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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent From Last Year

Poultry certified wholesome during July 2006 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.36 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in July 2005. Totals for June 2006 were up slightly with 3.67 billion pounds certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during July 2006 was 4.51 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 4.42 billion pounds a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.85 billion pounds, up 2 percent from July 2005. Mature chickens, at 62.7 million pounds, were down 9 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 578 million pounds, an increase of 6 percent from a year ago. Ducks totaled 14.2 million pounds, up slightly from last year.

Young chickens slaughtered during July 2006 averaged 5.38 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from July 2005. The average live weight of mature chickens was 6.37 pounds per bird, up 9 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during July 2006 averaged 27.8 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from July 2005.

Ante-mortem condemnations during July 2006 totaled 22.7 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.50 percent of the live weight inspected, as compared with 0.45 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 42.6 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.05 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.07 percent a year earlier.

July 2006 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays, the same as July 2005.



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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,  
United States, July 2006<sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jul 2005	Jun 2006	Jul 2006	Percent of	
				Jul 2005	Jun 2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Number Slaughtered</b>					
Chickens					
Young	719,934	763,878	716,477	100	94
Mature	11,730	11,665	9,842	84	84
Light	5,540	4,503	3,721	67	83
Heavy	6,190	7,162	6,121	99	85
Total	731,664	775,543	726,319	99	94
Turkeys					
Young	19,554	22,705	20,525	105	90
Old	230	238	276	120	116
Total	19,784	22,943	20,801	105	91
Ducks	2,150	2,395	2,168	101	91
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Live Weight</b>					
Chickens					
Young	3,794,724	4,163,490	3,853,945	102	93
Mature	68,562	73,508	62,711	91	85
Light	18,226	15,058	12,622	69	84
Heavy	50,336	58,450	50,089	100	86
Total	3,863,286	4,236,998	3,916,656	101	92
Turkeys					
Young	539,323	636,001	571,163	106	90
Old	5,810	6,367	7,209	124	113
Total	545,133	642,368	578,372	106	90
Ducks	14,169	16,030	14,232	100	89
Other Poultry	383	361	363	95	101
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>4,422,971</b>	<b>4,895,757</b>	<b>4,509,623</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>92</b>
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Average Live Weight</b>					
Chickens					
Young	5.27	5.45	5.38	102	99
Mature	5.84	6.30	6.37	109	101
Light	3.29	3.34	3.39	103	101
Heavy	8.13	8.16	8.18	101	100
Total	5.28	5.46	5.39	102	99
Turkeys					
Young	27.58	28.01	27.83	101	99
Old	25.27	26.75	26.12	103	98
Total	27.55	28.00	27.81	101	99
Ducks	6.59	6.69	6.56	100	98

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,  
United States, July 2006 <sup>1</sup> (continued)**

Commodity	January to Date			Percent of	
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Number Slaughtered</b>					
Chickens					
Young	5,065,280	5,126,107	5,161,984	102	101
Mature	81,861	87,605	78,224	96	89
Light	42,128	45,456	33,368	79	73
Heavy	39,733	42,149	44,856	113	106
Total	5,147,141	5,213,712	5,240,208	102	101
Turkeys					
Young	143,792	137,792	141,704	99	103
Old	1,449	1,348	1,408	97	104
Total	145,241	139,140	143,112	99	103
Ducks	14,911	15,775	16,390	110	104
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Live Weight</b>					
Chickens					
Young	26,493,667	27,340,881	28,146,187	106	103
Mature	458,942	492,378	473,092	103	96
Light	140,959	150,333	111,393	79	74
Heavy	317,983	342,045	361,699	114	106
Total	26,952,609	27,833,259	28,619,279	106	103
Turkeys					
Young	3,937,317	3,952,837	4,069,577	103	103
Old	38,858	35,881	37,323	96	104
Total	3,976,175	3,988,718	4,106,900	103	103
Ducks	99,760	105,777	110,911	111	105
Other Poultry	2,489	2,568	2,259	91	88
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>31,031,033</b>	<b>31,930,322</b>	<b>32,839,349</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>103</b>
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Average Live Weight</b>					
Chickens					
Young	5.23	5.33	5.45	104	102
Mature	5.61	5.62	6.05	108	108
Light	3.35	3.31	3.34	100	101
Heavy	8.00	8.12	8.06	101	99
Total	5.24	5.34	5.46	104	102
Turkeys					
Young	27.38	28.69	28.72	105	100
Old	26.82	26.62	26.51	99	100
Total	27.38	28.67	28.70	105	100
Ducks	6.69	6.71	6.77	101	101

<sup>1</sup> Federally inspected only.

