.40	5.07	6.57	-----
Jan-May 2000	5.00	5.17	5.01	6.66	-----
Jan-May 2001	5.03	5.25	5.04	6.60	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, May 2001 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys				Total
		Fryer-	Young 3/	Old	Total	Poultry
		Roasters		Turkeys		
		1,000 Head				
Number Inspected						
	Apr 2001	---	20,279	184	20,462	-----
	May 2000	16	23,704	149	23,869	-----
	May 2001	---	23,127	158	23,286	-----
	Jan-May 2000	50	105,208	745	106,003	-----
	Jan-May 2001	---	105,325	796	106,121	-----
		1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight						
	Apr 2001	---	544,560	4,902	549,463	4,010,787
	May 2000	130	619,687	4,049	623,866	4,452,838
	May 2001	---	609,844	4,203	614,046	4,503,912
	Jan-May 2000	401	2,762,664	19,851	2,782,916	20,475,119
	Jan-May 2001	---	2,825,490	21,396	2,846,886	20,666,942
		Pounds				
Average Live Weight						
	Apr 2001	---	26.85	26.69	26.85	-----
	May 2000	8.13	26.14	27.09	26.14	-----
	May 2001	---	26.37	26.57	26.37	-----
	Jan-May 2000	8.05	26.26	26.64	26.25	-----
	Jan-May 2001	---	26.83	26.88	26.83	-----

- 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: May 2000: 6,578, May 2001: 6,272.
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: May 2000: 92, May 2001: 46.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, May 2001 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Apr 2001					
Chilled	2,260,778	40,622	2,301,400	4,268	129
Frozen	231,042	1,265	232,306	6,543	215
Total	2,491,820	41,887	2,533,706	10,811	344
May 2000					
Chilled	2,510,056	46,230	2,556,286	3,648	262
Frozen	231,690	3,309	235,000	5,478	358
Total	2,741,747	49,539	2,791,285	9,127	620
May 2001					
Chilled	2,558,028	44,195	2,602,223	4,383	239
Frozen	247,110	1,584	248,694	6,757	296
Total	2,805,139	45,778	2,850,917	11,140	535
Jan-May 2000					
Chilled	11,583,518	208,150	11,791,668	18,144	1,398
Frozen	1,101,973	15,078	1,117,052	28,356	1,561
Total	12,685,492	223,228	12,908,720	46,500	2,959
Jan-May 2001					
Chilled	11,714,464	209,171	11,923,635	20,373	882
Frozen	1,129,915	5,240	1,135,155	32,319	1,364
Total	12,844,379	214,411	13,058,790	52,692	2,246

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 United States, May 2001 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys			Total Poultry
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys
		1,000 Pounds			
Apr 2001					
Chilled	---	209,587	3,170	212,757	2,518,554
Frozen	---	212,400	504	212,903	451,968
Total	---	421,986	3,674	425,660	2,970,522
May 2000					
Chilled	5	229,883	2,062	231,950	2,792,146
Frozen	91	259,275	939	260,304	501,141
Total	96	489,158	3,001	492,255	3,293,286
May 2001					
Chilled	---	227,217	2,689	229,906	2,836,751
Frozen	---	256,082	482	256,564	512,311
Total	---	483,299	3,171	486,470	3,349,061
Jan-May 2000					
Chilled	204	1,064,061	10,384	1,074,650	12,885,860
Frozen	108	1,114,124	4,322	1,118,554	2,265,523
Total	313	2,178,185	14,706	2,193,204	15,151,383
Jan-May 2001					
Chilled	---	1,094,814	13,694	1,108,509	13,053,398
Frozen	---	1,133,437	2,672	1,136,109	2,304,947
Total	---	2,228,251	16,366	2,244,617	15,358,345

