



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during August 2001 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.38 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in August 2000. Updated totals for July 2001 show that 3.10 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during August 2001 was 4.56 billion pounds, up 2 percent from a year ago. Inspections included 3.81 billion pounds of young chickens, 2 percent above last year; 77.5 million pounds of mature chickens, down 8 percent; 658 million pounds of turkeys, up 6 percent; and 16.0 million pounds of ducks, up 14 percent from August 2000.

Young chickens slaughtered during August 2001 averaged 4.94 pounds per bird, up slightly from August 2000. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.52 pounds per bird, down slightly from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2001 averaged 26.1 pounds per bird, up 6 percent from August 2000.

Ante-mortem condemnations during August 2001 totaled 22.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.50 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.56 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 53.5 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.30 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.56 percent a year earlier.

August 2001 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays.
August 2000 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		

	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jul 2001	705,147	12,506	717,653	2,311	-----
Aug 2000	760,702	15,229	775,930	2,147	-----
Aug 2001	769,860	14,051	783,911	2,442	-----
Jan-Aug 2000	5,603,555	115,525	5,719,080	15,920	-----
Jan-Aug 2001	5,638,289	107,878	5,746,168	18,034	-----

	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Jul 2001	3,484,458	70,223	3,554,681	15,271	1,365
Aug 2000	3,745,636	84,206	3,829,842	13,960	1,307
Aug 2001	3,805,955	77,528	3,883,483	15,969	1,805
Jan-Aug 2000	27,917,163	611,251	28,528,415	105,321	8,077
Jan-Aug 2001	28,227,583	576,493	28,804,075	118,934	8,090

	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Jul 2001	4.94	5.61	4.95	6.61	-----
Aug 2000	4.92	5.53	4.94	6.50	-----
Aug 2001	4.94	5.52	4.95	6.54	-----
Jan-Aug 2000	4.98	5.29	4.99	6.62	-----
Jan-Aug 2001	5.01	5.34	5.01	6.60	-----

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

		Turkeys				Total
		Fryer-	Young 3/	Old	Total	Poultry
		Roasters		Turkeys		
		1,000 Head				
Number Inspected						
Jul 2001	:	12	22,826	247	23,085	-----
Aug 2000	:	---	24,917	261	25,178	-----
Aug 2001	:	---	24,921	258	25,179	-----
Jan-Aug 2000	:	81	175,045	1,357	176,482	-----
Jan-Aug 2001	:	12	175,615	1,461	177,088	-----
		1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight						
Jul 2001	:	94	606,379	6,397	612,870	4,184,186
Aug 2000	:	---	612,861	6,559	619,420	4,464,529
Aug 2001	:	---	650,793	6,779	657,573	4,558,830
Jan-Aug 2000	:	657	4,521,216	35,328	4,557,201	33,199,014
Jan-Aug 2001	:	94	4,668,083	38,774	4,706,951	33,638,050
		Pounds				
Average Live Weight						
Jul 2001	:	7.94	26.57	25.89	26.55	-----
Aug 2000	:	---	24.60	25.13	24.60	-----
Aug 2001	:	---	26.11	26.25	26.12	-----
Jan-Aug 2000	:	8.13	25.83	26.04	25.82	-----
Jan-Aug 2001	:	7.94	26.58	26.54	26.58	-----

- 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: August 2000: 7,138, August 2001: 6,369.
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: August 2000: 73, August 2001: 61.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Jul 2001					
Chilled	2,346,054	40,990	2,387,044	4,117	320
Frozen	229,217	1,488	230,705	6,465	327
Total	2,575,271	42,479	2,617,750	10,583	648
Aug 2000					
Chilled	2,521,279	47,525	2,568,805	4,015	264
Frozen	233,114	3,829	236,944	6,118	522
Total	2,754,393	51,355	2,805,748	10,132	786
Aug 2001					
Chilled	2,574,390	45,191	2,619,581	4,282	477
Frozen	249,057	1,353	250,409	6,580	665
Total	2,823,447	46,543	2,869,991	10,862	1,142
Jan-Aug 2000					
Chilled	18,750,980	342,400	19,093,380	29,296	2,273
Frozen	1,778,832	26,192	1,805,024	46,155	2,660
Total	20,529,811	368,593	20,898,404	75,452	4,933
Jan-Aug 2001					
Chilled	19,045,338	337,928	19,383,266	32,823	2,062
Frozen	1,827,281	9,725	1,837,007	51,765	2,635
Total	20,872,620	347,653	21,220,273	84,587	4,697

