



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 4 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during May 2003 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.30 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the amount certified in May 2002. Updated totals for April 2003 show that 3.26 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during May 2003 was 4.46 billion pounds, down 4 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.76 billion pounds, down 4 percent from May 2002, and mature chickens at 71.9 million pounds, were down 7 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 612 million pounds, down 3 percent, and ducks totaled 13.3 million pounds, down 11 percent.

Young chickens slaughtered during May 2003 averaged 5.18 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from May 2002. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.49 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during May 2003 averaged 27.3 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from May 2002.

Ante-mortem condemnations during May 2003 totaled 15.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.35 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.36 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 45.5 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.13 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.20 percent a year earlier.

May 2003 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

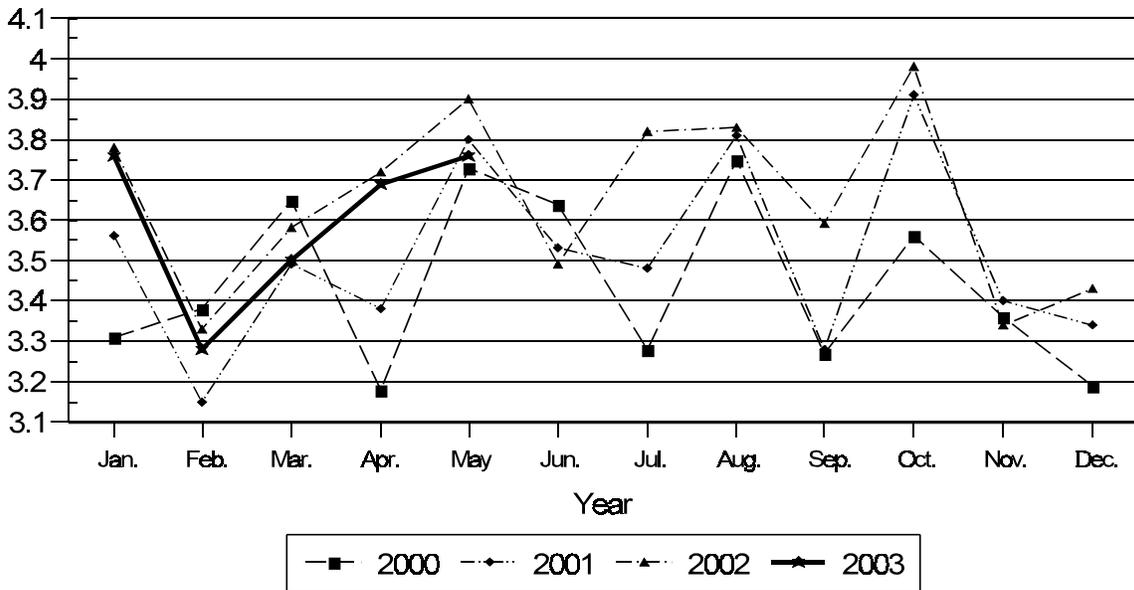
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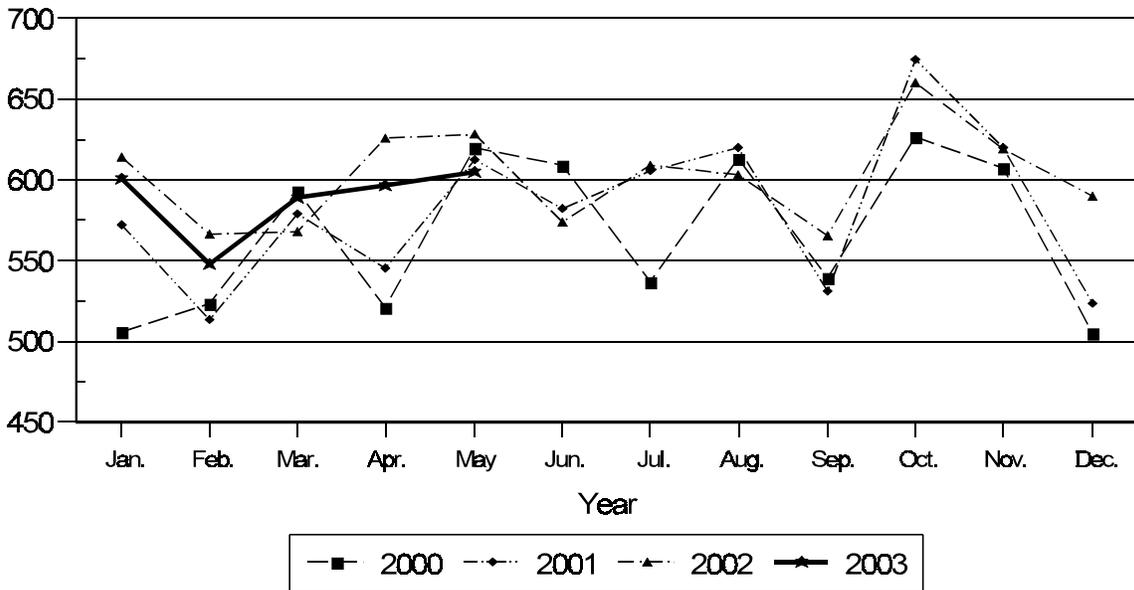
Young Chickens: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2000-2003