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

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, May 2001 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
----- 1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Apr 2001	11,493	1,085	12,578	31	1
May 2000	13,366	1,166	14,532	20	2
May 2001	14,391	909	15,301	30	1
Jan-May 2000	65,366	4,991	70,356	98	15
Jan-May 2001	68,711	5,494	74,205	124	10
Percent 2/					
May 2000	0.36	1.42	0.38	0.15	0.24
May 2001	0.38	1.23	0.40	0.20	0.12
----- 1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Apr 2001	46,271	3,653	49,924	324	7
May 2000	47,038	5,147	52,185	283	11
May 2001	45,193	3,893	49,086	351	9
Jan-May 2000	248,504	24,633	273,136	1,434	51
Jan-May 2001	224,507	18,927	243,435	1,682	40
Percent 3/					
May 2000	1.40	6.96	1.52	2.44	1.22
May 2001	1.32	5.84	1.41	2.52	1.11

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, May 2001 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

		Turkeys				
					Total	
		Fryer-			Total	Poultry
		Roasters	Young	Old	Turkeys	
		1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem						
(Live Weight)						
Apr 2001	---	1,576	59	1,635	14,245	
May 2000	---	1,752	50	1,802	16,357	
May 2001	---	1,589	82	1,671	17,003	
Jan-May 2000	17	7,261	226	7,503	77,973	
Jan-May 2001	---	9,557	299	9,856	84,195	
Percent 2/						
May 2000	0.32	0.28	1.24	0.29	0.37	
May 2001	---	0.26	1.95	0.27	0.38	
		1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem						
(N.Y. Dressed Weight)						
Apr 2001	---	11,193	357	11,550	61,805	
May 2000	1	12,126	327	12,455	64,935	
May 2001	---	11,886	335	12,221	61,667	
Jan-May 2000	6	58,224	1,401	59,630	334,252	
Jan-May 2001	---	60,865	1,516	62,381	307,537	
Percent 3/						
May 2000	1.04	2.17	8.98	2.22	1.62	
May 2001	---	2.17	8.85	2.21	1.52	

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, May 2000-2001

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/		
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	
	-----	1,000	-----	1,000 Pounds	----	Pounds	----
AL	85,700	90,707	431,556	452,293	5.04	4.99	
AR	102,476	102,811	490,419	505,879	4.79	4.92	
DE	23,918	23,558	140,666	138,075	5.88	5.86	
FL	11,454	11,186	60,634	61,972	5.29	5.54	
GA	104,311	107,922	517,242	540,513	4.96	5.01	
LA	16,588	13,579	73,163	61,447	4.41	4.53	
MD	18,800	17,327	88,719	81,203	4.72	4.69	
MS	66,483	66,766	322,841	345,411	4.86	5.17	
MO	32,510	32,708	146,902	149,791	4.52	4.58	
NC	62,257	61,460	361,085	365,965	5.80	5.95	
PA	10,260	9,864	53,914	52,035	5.25	5.28	
SC	21,711	20,766	109,254	109,488	5.03	5.27	
TN	21,382	21,767	97,378	103,097	4.55	4.74	
TX	54,114	54,155	257,028	263,287	4.75	4.86	
VA	32,005	32,556	155,804	162,134	4.87	4.98	
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---	
US	751,778	749,674	3,732,923	3,799,395	4.97	5.07	

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, May 2000-2001

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-----		-- Percent --	
AL	309,156	327,502	7,314	6,678	1.88	1.64
AR	360,883	363,484	5,501	6,478	1.25	1.42
DE	102,257	99,577	2,501	2,346	1.98	1.89
FL	41,187	44,744	968	883	1.77	1.58
GA	377,801	400,213	6,528	5,099	1.40	1.05
LA	51,741	42,748	624	529	0.95	0.96
MD	62,586	58,742	1,228	1,092	1.54	1.49
MS	248,970	263,572	2,530	2,927	0.87	0.94
MO	107,694	109,278	1,840	2,058	1.39	1.53
NC	273,238	280,301	5,232	5,034	1.61	1.53
PA	37,651	36,627	1,203	1,020	2.48	2.18
SC	80,000	77,939	1,999	1,069	2.03	1.08
TN	70,809	75,169	762	850	0.87	0.92
TX	201,401	204,576	2,987	3,114	1.29	1.31
VA	104,756	117,037	1,284	1,512	0.92	1.04
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	2,741,747	2,805,139	47,038	45,193	1.40	1.32

