

# Poultry Slaughter



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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 15 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during June (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.31 billion pounds, 15 percent above the amount certified in 1991. Updated totals for May 1992 show that 2.17 billion pounds were certified.

Monthly summaries for number of head slaughtered, live weight, and total pounds certified ready-to-cook will include the latest available data from FSIS plus allowance for missing reports. Revised monthly totals for 1991 will also reflect allowances for missing reports to insure comparability of current year's estimates with the previous year.

June 1992 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays. June 1991 had 20 weekdays and five Saturdays. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during June 1992 was 3.13 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.50 billion pounds of young chickens, 72.7 million pounds of mature chickens, 547 million pounds of turkeys, and 10.4 million pounds of ducks.

FSIS ante-mortem condemnations during June 1992 totaled 10.6 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.34 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.36 percent a year earlier.

FSIS post-mortem condemnations, at 46.0 million pounds (N.Y.Dressed Weight), were 1.64 percent of quantities inspected compared with 1.76 percent a year earlier.

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight  
by Type, United States, June 1992 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
May 1992	527,918	14,784	542,702	1,497	-----
Jun 1991	494,829	13,448	508,277	1,607	-----
Jun 1992	555,368	15,125	570,492	1,559	-----
Jan-Jun 1991	3,023,870	88,278	3,112,147	10,242	-----
Jan-Jun 1992	3,173,751	93,652	3,267,403	8,850	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
May 1992	2,391,158	71,171	2,462,329	10,008	353
Jun 1991	2,170,431	66,004	2,236,435	10,040	468
Jun 1992	2,500,018	72,697	2,572,715	10,440	417
Jan-Jun 1991	13,365,644	412,877	13,778,521	67,477	1,980
Jan-Jun 1992	14,339,975	436,624	14,776,599	59,066	2,144
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight:					
May 1992	4.53	4.81	4.54	6.68	-----
Jun 1991	4.39	4.91	4.40	6.25	-----
Jun 1992	4.50	4.81	4.51	6.70	-----
Jan-Jun 1991	4.42	4.68	4.43	6.59	-----
Jan-Jun 1992	4.52	4.66	4.52	6.67	-----

See footnotes at end of table.

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight  
by Type, United States, June 1992 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
May 1992	42	21,489	176	21,707	-----
Jun 1991	268	22,368	132	22,767	-----
Jun 1992	137	24,640	182	24,959	-----
Jan-Jun 1991	1,317	125,980	1,051	128,347	-----
Jan-Jun 1992	641	128,583	1,107	130,331	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
May 1992	382	469,281	4,376	474,039	2,946,730
Jun 1991	2,712	474,362	3,505	480,579	2,727,522
Jun 1992	1,268	540,580	4,682	546,530	3,130,101
Jan-Jun 1991	13,008	2,707,225	26,502	2,746,734	16,594,712
Jan-Jun 1992	6,097	2,811,945	28,555	2,846,597	17,684,406
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight:					
May 1992	9.13	21.84	24.84	21.84	-----
Jun 1991	10.11	21.21	26.66	21.11	-----
Jun 1992	9.28	21.94	25.69	21.90	-----
Jan-Jun 1991	9.88	21.49	25.22	21.40	-----
Jan-Jun 1992	9.51	21.87	25.81	21.84	-----

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: June 1991: 4,242, June 1992: 4,543.

3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: June 1991: 99, June 1992: 184.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, June 1992 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
May 1992					
Chilled	1,619,099	41,221	1,660,320	2,252	31
Frozen	121,199	2,714	123,913	4,883	184
Total	1,740,298	43,935	1,784,233	7,135	216
Jun 1991					
Chilled	1,474,684	37,904	1,512,588	2,048	37
Frozen	104,380	3,234	107,614	5,299	227
Total	1,579,064	41,137	1,620,202	7,347	264
Jun 1992					
Chilled	1,701,761	42,293	1,744,054	2,216	34
Frozen	119,589	2,608	122,197	5,213	221
Total	1,821,350	44,901	1,866,251	7,430	255
Jan-Jun 1991					
Chilled	9,010,458	238,468	9,248,926	13,951	119
Frozen	695,018	15,967	710,986	34,161	972
Total	9,705,477	254,436	9,959,912	48,112	1,091
Jan-Jun 1992					
Chilled	9,671,392	253,315	9,924,707	13,921	236
Frozen	739,336	15,061	754,397	28,206	1,068
Total	10,410,728	268,376	10,679,104	42,127	1,304

See footnotes at end of table.