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Jul 2001					
Chilled	8	207,115	4,115	211,237	2,602,720
Frozen	61	259,740	878	260,680	498,177
Total	68	466,855	4,993	471,917	3,100,897
Aug 2000					
Chilled	---	217,326	3,105	220,430	2,793,513
Frozen	---	264,249	1,876	266,124	509,708
Total	---	481,574	4,981	486,555	3,303,221
Aug 2001					
Chilled	---	232,453	3,721	236,174	2,860,514
Frozen	---	256,092	1,515	257,607	515,261
Total	---	488,545	5,236	493,781	3,375,775
Jan-Aug 2000					
Chilled	219	1,691,521	18,168	1,709,908	20,834,857
Frozen	276	1,870,522	8,345	1,879,143	3,732,982
Total	495	3,562,043	26,513	3,589,051	24,567,839
Jan-Aug 2001					
Chilled	8	1,740,115	24,087	1,764,210	21,182,361
Frozen	61	1,906,693	5,664	1,912,418	3,803,825
Total	68	3,646,808	29,751	3,676,628	24,986,186

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

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
----- 1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jul 2001	18,489	2,022	20,511	45	4
Aug 2000	19,869	2,753	22,622	30	5
Aug 2001	18,199	1,835	20,034	41	14
Jan-Aug 2000	116,149	10,712	126,861	177	31
Jan-Aug 2001	121,024	10,890	131,914	246	33
Percent 2/					
Aug 2000	0.53	3.27	0.59	0.21	0.42
Aug 2001	0.48	2.37	0.52	0.26	0.75
----- 1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jul 2001	38,249	3,564	41,814	287	14
Aug 2000	45,169	4,630	49,800	332	12
Aug 2001	37,532	3,807	41,339	313	20
Jan-Aug 2000	376,912	38,123	415,034	2,325	82
Jan-Aug 2001	338,239	30,186	368,425	2,599	85
Percent 3/					
Aug 2000	1.34	6.11	1.44	2.64	1.04
Aug 2001	1.10	5.46	1.18	2.18	1.23

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

		Turkeys			
		Fryer-			Total
		Roasters	Young	Old	Poultry
		1,000 Pounds			
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jul 2001	---	2,426	73	2,499	23,059
Aug 2000	---	2,254	74	2,328	24,986
Aug 2001	---	2,487	89	2,576	22,665
Jan-Aug 2000	17	13,077	358	13,452	140,520
Jan-Aug 2001	---	16,345	524	16,870	149,063
Percent 2/					
Aug 2000	---	0.37	1.13	0.38	0.56
Aug 2001	---	0.38	1.32	0.39	0.50
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jul 2001	1	10,883	348	11,232	53,347
Aug 2000	---	12,134	371	12,504	62,648
Aug 2001	---	11,451	370	11,821	53,493
Jan-Aug 2000	9	92,975	2,308	95,292	512,733
Jan-Aug 2001	1	96,587	2,529	99,117	470,226
Percent 3/					
Aug 2000	---	2.20	6.28	2.24	1.56
Aug 2001	---	1.96	6.06	2.00	1.30

- 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, August 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	88,981	91,323	444,289	459,448	4.99	5.03			
AR	105,868	107,121	496,711	508,521	4.69	4.75			
DE	24,406	23,602	141,575	137,332	5.80	5.82			
FL	11,457	11,713	60,645	62,775	5.29	5.36			
GA	106,019	112,385	522,421	553,134	4.93	4.92			
LA	17,522	16,790	74,949	79,099	4.28	4.71			
MD	19,470	18,193	92,307	85,782	4.74	4.72			
MS	64,682	69,772	319,449	343,393	4.94	4.92			
MO	32,559	33,840	141,626	147,936	4.35	4.37			
NC	62,333	60,731	361,825	352,600	5.80	5.81			
PA	10,079	10,098	52,415	51,573	5.20	5.11			
SC	19,818	20,006	98,372	106,746	4.96	5.34			
TN	20,810	21,595	94,094	98,622	4.52	4.57			
TX	53,362	56,209	243,138	265,822	4.56	4.73			
VA	33,215	33,304	163,511	160,372	4.92	4.82			
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---			
US	760,702	769,860	3,745,636	3,805,955	4.92	4.94			

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, August 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	323,938	335,101	6,830	6,071	1.71	1.47
AR	359,891	368,318	5,955	5,003	1.33	1.09
DE	102,807	100,107	2,245	1,840	1.76	1.49
FL	42,439	44,395	958	731	1.75	1.29
GA	385,255	407,749	5,240	4,727	1.11	0.95
LA	52,417	56,584	697	552	1.03	0.78
MD	65,171	61,184	988	946	1.19	1.23
MS	250,520	265,532	2,490	2,659	0.87	0.86
MO	102,984	108,667	1,780	1,190	1.40	0.89
NC	272,490	270,870	4,983	3,800	1.53	1.20
PA	36,238	36,211	1,114	978	2.36	2.11
SC	72,251	78,842	1,326	787	1.50	0.82
TN	67,875	72,925	711	830	0.84	0.94
TX	191,042	207,037	2,553	2,654	1.17	1.11
VA	109,785	115,163	1,359	1,164	0.92	0.81
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	2,754,393	2,823,447	45,169	37,532	1.34	1.10

