



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 6 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during July 2001 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.06 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the amount certified in July 2000. Updated totals for June 2001 show that 3.14 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during July 2001 was 4.13 billion pounds, up 6 percent from a year ago. Inspections included 3.44 billion pounds of young chickens, 5 percent above last year; 69.3 million pounds of mature chickens, down 5 percent; 612 million pounds of turkeys, up 13 percent; and 15.2 million pounds of ducks, up 24 percent from July 2000.

Young chickens slaughtered during July 2001 averaged 4.94 pounds per bird, down slightly from July 2000. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.59 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during July 2001 averaged 26.6 pounds per bird, up 5 percent from July 2000.

Ante-mortem condemnations during July 2001 totaled 22.4 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.54 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.51 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 52.9 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.42 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.56 percent a year earlier.

July 2001 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. July 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		

	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jun 2001	704,722	13,522	718,244	2,216	-----
Jul 2000	662,247	13,247	675,494	1,865	-----
Jul 2001	696,101	12,382	708,483	2,304	-----
Jan-Jul 2000	4,842,853	100,297	4,943,150	13,773	-----
Jan-Jul 2001	4,859,297	93,703	4,953,000	15,584	-----

	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Jun 2001	3,533,581	73,043	3,606,624	14,652	885
Jul 2000	3,279,670	73,210	3,352,880	12,296	888
Jul 2001	3,436,064	69,261	3,505,325	15,221	928
Jan-Jul 2000	24,171,527	527,046	24,698,573	91,361	6,770
Jan-Jul 2001	24,372,700	498,002	24,870,702	102,916	5,849

	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Jun 2001	5.01	5.40	5.02	6.61	-----
Jul 2000	4.95	5.53	4.96	6.59	-----
Jul 2001	4.94	5.59	4.95	6.61	-----
Jan-Jul 2000	4.99	5.25	5.00	6.63	-----
Jan-Jul 2001	5.02	5.31	5.02	6.60	-----

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

		Turkeys			Total	
		Fryer- Roasters	Young 3/	Old	Total Turkeys	Total Poultry
		1,000 Head				
Number Inspected						
Jun 2001	---	22,417	160	22,577	-----	
Jul 2000	---	21,256	156	21,412	-----	
Jul 2001	12	22,773	247	23,032	-----	
Jan-Jul 2000	81	150,128	1,096	151,304	-----	
Jan-Jul 2001	12	150,642	1,203	151,856	-----	
		1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight						
Jun 2001	---	582,460	4,202	586,662	4,208,824	
Jul 2000	---	536,726	3,974	540,700	3,906,764	
Jul 2001	94	605,218	6,397	611,709	4,133,184	
Jan-Jul 2000	657	3,908,355	28,770	3,937,781	28,734,485	
Jan-Jul 2001	94	4,016,128	31,995	4,048,217	29,027,684	
		Pounds				
Average Live Weight						
Jun 2001	---	25.98	26.30	25.99	-----	
Jul 2000	---	25.25	25.41	25.25	-----	
Jul 2001	7.94	26.58	25.89	26.56	-----	
Jan-Jul 2000	8.13	26.03	26.26	26.03	-----	
Jan-Jul 2001	7.94	26.66	26.60	26.66	-----	

- 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 2000: 6,244, July 2001: 5,867.
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: July 2000: 57, July 2001: 87.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Jun 2001					
Chilled	2,393,291	42,403	2,435,694	4,014	265
Frozen	225,492	1,616	227,108	6,400	272
Total	2,618,783	44,020	2,662,803	10,414	537
Jul 2000					
Chilled	2,208,768	41,287	2,250,054	3,471	296
Frozen	208,979	3,293	212,272	5,425	243
Total	2,417,746	44,580	2,462,326	8,896	540
Jul 2001					
Chilled	2,311,843	40,368	2,352,210	4,116	220
Frozen	227,386	1,452	228,839	6,426	327
Total	2,539,229	41,820	2,581,049	10,541	547
Jan-Jul 2000					
Chilled	16,229,700	294,875	16,524,575	25,282	2,009
Frozen	1,545,717	22,363	1,568,080	40,038	2,138
Total	17,775,418	317,238	18,092,656	65,320	4,147
Jan-Jul 2001					
Chilled	16,436,345	292,115	16,728,460	28,539	1,485
Frozen	1,576,394	8,336	1,584,731	45,145	1,970
Total	18,012,739	300,451	18,313,191	73,684	3,455