**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, July 2006 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jul 2005	Jun 2006	Jul 2006	Percent of	
				Jul 2005	Jun 2006
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Chilled</b>					
Chickens					
Young	2,539,014	2,803,566	2,577,153	102	92
Mature	41,725	45,875	38,688	93	84
Light	9,212	7,641	6,297	68	82
Heavy	32,513	38,234	32,391	100	85
Total	2,580,739	2,849,441	2,615,841	101	92
Turkeys					
Young	238,375	273,555	250,252	105	91
Old	3,479	3,913	4,531	130	116
Total	241,854	277,468	254,783	105	92
Ducks	5,237	5,810	4,979	95	86
Other Poultry	211	198	203	96	103
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>2,828,041</b>	<b>3,132,917</b>	<b>2,875,806</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	275,328	296,204	278,176	101	94
Mature	296	389	514	174	132
Heavy	296	389	514	174	132
Total	275,624	296,593	278,690	101	94
Turkeys					
Young	189,227	230,830	202,595	107	88
Old	904	1,018	991	110	97
Total	190,131	231,848	203,586	107	88
Ducks	4,945	5,737	5,286	107	92
Other Poultry	31	31	25	81	81
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>470,731</b>	<b>534,209</b>	<b>487,587</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	2,814,342	3,099,770	2,855,329	101	92
Mature	42,021	46,264	39,202	93	85
Light	9,212	7,641	6,297	68	82
Heavy	32,809	38,623	32,905	100	85
Total	2,856,363	3,146,034	2,894,531	101	92
Turkeys					
Young	427,602	504,385	452,847	106	90
Old	4,383	4,931	5,522	126	112
Total	431,985	509,316	458,369	106	90
Ducks	10,182	11,547	10,265	101	89
Other Poultry	242	229	228	94	100
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>3,298,772</b>	<b>3,667,126</b>	<b>3,363,393</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>92</b>

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, July 2006 <sup>1</sup> (continued)**

Commodity	January to Date			Percent of	
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Chilled</b>					
Chickens					
Young	17,850,676	18,434,633	18,957,699	106	103
Mature	282,853	300,795	293,812	104	98
Light	70,984	77,362	56,808	80	73
Heavy	211,869	223,433	237,004	112	106
Total	18,133,529	18,735,428	19,251,511	106	103
Turkeys					
Young	1,662,589	1,763,894	1,789,734	108	101
Old	24,289	22,769	23,647	97	104
Total	1,686,878	1,786,663	1,813,381	107	101
Ducks	44,781	38,864	40,452	90	104
Other Poultry	1,358	1,394	1,231	91	88
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>19,866,546</b>	<b>20,562,349</b>	<b>21,106,575</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	1,711,730	1,902,126	1,963,859	115	103
Mature	2,443	2,805	2,734	112	97
Light	353	5	99	28	1,980
Heavy	2,090	2,800	2,635	126	94
Total	1,714,173	1,904,931	1,966,593	115	103
Turkeys					
Young	1,445,295	1,365,687	1,433,889	99	105
Old	4,455	4,279	4,727	106	110
Total	1,449,750	1,369,966	1,438,616	99	105
Ducks	30,465	37,011	39,093	128	106
Other Poultry	281	199	197	70	99
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>3,194,669</b>	<b>3,312,107</b>	<b>3,444,499</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Total Chilled and Frozen</b>					
Chickens					
Young	19,562,406	20,336,759	20,921,558	107	103
Mature	285,296	303,600	296,546	104	98
Light	71,337	77,367	56,907	80	74
Heavy	213,959	226,233	239,639	112	106
Total	19,847,702	20,640,359	21,218,104	107	103
Turkeys					
Young	3,107,884	3,129,581	3,223,623	104	103
Old	28,744	27,048	28,374	99	105
Total	3,136,628	3,156,629	3,251,997	104	103
Ducks	75,246	75,875	79,545	106	105
Other Poultry	1,639	1,593	1,428	87	90
<b>Total Poultry</b>	<b>23,061,215</b>	<b>23,874,456</b>	<b>24,551,074</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>103</b>