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, August 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	1,147	152,894	58,523	1,839	6,628
AR	---	2,131	241,274	88,729	7,913	3,506
DE	---	2,895	92,152	23,550	75	7,054
FL	---	---	---	---	1,406	---
GA	---	1,180	122,647	79,094	370	8,582
LA	---	128	25,381	11,272	---	1,114
MD	---	4,660	55,411	13,346	49	4,152
MS	---	536	93,014	24,181	---	1,700
MO	---	2,166	79,142	35,662	1,851	3,249
NC	---	1,515	132,379	44,584	---	12,417
PA	---	266	27,586	9,224	215	958
SC	---	180	19,614	---	---	---
TN	---	224	47,408	18,559	677	1,181
TX	---	444	150,250	65,346	---	---
VA	---	---	63,666	17,058	64	---
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	25,791	1,547,536	534,318	21,076	70,877
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	8,229	37,516	48,872	10,541	109,687	435,876
AR	8,798	39,556	43,623	5,618	68,670	509,818
DE	2,973	10,807	10,903	---	15,674	166,083
FL	1,207	4,719	4,565	1,596	11,754	25,247
GA	8,026	36,307	27,375	6,474	121,810	411,865
LA	729	4,641	4,425	553	7,263	55,506
MD	1,854	16,806	---	---	19,384	115,662
MS	3,809	13,247	14,498	1,122	79,105	231,212
MO	2,290	14,997	12,390	444	45,520	197,711
NC	5,952	37,912	31,370	10,659	56,015	332,803
PA	1,988	5,114	7,910	289	46,411	99,961
SC	---	3,284	---	5,747	7,783	36,608
TN	2,218	9,313	9,319	2,138	17,106	108,143
TX	1,904	12,497	19,253	---	12,654	262,348
VA	2,198	11,676	---	2,726	16,524	113,912
WA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	59,002	287,238	336,115	67,266	717,528	3,666,747

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, August 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	15,229	14,051	84,206	77,528	5.53	5.52

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	2000	2001	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	51,355	46,543	4,630	3,807	6.11	5.46

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, August 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	2,941	251,335	11,348	3,938	126,380

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	21	120	279	---	---	420
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	20,750	38,901	143,502	1,986	81,729	682,810

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, August 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	2,349	2,731	40,752	45,327	17.35	16.60
CA	1,854	1,614	40,803	68,360	22.01	42.34
IA	1,561	1,530	44,765	45,723	28.68	29.89
MN	3,890	4,152	90,536	95,000	23.28	22.88
MO	2,317	2,047	58,232	53,854	25.13	26.31
NC	3,112	3,086	74,344	79,915	23.89	25.90
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	3,489	3,335	75,554	71,666	21.66	21.49
US	24,917	24,921	612,861	650,793	24.60	26.11

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	2000	2001	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	33,949	37,820	615	796	1.68	1.95
CA	33,113	33,083	569	795	1.55	1.29
IA	34,840	35,655	1,142	1,091	2.83	2.65
MN	71,027	75,999	2,370	2,087	2.91	2.44
MO	45,989	38,216	1,214	937	2.32	1.93
NC	58,029	63,546	1,631	1,191	2.44	1.66
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	58,534	55,370	910	819	1.34	1.27
US	481,574	488,545	12,134	11,451	2.20	1.96

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 Condemed Post-Mortem by Cause,
Selected States and United States, August 2001

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AR	---	---	6,734	---	4	---
CA	---	---	6,594	1,081	---	---
IA	---	---	4,775	2,613	---	---
MN	---	---	14,675	2,201	---	---
MO	---	---	13,039	---	---	---
NC	---	---	---	---	---	---
PA	---	4	---	682	32	---
VA	---	---	3,111	207	---	---
US	---	211	83,952	16,550	5,615	213

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Number						
AR	50	1,039	---	---	---	7,827
CA	18	---	234	---	240	8,167
IA	57	---	463	---	---	7,908
MN	181	1,149	1,172	---	1,712	21,090
MO	28	---	---	---	---	13,067
NC	---	---	---	---	1,112	1,112
PA	---	---	222	---	---	940
VA	---	1,493	426	---	1,392	6,629
US	842	10,400	11,797	4,941	16,512	151,033

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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