Billion Pounds



Young Turkeys: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2000-2003

Million Pounds



**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, May 2003 ¹**

Commodity	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Percent of	
				May 2002	Apr 2003
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Number Slaughtered					
Chickens					
Young	762,101	712,704	725,305	95	102
Mature	14,505	13,954	13,087	90	94
Light	8,341	8,334	7,164	86	86
Heavy	6,164	5,620	5,923	96	105
Total	776,606	726,658	738,392	95	102
Turkeys					
Young	23,503	21,915	22,198	94	101
Old	108	171	244	226	143
Total	23,611	22,086	22,442	95	102
Ducks	2,225	2,034	2,104	95	103
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	3,907,654	3,691,198	3,758,746	96	102
Mature	76,992	73,303	71,894	93	98
Light	28,366	28,539	24,658	87	86
Heavy	48,626	44,764	47,236	97	106
Total	3,984,646	3,764,501	3,830,640	96	102
Turkeys					
Young	625,245	595,946	605,271	97	102
Old	2,997	4,559	6,695	223	147
Total	628,242	600,505	611,966	97	102
Ducks	14,876	13,574	13,285	89	98
Other Poultry	812	848	848	104	100
Total Poultry	4,628,576	4,379,428	4,456,739	96	102
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.13	5.18	5.18	101	100
Mature	5.31	5.25	5.49	103	105
Light	3.40	3.42	3.44	101	101
Heavy	7.89	7.97	7.98	101	100
Total	5.13	5.18	5.19	101	100
Turkeys					
Young	26.60	27.19	27.27	103	100
Old	27.68	26.58	27.48	99	103
Total	26.61	27.19	27.27	102	100
Ducks	6.68	6.67	6.31	94	95

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, May 2003 ¹ (continued)**

Commodity	January to Date			Percent of	
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Number Slaughtered					
Chickens					
Young	3,470,338	3,577,280	3,477,185	100	97
Mature	67,798	73,024	66,163	98	91
Light	39,476	44,350	37,500	95	85
Heavy	28,322	28,674	28,663	101	100
Total	3,538,136	3,650,304	3,543,348	100	97
Turkeys					
Young	105,450	109,237	106,888	101	98
Old	796	867	1,101	138	127
Total	106,246	110,104	107,989	102	98
Ducks	11,064	10,221	10,229	92	100
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	17,477,594	18,265,310	17,987,011	103	98
Mature	355,697	376,358	353,521	99	94
Light	134,695	151,071	127,480	95	84
Heavy	221,002	225,287	226,041	102	100
Total	17,833,291	18,641,668	18,340,532	103	98
Turkeys					
Young	2,828,447	2,984,152	2,933,347	104	98
Old	21,397	24,248	30,062	140	124
Total	2,849,844	3,008,400	2,963,409	104	99
Ducks	73,042	68,924	66,904	92	97
Other Poultry	4,039	3,770	4,045	100	107
Total Poultry	20,760,216	21,722,762	21,374,890	103	98
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.04	5.11	5.17	103	101
Mature	5.25	5.15	5.34	102	104
Light	3.41	3.41	3.40	100	100
Heavy	7.80	7.86	7.89	101	100
Total	5.04	5.11	5.18	103	101
Turkeys					
Young	26.82	27.32	27.44	102	100
Old	26.88	27.97	27.29	102	98
Total	26.82	27.32	27.43	102	100
Ducks	6.60	6.74	6.54	99	97