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
 United States, June 1992 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
May 1992					
Chilled	174	162,135	1,973	164,282	1,826,885
Frozen	145	208,598	1,177	209,920	338,901
Total	319	370,733	3,150	374,202	2,165,786
Jun 1991					
Chilled	810	157,516	1,967	160,293	1,674,965
Frozen	1,279	218,428	696	220,404	333,543
Total	2,089	375,944	2,664	380,697	2,008,509
Jun 1992					
Chilled	481	177,170	1,957	179,608	1,925,912
Frozen	528	250,986	1,525	253,039	380,670
Total	1,009	428,156	3,482	432,647	2,306,582
Jan-Jun 1991:					
Chilled	4,626	1,010,650	15,993	1,031,269	10,294,265
Frozen	5,511	1,131,033	4,163	1,140,707	1,886,827
Total	10,137	2,141,684	20,156	2,171,976	12,181,092
Jan-Jun 1992:					
Chilled	1,426	1,036,633	14,967	1,053,026	10,991,890
Frozen	3,377	1,185,233	6,303	1,194,912	1,978,584
Total	4,803	2,221,865	21,270	2,247,938	12,970,473

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

FSIS Poultry: Condemnations of Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, June 1992 with Comparisons

	Chickens			Turkey			Ducks	Other Poultry	Total Poultry
	Young		Total	Fryer-Roasters		Total			
	Mature	Young	Total	Young	Old	Total			
Ante-Mortem	1,000 Pounds (Live Weight)								
May 1992	6,310	921	7,231	1,216	43	1,259	8	8	8,498
Jun 1991	7,323	904	8,227	1,533	46	1,589	14	2	9,832
Jun 1992	7,801	1,135	8,936	1,639	59	1,699	7		10,642
Jan-Jun 1991	45,625	5,589	51,214	8,523	260	8,823	80	9	60,126
Jan-Jun 1992	44,830	6,330	51,160	7,693	289	8,006	47	7	59,220
Percent 1/									
Jun 1991	.33	1.37	.36	.31	1.39	.32	.14	.61	.36
Jun 1992	.31	1.55	.34	.30	1.30	.30	.07	.23	.34
Post-Mortem	1,000 Pounds (N.Y. Dressed)								
May 1992	34,634	3,314	37,948	7,288	232	7,523	136		45,607
Jun 1991	32,314	2,894	35,208	7,518	172	7,734	114	2	43,058
Jun 1992	33,672	3,250	36,922	8,656	316	8,989	127	2	46,040
Jan-Jun 1991	222,385	18,894	241,279	47,597	1,553	49,332	865	15	291,491
Jan-Jun 1992	225,755	20,861	246,616	48,530	1,799	50,391	872	16	297,895
Percent 2/									
June 1991	1.66	4.94	1.76	1.74	5.78	1.77	1.27	.82	1.76
June 1992	1.51	5.02	1.61	1.76	7.84	1.81	1.36	.87	1.64

1/ Pounds condemned as percent of pounds (live weight) inspected. Percentage based on unrounded data.  
 2/ Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. Dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

FSIS Young Chickens: Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Selected State(s), June 1991 and 1992

State	Number Inspected		Pounds (Live Weight)		Average Weight		Total Pounds		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1991	1992	1991	1992	Inspected	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	
AL	68,958	77,041	294,960	335,546	4.27	4.35	215,616	243,763	3,581	4,452	1.35	1.47
AR	79,133	88,565	336,904	385,561	4.25	4.35	237,077	273,371	4,406	4,485	1.45	1.29
CA	19,620	16,501	88,676	83,091	4.51	5.03	63,575	60,682	3,087	1,553	3.88	2.08
DE	18,738	22,686	92,929	117,110	4.95	5.16	67,693	85,603	1,360	1,708	1.63	1.62
FL	9,842	11,726	41,534	49,100	4.21	4.18	29,635	34,936	786	844	2.11	1.92
GA	65,653	74,018	293,084	332,201	4.46	4.48	215,741	245,728	3,142	3,875	1.19	1.30
LA	9,318	10,554	37,874	46,212	4.06	4.37	28,350	34,040	562	829	1.65	1.99
MD	15,341	17,264	66,394	77,816	4.32	4.50	46,871	55,055	697	966	1.17	1.38
MS	36,477	38,876	156,008	165,239	4.27	4.25	117,703	126,272	2,459	2,233	1.75	1.50
MO	15,329	17,714	62,236	74,803	4.05	4.22	46,097	54,025	906	1,099	1.62	1.63
NC	43,876	49,102	210,459	252,755	4.79	5.14	155,238	184,701	2,663	3,043	1.41	1.34
PA	7,845	8,334	36,269	40,951	4.62	4.91	26,093	29,153	615	622	1.89	1.69
SC	10,366	13,375	41,501	50,792	4.00	3.79	29,762	37,132	565	598	1.52	1.31
TN	10,296	12,045	46,997	55,158	4.56	4.57	34,100	39,934	460	516	1.09	1.04
TX	29,232	32,569	123,625	142,585	4.22	4.37	90,999	107,164	3,866	2,708	3.49	2.11
VA	25,670	29,605	115,676	135,342	4.50	4.57	83,960	98,574	1,133	1,495	1.09	1.23
WA	2,833	3,026	13,408	13,542	4.73	4.47	9,951	10,054	247	235	2.06	1.94

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

FSIS Young Chickens: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, United States Total and Selected State(s), June 1992