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

		Turkeys			Total Poultry
		Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys
		1,000 Pounds			
Jun 2001					
Chilled	---	205,005	2,557	207,562	2,647,535
Frozen	---	255,717	599	256,316	490,096
Total	---	460,722	3,156	463,877	3,137,631
Jul 2000					
Chilled	---	193,794	1,822	195,616	2,449,438
Frozen	---	229,049	1,242	230,291	448,231
Total	---	422,843	3,064	425,907	2,897,669
Jul 2001					
Chilled	8	207,115	4,115	211,237	2,567,783
Frozen	61	258,809	878	259,748	495,339
Total	68	465,923	4,993	470,985	3,063,122
Jan-Jul 2000					
Chilled	219	1,474,195	15,063	1,489,477	18,041,343
Frozen	276	1,606,273	6,469	1,613,018	3,223,275
Total	495	3,080,469	21,532	3,102,496	21,264,618
Jan-Jul 2001					
Chilled	8	1,507,662	20,366	1,528,036	18,286,520
Frozen	61	1,649,670	4,149	1,653,879	3,285,725
Total	68	3,157,332	24,515	3,181,915	21,572,245

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 2001 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
----- 1,000 Pounds -----					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jun 2001	15,504	1,521	17,025	36	1
Jul 2000	16,441	1,593	18,035	21	3
Jul 2001	17,803	2,012	19,815	45	3
Jan-Jul 2000	96,280	7,959	104,239	147	26
Jan-Jul 2001	102,139	9,045	111,183	205	18
----- Percent 2/ -----					
Jul 2000	0.50	2.18	0.54	0.17	0.36
Jul 2001	0.52	2.90	0.57	0.29	0.29
----- 1,000 Pounds -----					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jun 2001	37,625	3,879	41,504	317	11
Jul 2000	39,705	4,102	43,807	256	7
Jul 2001	37,886	3,544	41,430	287	13
Jan-Jul 2000	331,742	33,492	365,235	1,993	70
Jan-Jul 2001	300,335	26,359	326,694	2,286	64
----- Percent 3/ -----					
Jul 2000	1.35	6.23	1.45	2.31	0.82
Jul 2001	1.23	5.69	1.31	2.10	1.53

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

		Turkeys			
					Total
		Fryer-			Poultry
		Roasters	Young	Old	Turkeys
		1,000 Pounds			
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jun 2001	---	1,869	63	1,932	18,995
Jul 2000	---	1,789	23	1,812	19,871
Jul 2001	---	2,422	73	2,495	22,358
Jan-Jul 2000	17	10,822	284	11,123	115,534
Jan-Jul 2001	---	13,854	435	14,289	125,696
Percent 2/					
Jul 2000	---	0.33	0.59	0.34	0.51
Jul 2001	0.11	0.40	1.14	0.41	0.54
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jun 2001	---	13,355	295	13,651	55,481
Jul 2000	---	10,688	231	10,919	54,989
Jul 2001	1	10,868	348	11,217	52,947
Jan-Jul 2000	9	80,842	1,937	82,788	450,085
Jan-Jul 2001	1	85,120	2,159	87,280	416,324
Percent 3/					
Jul 2000	---	2.21	6.46	2.24	1.56
Jul 2001	0.79	2.00	6.05	2.04	1.42

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 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	76,512	82,074	377,710	409,773	4.94	4.99	
AR	93,484	96,882	445,556	455,980	4.77	4.71	
DE	21,033	21,349	124,734	126,422	5.93	5.92	
FL	10,211	10,054	53,413	53,799	5.23	5.35	
GA	92,961	102,581	458,947	502,181	4.94	4.90	
LA	14,492	13,660	64,679	61,551	4.46	4.51	
MD	16,758	16,808	79,537	80,347	4.75	4.78	
MS	57,215	64,000	280,969	314,336	4.91	4.91	
MO	28,281	29,753	124,344	133,030	4.40	4.47	
NC	55,001	55,819	320,651	321,708	5.83	5.76	
PA	8,926	9,277	46,492	48,007	5.21	5.17	
SC	18,024	19,532	89,371	99,686	4.96	5.10	
TN	18,627	19,707	86,567	91,153	4.65	4.63	
TX	48,926	51,843	228,980	243,612	4.68	4.70	
VA	28,309	29,168	138,781	140,598	4.90	4.82	
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---	
US	662,247	696,101	3,279,670	3,436,064	4.95	4.94	

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, July 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	275,240	300,664	5,758	4,974	1.69	1.35
AR	329,154	329,511	5,337	5,579	1.33	1.36
DE	90,651	91,714	2,060	1,838	1.83	1.62
FL	38,406	38,973	890	684	1.85	1.41
GA	337,911	366,869	5,084	4,273	1.23	0.95
LA	45,608	44,300	660	496	1.13	0.90
MD	55,852	57,120	1,041	790	1.45	1.09
MS	218,668	240,425	2,150	3,664	0.85	1.30
MO	90,598	96,547	1,482	1,574	1.32	1.31
NC	243,552	250,184	4,531	3,506	1.57	1.21
PA	32,098	35,174	1,016	1,166	2.43	2.70
SC	65,950	70,557	1,386	858	1.72	0.96
TN	62,780	65,863	695	989	0.89	1.20
TX	176,276	190,224	2,629	2,962	1.28	1.35
VA	93,028	100,609	1,102	1,133	0.88	0.90
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	2,417,746	2,539,229	39,705	37,886	1.35	1.23