¹ Federally inspected only.

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, May 2003 ¹**

Commodity	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Percent of	
				May 2002	Apr 2003
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Chilled					
Chickens					
Young	2,613,727	2,460,985	2,487,226	95	101
Mature	44,457	41,958	42,478	96	101
Light	12,745	12,804	11,493	90	90
Heavy	31,712	29,154	30,985	98	106
Total	2,658,184	2,502,943	2,529,704	95	101
Turkeys					
Young	242,245	248,011	247,762	102	100
Old	1,905	2,884	4,575	240	159
Total	244,150	250,895	252,337	103	101
Ducks	3,725	3,443	3,239	87	94
Other Poultry	220	184	216	98	117
Total Poultry	2,906,279	2,757,465	2,785,496	96	101
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	281,182	272,005	279,582	99	103
Mature	2,039	1,639	1,203	59	73
Light	1,752	1,411	1,063	61	75
Heavy	287	228	140	49	61
Total	283,221	273,644	280,785	99	103
Turkeys					
Young	252,309	223,121	226,234	90	101
Old	361	413	326	90	79
Total	252,670	223,534	226,560	90	101
Ducks	6,954	6,364	6,253	90	98
Other Poultry	284	329	303	107	92
Total Poultry	543,129	503,871	513,901	95	102
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,894,909	2,732,990	2,766,808	96	101
Mature	46,496	43,597	43,681	94	100
Light	14,497	14,215	12,556	87	88
Heavy	31,999	29,382	31,125	97	106
Total	2,941,405	2,776,587	2,810,489	96	101
Turkeys					
Young	494,554	471,132	473,996	96	101
Old	2,266	3,297	4,901	216	149
Total	496,820	474,429	478,897	96	101
Ducks	10,679	9,807	9,492	89	97
Other Poultry	504	513	519	103	101
Total Poultry	3,449,408	3,261,336	3,299,397	96	101

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, May 2003¹ (continued)**

Commodity	January to Date			Percent of	
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Chilled					
Chickens					
Young	11,760,162	12,243,644	11,978,083	102	98
Mature	209,344	217,865	207,503	99	95
Light	65,430	71,392	59,963	92	84
Heavy	143,914	146,473	147,540	103	101
Total	11,969,506	12,461,509	12,185,586	102	98
Turkeys					
Young	1,097,246	1,146,201	1,215,187	111	106
Old	13,694	15,389	19,526	143	127
Total	1,110,940	1,161,590	1,234,713	111	106
Ducks	20,431	18,634	16,417	80	88
Other Poultry	1,000	1,042	916	92	88
Total Poultry	13,101,877	13,642,775	13,437,632	103	98
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	1,124,128	1,221,607	1,292,189	115	106
Mature	5,267	7,574	5,515	105	73
Light	4,098	6,482	4,547	111	70
Heavy	1,169	1,092	968	83	89
Total	1,129,395	1,229,181	1,297,704	115	106
Turkeys					
Young	1,135,968	1,201,655	1,095,192	96	91
Old	2,673	2,990	2,419	90	81
Total	1,138,641	1,204,645	1,097,611	96	91
Ducks	32,318	32,518	31,367	97	96
Other Poultry	1,371	1,296	1,540	112	119
Total Poultry	2,301,725	2,467,640	2,428,222	105	98
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	12,884,290	13,465,251	13,270,272	103	99
Mature	214,611	225,439	213,018	99	94
Light	69,528	77,874	64,510	93	83
Heavy	145,083	147,565	148,508	102	101
Total	13,098,901	13,690,690	13,483,290	103	98
Turkeys					
Young	2,233,214	2,347,856	2,310,379	103	98
Old	16,367	18,379	21,945	134	119
Total	2,249,581	2,366,235	2,332,324	104	99
Ducks	52,749	51,152	47,784	91	93
Other Poultry	2,371	2,338	2,456	104	105
Total Poultry	15,403,602	16,110,415	15,865,854	103	98