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

**Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem Condemnations by Type,  
United States, July 2006 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jul 2005	Jun 2006	Jul 2006	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2005
				Jul 2005	Jun 2006	2005	2006	
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	16,329	14,274	18,931	116	133	97,538	97,289	100
Mature	1,702	1,194	1,585	93	133	7,659	6,838	89
Light	608	394	444	73	113	2,837	2,068	73
Heavy	1,094	800	1,141	104	143	4,822	4,770	99
Total	18,031	15,468	20,516	114	133	105,197	104,127	99
Turkeys								
Young	1,708	1,672	2,080	122	124	11,427	12,267	107
Old	45	45	99	220	220	323	434	134
Total	1,753	1,717	2,179	124	127	11,750	12,701	108
Ducks	40	40	50	125	125	230	242	105
Other Poultry	2					3	1	33
Total Poultry	19,826	17,225	22,745	115	132	117,180	117,071	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 <sup>2</sup>								
Chickens								
Young	0.43	0.34	0.49	114	144	0.36	0.35	97
Mature	2.48	1.62	2.53	102	156	1.56	1.45	93
Light	3.34	2.62	3.52	105	134	1.89	1.86	98
Heavy	2.17	1.37	2.28	105	166	1.41	1.32	94
Total	0.47	0.37	0.52	111	141	0.38	0.36	95
Turkeys								
Young	0.32	0.26	0.36	113	138	0.29	0.30	103
Old	0.76	0.71	1.37	180	193	0.90	1.16	129
Total	0.32	0.27	0.38	119	141	0.29	0.31	107
Ducks	0.29	0.25	0.35	121	140	0.22	0.22	100
Other Poultry	0.52					0.12	0.04	33
Total Poultry	0.45	0.35	0.50	111	143	0.37	0.36	97

<sup>1</sup> Federally inspected only.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of live weight pounds inspected.



**Poultry Slaughter: Post-Mortem Condemnations by Type,  
United States, July 2006 <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Jul 2005	Jun 2006	Jul 2006	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2005
				Jul 2005	Jun 2006	2005	2006	
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
N.Y. Dressed Weight								
Chickens								
Young	31,482	34,916	31,492	100	90	246,908	249,405	101
Mature	2,783	3,181	2,602	93	82	22,124	20,426	92
Light	1,336	1,233	1,013	76	82	11,377	8,879	78
Heavy	1,447	1,948	1,589	110	82	10,747	11,547	107
Total	34,265	38,097	34,094	100	89	269,032	269,831	100
Turkeys								
Young	7,617	8,749	7,923	104	91	60,119	59,653	99
Old	274	208	247	90	119	2,123	1,641	77
Total	7,891	8,957	8,170	104	91	62,242	61,294	98
Ducks	316	356	305	97	86	2,612	2,696	103
Other Poultry	4	16	3	75	19	32	36	113
Total Poultry	42,476	47,426	42,572	100	90	333,918	333,857	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 <sup>2</sup>								
Chickens								
Young	0.92	0.93	0.91	99	98	1.00	0.98	98
Mature	4.51	4.81	4.61	102	96	4.99	4.80	96
Light	8.15	9.10	8.92	109	98	8.41	8.86	105
Heavy	3.20	3.70	3.53	110	95	3.49	3.55	102
Total	0.99	1.00	0.97	98	97	1.07	1.05	98
Turkeys								
Young	1.57	1.53	1.54	98	101	1.69	1.63	96
Old	5.24	3.63	3.82	73	105	6.57	4.89	74
Total	1.61	1.55	1.57	98	101	1.73	1.66	96
Ducks	2.48	2.47	2.38	96	96	2.74	2.70	99
Other Poultry	1.16	4.62	0.92	79	20	1.38	1.77	128
Total Poultry	1.07	1.08	1.05	98	97	1.16	1.13	97

<sup>1</sup> Federally inspected only.

<sup>2</sup> 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, July 2006**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	94,356	88,423	507,170	466,908	5.38	5.28
AR	100,392	93,202	524,835	482,359	5.23	5.18
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	25,762	23,938	171,928	154,642	6.67	6.46
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	111,404	106,654	575,113	546,435	5.16	5.12
KY	25,068	22,542	139,164	122,899	5.55	5.45
LA	15,987	13,576	91,184	76,412	5.70	5.63
MD	11,616	10,771	55,657	50,766	4.79	4.71
MS	64,651	60,055	368,917	340,427	5.71	5.67
MO	36,053	33,208	166,849	153,043	4.63	4.61
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	58,808	55,976	397,793	370,731	6.76	6.62
OH	3,915	3,832	20,506	20,148	5.24	5.26
PA	10,257	9,271	56,950	51,228	5.55	5.53
SC	23,911	22,617	148,981	137,647	6.23	6.09
TN	23,087	22,290	117,398	113,136	5.09	5.08
TX	57,194	55,760	301,066	291,572	5.26	5.23
VA	27,838	25,601	142,403	129,754	5.12	5.07
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	73,579	68,761	377,576	345,838	5.13	5.03
US	763,878	716,477	4,163,490	3,853,945	5.45	5.38