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 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	1,201	147,132	63,029	1,739	5,737
AR	---	2,423	253,766	94,790	6,126	3,706
DE	---	6,898	91,210	25,754	84	7,863
FL	---	223	---	---	---	---
GA	---	1,114	118,454	79,047	361	8,110
LA	---	---	19,959	---	---	930
MD	---	9,661	55,199	17,005	---	4,066
MS	---	---	81,286	19,816	---	1,826
MO	---	1,920	88,924	38,011	1,863	---
NC	---	1,344	115,309	39,418	355	13,674
PA	---	876	28,417	8,977	---	1,190
SC	---	---	18,737	12,870	---	---
TN	---	302	39,899	11,421	791	1,182
TX	---	---	150,102	68,292	550	2,395
VA	---	---	60,757	22,083	---	---
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	246,466	1,526,753	555,614	17,016	70,198
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	7,084	34,341	46,402	12,159	110,125	428,949
AR	9,030	41,045	41,859	9,044	96,839	558,628
DE	2,566	11,479	12,424	---	18,880	177,158
FL	---	3,516	3,971	---	10,969	18,679
GA	7,281	36,038	24,496	5,097	117,427	397,425
LA	596	5,563	3,012	370	8,612	39,042
MD	1,656	---	---	1,338	22,991	111,916
MS	3,815	12,576	10,632	862	77,091	207,904
MO	2,503	11,931	15,902	2,512	---	163,566
NC	5,543	34,216	31,155	14,763	63,178	318,955
PA	1,735	4,295	6,336	264	35,479	87,569
SC	1,844	3,166	5,665	4,690	9,222	56,194
TN	1,624	10,102	8,803	1,765	11,361	87,250
TX	1,969	12,548	21,149	1,051	12,523	270,579
VA	1,955	12,122	---	---	21,737	118,654
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	54,068	280,264	318,418	68,788	789,349	3,926,934

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, July 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	13,247	12,382	73,210	69,261	5.53	5.59

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	2000	2001	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	44,580	41,820	4,102	3,544	6.23	5.69

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 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	5,575	216,769	10,835	1,226	105,763

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	1,124	1,124
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	18,354	31,642	117,675	2,452	83,245	593,536

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, July 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	2,014	2,421	36,683	42,446	18.21	17.53
CA	1,439	1,401	32,893	51,844	22.86	37.01
IA	1,356	1,431	38,925	43,317	28.70	30.27
MN	3,453	3,682	82,652	89,030	23.94	24.18
MO	2,025	1,871	53,556	51,937	26.44	27.76
NC	2,671	2,954	65,205	79,776	24.41	27.00
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	2,903	3,025	63,201	66,579	21.77	22.01
US	21,256	22,773	536,726	605,218	25.25	26.58

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	2000	2001	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	30,284	35,216	726	732	2.20	1.92
CA	26,065	30,292	504	536	1.70	1.15
IA	30,427	33,768	889	1,065	2.54	2.73
MN	65,860	70,562	1,946	2,303	2.62	2.87
MO	41,622	40,497	1,094	1,042	2.27	2.23
NC	51,301	63,086	1,329	1,110	2.26	1.55
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	49,646	51,185	983	723	1.73	1.21
US	422,843	465,923	10,688	10,868	2.21	2.00

1/ Ready-to-cook weights.

2/ Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
Selected States and United States, July 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AR	---	---	5,676	---	---	---
CA	---	---	5,468	421	---	---
IA	---	---	4,962	1,792	1,991	---
MN	---	---	12,529	2,083	1,163	14
MO	---	---	10,684	---	---	---
NC	---	---	3,549	---	---	---
PA	---	9	---	790	---	---
VA	---	---	2,235	218	---	---
US	---	467	70,985	13,602	5,393	311

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Number						
AR	---	469	---	---	---	6,145
CA	32	---	194	---	296	6,411
IA	---	---	---	---	---	8,745
MN	121	881	663	---	2,609	20,063
MO	---	229	698	---	---	11,611
NC	90	1,432	---	---	1,030	6,101
PA	128	---	---	---	1,567	2,494
VA	---	---	376	---	1,348	4,177
US	739	8,327	10,062	4,171	16,466	130,523

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	216	3,678	1,071	53	144
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	11	185	196	70	520	6,144

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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