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, May 2003 ¹**

Commodity	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2002
				May 2002	Apr 2003	2002	2003	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	
Live Weight				<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>			
Chickens								
Young	13,250	13,328	12,674	96	95	72,776	71,581	98
Mature	1,207	1,087	1,033	86	95	6,292	5,188	82
Light	552	614	595	108	97	2,901	2,915	100
Heavy	655	473	438	67	93	3,391	2,273	67
Total	14,457	14,415	13,707	95	95	79,068	76,769	97
Turkeys								
Young	2,176	1,860	1,892	87	102	9,169	11,025	120
Old	35	84	95	271	113	262	670	256
Total	2,211	1,944	1,987	90	102	9,431	11,695	124
Ducks	17	34	23	135	68	172	136	79
Other Poultry	10	2	2	20	100	21	12	57
Total Poultry	16,695	16,395	15,719	94	96	88,692	88,612	100
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Percent of Total Weight Condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.34	0.36	0.34	100	94	0.40	0.40	100
Mature	1.57	1.48	1.44	92	97	1.67	1.47	88
Light	1.95	2.15	2.41	124	112	1.92	2.29	119
Heavy	1.35	1.06	0.93	69	88	1.51	1.01	67
Total	0.36	0.38	0.36	100	95	0.42	0.42	100
Turkeys								
Young	0.35	0.31	0.31	89	100	0.31	0.38	123
Old	1.15	1.83	1.42	123	78	1.08	2.24	207
Total	0.35	0.32	0.32	91	100	0.31	0.39	126
Ducks	0.11	0.25	0.18	164	72	0.25	0.20	80
Other Poultry	1.18	0.24	0.23	19	96	0.56	0.34	61
Total Poultry	0.36	0.37	0.35	97	95	0.41	0.41	100

¹ Federally inspected only.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.

**Poultry Slaughter: Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type,
United States, May 2003 ¹**

Commodity	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2002
				May 2002	Apr 2003	2002	2003	
				<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
N.Y. Dressed Weight								
Chickens								
Young	34,126	31,197	30,710	90	98	175,340	156,882	89
Mature	4,108	4,429	3,636	89	82	19,135	19,914	104
Light	2,085	2,620	2,140	103	82	10,599	11,319	107
Heavy	2,023	1,809	1,496	74	83	8,536	8,595	101
Total	38,234	35,626	34,346	90	96	194,475	176,796	91
Turkeys								
Young	11,147	11,105	10,384	93	94	54,994	53,306	97
Old	280	363	386	138	106	1,742	2,148	123
Total	11,427	11,468	10,770	94	94	56,736	55,454	98
Ducks	291	317	353	121	111	1,286	1,501	117
Other Poultry	11	17	13	118	76	46	71	154
Total Poultry	49,963	47,428	45,482	91	96	252,543	233,822	93
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Percent of Total Weight Condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.97	0.94	0.91	94	97	1.07	0.97	91
Mature	5.93	6.71	5.62	95	84	5.65	6.26	111
Light	8.17	10.20	9.64	118	95	7.80	9.87	127
Heavy	4.62	4.49	3.52	76	78	4.21	4.22	100
Total	1.07	1.05	1.00	93	95	1.16	1.07	92
Turkeys								
Young	1.98	2.07	1.91	96	92	2.05	2.02	99
Old	10.40	8.85	6.40	62	72	7.99	7.95	99
Total	2.02	2.12	1.96	97	92	2.10	2.08	99
Ducks	2.17	2.59	2.95	136	114	2.07	2.49	120
Other Poultry	1.54	2.26	1.66	108	73	1.39	2.00	144
Total Poultry	1.20	1.20	1.13	94	94	1.29	1.21	94

¹ Federally inspected only.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected.