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

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations  
by State and United States, July 2006**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	378,883	347,786	4,277	3,818	0.94	0.91
AR	389,711	356,007	4,899	4,239	1.04	0.98
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	124,184	111,211	2,333	2,000	1.51	1.44
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	427,755	405,803	3,500	3,137	0.68	0.64
KY	101,263	90,469	1,062	790	0.85	0.71
LA	67,197	57,089	536	441	0.65	0.64
MD	40,221	36,891	496	417	0.99	0.91
MS	284,329	253,328	3,324	3,376	1.00	1.10
MO	122,798	112,417	1,165	1,041	0.78	0.76
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	302,582	283,711	3,966	3,542	1.11	1.06
OH	15,169	15,012	250	269	1.35	1.48
PA	40,225	35,114	789	713	1.54	1.55
SC	111,050	101,829	852	750	0.64	0.61
TN	85,958	82,589	948	857	0.90	0.84
TX	232,616	223,757	2,302	2,237	0.85	0.85
VA	99,541	90,276	836	749	0.65	0.64
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	276,288	252,040	3,381	3,116	0.99	1.00
US	3,099,770	2,855,329	34,916	31,492	0.93	0.91

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

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> 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, June 2006**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young Birds						
AL		*	103,003	44,814	922	5,498
AR		836	166,793	49,039	3,552	3,342
CA		*	*	*	*	*
DE		*	115,159	26,015	*	9,042
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		518	80,294	49,609	238	6,080
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		*	41,776	*	*	*
LA		*	18,974	5,282	131	456
MD		4,928	29,857	*	36	*
MS		243	63,431	30,429	*	681
MO		652	69,226	7,265	244	1,370
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		*	86,676	33,261	*	8,633
OH		*	5,907	*	*	73
PA		109	22,831	13,164	*	280
SC		*	9,063	4,517	*	*
TN		297	52,993	20,991	*	678
TX		*	56,066	19,798	137	1,186
VA		*	39,742	13,902	7	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		23,570	194,559	53,040	2,970	17,284
US		31,153	1,156,350	371,126	8,237	54,603
Mature Birds						
Light		1,401	180,299	28,570	115	51,057
Heavy		527	51,187	2,526	105	5,582
US		1,928	231,486	31,096	220	56,639

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**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,  
by State and United States, June 2006 (continued)**

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young Birds						
AL	2,796	13,427	17,254	*	148,613	369,250
AR	5,031	21,028	33,453	2,643	90,892	376,609
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	2,496	7,107	8,886	*	33,943	231,062
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	1,949	21,264	11,131	3,930	82,806	257,819
IN	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	3,722	6,212	566	*	*
LA	364	2,603	*	43	2,575	34,469
MD	*	4,286	*	*	*	*
MS	1,795	7,526	6,710	*	83,602	196,748
MO	1,196	2,316	8,668	*	*	160,881
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	1,805	16,460	11,878	7,773	119,748	286,912
OH	*	1,056	*	*	*	20,984
PA	893	3,054	6,420	*	10,965	58,508
SC	577	3,978	*	4,211	25,354	51,468
TN	637	3,296	4,864	*	6,444	91,675
TX	669	3,466	6,242	*	31,324	122,367
VA	1,054	3,423	5,106	*	*	92,036
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	4,577	11,676	42,561	59,319	276,991	587,335
US	25,839	129,688	169,385	78,485	913,257	2,938,123
Mature Birds						
Light	10,598	3,326	93,887	3,138	45,654	418,045
Heavy	934	6,479	9,019	999	85,971	163,329
US	11,532	9,805	102,906	4,137	131,625	581,374

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

<sup>1</sup> The sum of the individual diseases does not add across to the total for "Other States".