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, May 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	1,577	198,900	88,917	2,051	---
AR	---	4,994	302,850	134,001	8,795	8,110
DE	---	18,270	108,185	46,477	75	---
FL	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	1,117	127,799	142,124	458	17,704
LA	---	---	19,075	---	214	1,304
MD	---	25,013	61,673	30,275	---	10,606
MS	---	1,112	94,452	33,313	778	3,755
MO	---	3,058	118,248	62,074	2,729	---
NC	---	3,411	143,650	77,791	---	57,707
PA	---	850	32,407	18,730	308	2,685
SC	---	588	20,342	30,398	---	---
TN	---	331	49,053	17,819	506	2,000
TX	---	626	173,601	58,758	802	4,417
VA	---	---	81,426	42,282	39	---
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	77,317	1,852,370	850,362	23,333	204,456
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	7,790	34,716	49,257	10,070	99,887	493,165
AR	9,364	33,980	41,514	5,560	91,932	641,100
DE	2,608	9,554	11,521	---	27,248	223,938
FL	---	4,114	---	---	11,727	15,841
GA	8,234	37,461	27,019	7,311	159,916	529,143
LA	735	3,658	3,739	---	12,021	40,746
MD	---	---	---	939	31,113	159,619
MS	3,753	14,001	15,925	1,428	70,171	238,688
MO	2,425	19,501	18,425	2,364	---	228,824
NC	6,856	40,469	38,013	11,040	89,465	468,402
PA	1,816	3,984	7,865	156	35,575	104,376
SC	---	4,020	8,302	---	12,974	76,624
TN	2,805	9,622	8,185	928	---	91,249
TX	1,993	20,926	17,945	1,669	15,701	296,438
VA	1,996	11,999	---	---	23,540	161,282
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	60,883	299,053	341,327	56,137	918,783	4,684,021

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, May 2000-2001

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	15,521	13,721	82,120	74,125	5.29	5.40

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, May 2000-2001

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	2000	2001	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	49,539	45,778	5,147	3,893	6.96	5.84

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, May 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	9,209	251,442	11,468	437	129,220

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	33	---	---	1,859	1,892
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	23,522	37,247	143,167	1,269	69,418	676,399

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, May 2000-2001

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	2,434	2,456	43,970	42,522	18.06	17.31
CA	1,592	1,509	42,104	36,954	26.44	24.49
IA	1,469	1,504	44,557	46,556	30.34	30.95
MN	3,673	3,578	90,660	94,896	24.68	26.53
MO	2,310	1,893	64,519	52,687	27.93	27.83
NC	3,037	3,039	79,918	81,072	26.32	26.68
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	3,189	3,195	70,775	73,662	22.19	23.06
US	23,704	23,127	619,687	609,844	26.14	26.37

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemns, Selected States and United States, May 2000-2001

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemns			
	2000	2001	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	36,396	34,835	801	591	2.02	1.54
CA	33,519	32,030	596	722	1.57	2.17
IA	34,808	36,264	1,100	1,108	2.74	2.65
MN	72,173	75,645	2,292	2,334	2.81	2.73
MO	51,210	40,928	1,226	1,132	2.11	2.39
NC	62,903	64,185	1,483	1,733	2.06	2.38
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	55,283	57,058	1,158	820	1.82	1.24
US	489,158	483,299	12,126	11,886	2.17	2.17

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, May 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors	
							Number
AR	---	---	5,099	527	---	---	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---	
IA	---	---	5,299	---	1,546	---	
MN	---	---	13,139	2,531	---	14	
MO	---	---	14,478	---	---	---	
NC	---	---	4,410	---	---	---	
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---	
VA	---	---	3,116	---	---	---	
US	---	180	78,500	11,823	4,836	120	
							Number
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total	
AR	---	333	---	---	---	5,959	
CA	53	---	126	34	193	406	
IA	41	---	411	---	---	7,297	
MN	171	705	947	---	1,317	18,824	
MO	32	209	581	---	---	15,300	
NC	---	1,176	---	---	1,424	7,010	
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---	
VA	---	---	386	---	---	3,502	
US	978	7,018	11,148	3,043	13,468	131,114	

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
United States, May 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
			Number			
US	---	---	5,127	957	25	155
State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
			Number			
US	17	116	184	20	700	7,301

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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