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
by State and United States, May 2003**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AL	84,894	85,289	435,675	440,272	5.13	5.16
AR	98,738	96,481	494,012	480,207	5.00	4.98
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	21,768	22,337	130,953	136,147	6.02	6.10
FL	9,835	10,067	54,173	56,165	5.51	5.58
GA	102,388	103,575	511,917	521,168	5.00	5.03
KY	21,609	21,679	114,627	115,396	5.30	5.32
LA	15,616	16,259	81,179	82,498	5.20	5.07
MD	16,264	16,278	78,012	78,474	4.80	4.82
MS	60,782	61,992	322,491	320,275	5.31	5.17
MO	29,997	32,827	141,663	161,452	4.72	4.92
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	56,101	61,434	340,263	373,865	6.07	6.09
OH	3,257	3,682	19,375	20,547	5.95	5.58
PA	8,413	9,105	44,145	48,272	5.25	5.30
SC	20,739	20,721	115,848	118,645	5.59	5.73
TN	18,395	18,330	93,862	93,173	5.10	5.08
TX	54,638	54,970	275,626	271,155	5.04	4.93
VA	28,280	28,842	139,009	137,963	4.92	4.78
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	60,990	61,437	298,368	303,072	4.89	4.93
US	712,704	725,305	3,691,198	3,758,746	5.18	5.18

* Included in "Other States" to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by State and United States, May 2003**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	321,832	316,746	3,617	3,716	0.92	0.94
AR	357,325	345,294	4,728	3,707	1.06	0.86
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	94,793	98,689	2,047	1,912	1.74	1.56
FL	38,252	40,393	597	618	1.23	1.22
GA	379,024	381,556	3,113	3,090	0.68	0.66
KY	83,601	85,640	777	694	0.75	0.67
LA	58,564	61,061	411	355	0.56	0.48
MD	55,915	56,278	1,222	1,130	1.74	1.60
MS	239,748	234,763	2,471	2,373	0.85	0.82
MO	103,646	115,250	1,230	1,072	0.96	0.74
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	266,992	293,692	3,232	3,797	1.06	1.13
OH	13,918	15,029	306	310	1.75	1.67
PA	31,182	34,361	701	700	1.76	1.61
SC	84,178	87,520	725	736	0.70	0.69
TN	68,985	66,870	667	615	0.79	0.73
TX	211,860	208,807	2,041	2,516	0.82	1.03
VA	101,887	100,516	1,173	1,120	0.94	0.90
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	221,288	224,343	2,139	2,249	0.80	0.82
US	2,732,990	2,766,808	31,197	30,710	0.94	0.91

* Included in "Other States" to avoid disclosing individual operations.

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected.

**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, April 2003**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		733	113,384	45,681	*	*
AR		2,974	195,988	99,962	4,022	3,357
CA		*	*	4,567	497	911
DE		*	97,970	35,240	91	*
FL		143	*	*	*	*
GA		642	82,293	52,914	298	4,816
IN		*	5,868	*	*	122
KY		84	34,116	14,910	50	*
LA		*	14,422	8,455	127	258
MD		4,181	65,322	36,547	*	6,230
MS		338	64,841	40,457	425	960
MO		1,076	98,503	*	672	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		177	*	*	131	*
NC		818	90,649	47,676	*	*
OH		*	19,848	*	*	*
PA		*	19,169	13,947	159	383
SC		57	17,395	12,263	*	1,042
TN		*	45,963	10,185	143	727
TX		*	131,801	41,407	731	2,435
VA		388	56,592	21,746	22	*
WA		*	*	3,907	*	*
Oth Sts		9,838	188,154	71,380	4,516	44,351
US		21,449	1,342,278	561,244	11,884	65,592
Mature Birds						
Light		2,577	217,355	19,099	408	96,779
Heavy		733	72,163	4,869	1,100	8,371
US		3,310	289,518	23,968	1,508	105,150