**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,  
by State and United States, July 2006**

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young Birds						
AL		251	91,229	35,626	833	*
AR		*	145,686	32,552	*	2,748
CA		*	*	*	*	*
DE		*	103,062	19,117	*	*
FL		*	*	*	*	*
GA		375	75,853	37,520	198	5,826
IN		*	*	*	*	*
KY		37	*	*	*	*
LA		*	18,512	4,253	*	389
MD		2,172	21,900	*	27	*
MS		*	61,118	29,384	171	690
MO		531	63,979	5,341	241	1,287
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		*	*	*	*	*
NC		*	80,580	34,654	*	8,090
OH		*	6,182	*	15	64
PA		94	13,641	7,343	*	176
SC		*	*	6,132	11	*
TN		163	49,924	14,846	*	566
TX		*	50,485	13,477	105	1,222
VA		*	37,843	9,960	12	*
WA		*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		16,578	235,270	37,231	6,285	27,233
US		20,201	1,055,264	287,436	7,898	48,291
Mature Birds						
Light		788	135,052	25,362	93	52,532
Heavy		412	44,532	2,533	16	5,007
US		1,200	179,584	27,895	109	57,539

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**Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type,  
by State and United States, July 2006 (continued)**

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam-ination	Overscald	Other	Total <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young Birds						
AL	2,774	12,864	14,818	*	126,633	311,323
AR	4,667	20,872	29,591	5,551	85,191	330,505
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	2,351	9,668	8,221	3,361	26,191	194,149
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	1,827	19,735	10,273	4,477	74,465	230,549
IN	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	*	3,376	6,708	917	*	*
LA	336	2,330	2,550	47	1,665	30,341
MD	*	3,655	*	1,116	*	*
MS	1,538	7,556	6,213	*	*	216,028
MO	1,031	2,989	8,771	*	*	138,138
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	1,765	15,024	11,630	9,716	93,211	255,151
OH	55	1,547	*	*	*	19,700
PA	526	1,761	4,276	*	7,228	37,223
SC	678	6,017	*	4,371	23,165	53,307
TN	553	3,582	4,938	*	5,502	81,080
TX	685	3,610	6,705	*	34,280	114,495
VA	1,159	2,932	5,370	*	*	82,291
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	4,259	10,747	35,965	41,446	327,776	509,617
US	24,204	128,265	156,029	71,002	805,307	2,603,897
Mature Birds						
Light	8,362	3,365	76,216	842	60,705	363,317
Heavy	580	5,704	8,059	554	51,591	118,988
US	8,942	9,069	84,275	1,396	112,296	482,305

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

<sup>1</sup> The sum of the individual diseases does not add across to the total for "Other States".

**Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, by State and United States, July 2006**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	2,949	2,491	56,518	47,539	19.17	19.09
MN	3,332	3,116	88,175	79,869	26.46	25.64
MO	1,517	1,385	48,732	43,406	32.12	31.33
Oth Sts	14,907	13,533	442,576	400,349	29.69	29.58
US	22,705	20,525	636,001	571,163	28.01	27.83

**Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, by State and United States, July 2006**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	<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	46,452	39,410	693	616	1.36	1.44
MN	70,571	63,606	1,613	1,438	2.03	2.00
MO	38,364	33,965	798	718	1.82	1.84
Oth Sts	348,998	315,866	5,645	5,151	1.42	1.43
US	504,385	452,847	8,749	7,923	1.53	1.54

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected.

**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type, United States, June 2006**

State	Tuber-culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac-culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young (Mature)		65	59,994	8,184	3,215	85
Old (Breeders)		4	2,545	407		85
	<b>Bruises</b>	<b>Cadaver</b>	<b>Contam-ination</b>	<b>Overscald</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young (Mature)	412	4,552	3,781	2,383	18,576	101,247
Old (Breeders)	3	73	112	127	119	3,475

**Turkeys Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, by Type, United States, July 2006**

State	Tuber-culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac-culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young (Mature)		89	58,332	8,203	3,433	72
Old (Breeders)			2,913	292	18	176
	<b>Bruises</b>	<b>Cadaver</b>	<b>Contam-ination</b>	<b>Overscald</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>	<i>Number of Head</i>
Young (Mature)	445	4,259	3,752	1,900	18,607	99,092
Old (Breeders)	48	103	119	13	141	3,823



## Reliability of Poultry Slaughter Estimates

**Data Sources:** Data for poultry slaughter estimates are collected 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 number of head slaughtered daily, by species and class, as well as condemnations and total live and dressed weights are obtained by shift for each plant. Approximately 320 plants slaughtered poultry in the U.S. under Federal Inspection in 2005. Young chickens were killed in 35 states, young turkeys in 24 states.

**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 February and reflect any late reports or corrections which occurred after the monthly revisions were published.

**Procedures and Reliability:** Plant inspectors submit data electronically for each shift a plant operates. An edit provides checks for the detection of errors such as invalid plant information, duplication, and erroneous data. Data are 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. 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.

## Terms and Definitions Used for Poultry Slaughter Estimates:

**Ante-Mortem Condemns** - 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 Condemns** - 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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