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**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, April 2003 (continued)**

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	4,372	24,816	28,978	6,565	87,234	319,140
AR	6,984	18,425	30,266	3,399	49,905	415,282
CA	489	*	2,030	*	4,909	*
DE	2,337	17,884	11,429	*	34,360	219,175
FL	*	2,902	3,069	532	13,658	51,664
GA	3,891	31,602	17,691	6,280	71,559	271,986
IN	92	*	*	7	*	*
KY	165	10,311	*	738	*	80,054
LA	324	2,750	*	*	*	34,181
MD	1,913	18,220	*	*	22,627	179,461
MS	2,959	12,644	9,460	777	62,537	195,398
MO	1,152	11,903	9,580	281	37,345	210,046
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	730	*	2,965	*	*	*
NC	4,076	24,447	18,302	6,129	70,849	278,174
OH	142	*	*	*	*	32,803
PA	1,073	2,362	*	72	12,172	54,269
SC	*	4,632	1,930	1,941	4,900	45,266
TN	904	9,166	3,921	368	*	91,560
TX	1,021	8,599	7,398	*	17,260	212,552
VA	1,479	11,517	*	*	14,800	129,239
WA	*	551	*	102	*	26,388
Oth Sts	4,721	14,377	75,854	16,099	76,506	268,525
US	38,824	227,108	222,873	43,290	580,621	3,115,163
Mature Birds						
Light	22,604	25,311	178,523	2,912	87,814	653,382
Heavy	1,531	18,382	24,710	1,241	58,888	191,988
US	24,135	43,693	203,233	4,153	146,702	845,370

* Included in "Other States" to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, May 2003**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL		534	119,574	39,129	*	*
AR		*	165,874	74,188	*	2,582
CA		*	*	4,898	378	898
DE		7,364	94,028	29,609	*	*
FL		86	*	*	*	*
GA		389	86,946	46,662	425	3,509
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		*	30,855	9,831	34	*
LA		*	14,412	6,283	102	176
MD		2,820	64,653	25,473	86	5,879
MS		*	56,533	21,649	268	883
MO		1,006	78,643	*	638	*
NJ		5	*	*	*	*
NY		280	*	*	144	*
NC		1,000	96,896	40,063	78	228
OH		*	19,365	*	52	22
PA		*	18,214	11,744	140	321
SC		53	16,032	11,091	*	*
TN		*	43,886	7,527	*	445
TX		88	127,516	35,889	*	2,513
VA		281	50,055	18,443	46	*
WA		*	*	3,703	*	*
Oth Sts		5,033	190,625	49,214	9,705	42,412
US		18,939	1,274,107	435,396	12,096	59,846
Mature Birds						
Light		2,213	183,747	17,421	253	81,586
Heavy		619	67,947	4,254	130	8,860
US		2,832	251,694	21,675	383	90,446

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**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, May 2003 (continued)**

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young Birds						
AL	4,862	23,554	35,677	11,311	82,069	324,262
AR	6,304	16,479	27,663	2,410	38,449	339,095
CA	438	6,712	2,115	*	6,456	121,958
DE	2,295	15,465	11,293	5,969	27,380	199,246
FL	*	3,322	3,223	*	14,635	49,908
GA	4,132	31,171	20,193	5,512	59,009	257,948
IN	87	*	*	*	*	*
KY	186	11,485	*	*	6,392	67,881
LA	434	3,177	2,736	*	2,045	29,866
MD	1,697	20,698	*	*	16,529	168,075
MS	3,128	18,416	11,880	*	43,745	158,666
MO	1,429	13,616	10,534	878	37,743	175,184
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	676	*	3,389	*	*	*
NC	4,601	28,427	20,811	7,654	*	318,431
OH	186	*	852	*	*	36,281
PA	1,280	2,838	4,523	*	*	53,068
SC	920	4,706	1,914	*	*	47,534
TN	978	8,829	4,175	1,225	9,655	77,622
TX	1,044	9,454	7,879	*	12,271	198,786
VA	1,447	8,487	*	*	14,231	116,833
WA	*	*	*	*	*	28,028
Oth Sts	3,155	6,336	67,102	24,324	171,416	141,430
US	39,279	233,172	235,959	59,283	542,025	2,910,102
Mature Birds						
Light	17,138	20,746	153,879	2,551	67,681	547,215
Heavy	1,543	17,302	19,595	1,253	59,840	181,343
US	18,681	38,048	173,474	3,804	127,521	728,558

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**Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average
Live Weight, by State and United States, May 2003**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	April	May	April	May	April	May
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
AR	3,002	3,124	55,846	57,286	18.60	18.33
CA	*	1,254	*	32,399	*	25.83
IA	1,510	1,566	48,632	50,879	32.21	32.49
MN	3,031	3,145	83,984	85,850	27.71	27.30
MO	1,694	1,623	54,291	51,718	32.05	31.87
NC	3,287	*	82,955	*	25.24	*
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	9,391	11,486	270,238	327,139	28.78	28.48
US	21,915	22,198	595,946	605,271	27.19	27.27

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**Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem
Condemnations, by State and United States, May 2003**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	April	May	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
			April	May	April	May
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	46,079	47,797	833	837	1.66	1.62
CA	*	26,042	*	568	*	1.95
IA	37,764	39,619	1,646	1,176	3.76	2.57
MN	66,209	67,232	1,802	1,674	2.38	2.17
MO	42,436	36,167	1,168	1,184	2.39	2.54
NC	65,988	*	1,016	*	1.36	*
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	212,656	257,139	4,640	4,945	1.91	1.68
US	471,132	473,996	11,105	10,384	2.07	1.91

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¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected.

**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, April 2003**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature)						
AR			*	*	*	*
CA		*	*	*	*	*
IA		*	7,468	2,108	*	*
MN		*	18,219	2,370	*	12
MO		*	14,196	*	*	
NC		4	*	*	*	4
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA		*	*	492	*	*
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States		194	46,748	6,900	5,480	39
US		198	86,631	11,870	5,480	55
Old (Breeders)						
US			5,682	1,251	96	250
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature)						
AR	*	610	*	*	*	*
CA	*	*	90	*	*	*
IA	*	*	479	*	*	14,971
MN	128	607	869	*	1,987	25,594
MO	51	*	*	*	*	18,547
NC	*	1,049	484	*	630	*
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	598	4,227	3,208	2,838	12,444	75,421
US	777	6,493	5,130	2,838	15,061	134,533
Old (Breeders)						
US	26	217	321	79	1,616	9,538

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**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,
by State and United States, May 2003**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature)						
AR	*	*	5,461	*	*	*
CA	*	*	3,189	*	*	*
IA	*	*	6,450	1,494	*	*
MN	*	*	18,147	2,092	*	23
MO	*	*	13,524	*	*	*
NC	*	*	*	*	*	*
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States		141	34,798	5,843	5,205	35
US		141	81,569	9,429	5,205	58
Old (Breeders)						
US			5,974	1,090	56	124
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<i>Number of Head</i>					
Young (Mature)						
AR	*	724	*	*	*	*
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
IA	122	402	431	*	*	12,772
MN	109	842	822	*	2,465	25,961
MO	*	318	*	*	*	17,344
NC	*	810	365	*	480	*
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	629	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	438	3,140	3,174	2,740	10,999	69,335
US	669	6,236	4,792	2,740	14,573	125,412
Old (Breeders)						
US	24	261	274	21	736	8,560

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Poultry Slaughter Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for poultry slaughter estimates are obtained from the Poultry Inspection Form (FSIS 6000-21). This form is completed by inspectors of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA for all 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. Data are summarized weekly and accumulated to monthly totals for this release.

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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.

State data are published for selected states for young chickens and young turkeys. State data are not 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 live weight for that species. Data for all states not published are included in the "Other States" category. Also included in this category are data for published states that are confidential (denoted by an *). Data for all states are included in the U.S. totals. For 2002, young chickens were killed in 34 states, young turkeys in 21 states.

Definitions

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. Included with young turkeys.

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 USDA 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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