State	Tuber- culositis		Leu- kosis		Septi- cemia		Airsac- culitis		Syno- vitis		Tumors		Bruises		Cadaver inaction		Contam- ination		Over- scald		Other		Total																																																																																																																																																																		
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US	283,868	1,613,165	1,032,336	34,518	263,981	88,824	193,517	343,263	62,308	726,068	4,641,848	13,108	119,975	4,762	76,292	1,846	54,190	1,999	14,600	410	35,905	6,618	73,996	264	28,275	105,657	148,064	343,467	864	43,087	6,461	55,555	333,453	1,362	8,788	2,577	12,328	913	3,735	567	15,547	4,079	18,155	201	10,005	266,385	26,866																																																																																																																																										
AL	3,971	179,380	173,452	4,319	40,664	13,746	21,050	48,228	13,108	119,975	617,893	20,220	281,688	142,876	9,101	16,409	18,389	26,996	60,012	4,762	76,292	656,745	5,433	90,877	21,657	2,261	14,825	986	4,864	2,723	1,846	54,190	199,662	91,477	76,782	31,383	99	19,379	3,536	8,665	16,511	1,999	14,600	264,431	8,331	27,732	28,560	2,740	7,684	2,255	3,707	10,274	410	35,905	127,598	2,240	154,660	156,481	1,475	36,084	11,183	21,739	24,493	6,618	73,996	488,969	407	28,740	32,046	993	3,467	2,189	5,532	3,744	264	28,275	105,657	25,687	66,125	13,876	220	8,921	1,918	8,282	12,954	109	9,972	148,064	3,100	89,951	102,169	1,203	10,169	6,924	12,267	23,994	3,623	90,067	343,467	5,441	58,153	31,021	2,868	5,640	2,657	2,992	12,775	864	43,087	165,498	18,925	109,021	57,172	42,036	4,819	17,322	21,870	6,461	55,555	333,453	6,218	27,283	7,373	342	5,744	1,477	1,359	10,186	1,362	8,788	70,132	2,610	20,688	36,202	202	8,604	7,627	8,581	2,577	12,328	101,439	3,454	45,049	6,270	559	2,899	1,811	8,006	3,735	913	3,929	81,625	3,344	137,279	127,141	1,008	7,286	2,034	11,949	8,817	567	15,547	314,972	72,858	79,170	38,160	198	19,082	2,845	13,700	18,138	4,079	18,155	266,385	171	13,673	654	218	718	292	723	211	201	10,005	26,866

Whole Numbers

FSIS Mature Chickens: Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Selected State(s), June 1991 and 1992

State	Number Inspected		Pounds Inspected (Live Weight)		Average Live Weight		Total Pounds Certified		Post-Mortem Condemnations		
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	
	1,147	3,884	4,386	4.12	3.82	2,311	2,364	174	191	5.02	4.92
CA	3,367	19,899	20,525	5.90	5.77	12,473	13,019	835	724	4.72	4.00
	1,000	1,000	1,000			1,000					

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

FSIS Mature Chickens: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, United States Total and Selected State(s), June 1992

State	Whole Numbers											
	Tuber- culositis	Leu- kosis	Septi- cemia	Airsac- culitis	Syno- vitis	Tumors	Bruises	Cadaver ination	Contam- ination	Over- scald	Other	Total
US	2,825	276,085	11,186	2,240	107,416	29,010	39,094	108,934	2,934	32,167	611,891	
CA	---	26,820	39	---	9,783	243	144	231	---	1,441	38,701	
GA	---	66,441	---	---	20,965	10,550	11,833	17,926	656	2,201	130,949	



FSIS Young Turkeys (Mature): Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Selected State(s), June 1991 and 1992

State	Number Inspected		Pounds		Average Live Weight		Total Pounds Certified		Post-Mortem Condemnation	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	Inspected (Live Weight)	Inspected (Ready-to-Cook Wt.)	1991	1992	1991	1992
			1,000	1,000						
AR	1,846	2,054	36,872	41,464	19.97	20.17	30,368	33,751	649	667
CA	2,494	1,618	54,949	35,355	22.02	21.84	43,315	28,596	947	487
IA	1,156	1,225	29,653	32,671	25.64	26.65	23,101	25,409	498	622
MN	3,664	3,874	68,539	73,204	18.70	18.89	54,874	58,688	1,420	1,403
MO	1,716	1,904	35,003	39,033	20.39	20.49	27,903	31,068	580	722
NC	3,978	4,889	80,039	107,611	20.11	22.00	63,545	84,761	943	1,368
PA	446	660	8,551	13,528	19.17	20.49	6,779	10,654	94	305
VA	2,456	3,042	46,109	58,699	18.77	19.29	36,194	45,938	540	902

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

FSIS Young Turkeys (Mature): Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, United States Total and Selected State(s), June 1992

State	Leu- kosis		Septi- cemia		Airsac- culitis		Syno- vitis		Tumors		Bruises		Cadaver: ination		Contam-: Over-: scald		Total
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	
US	120	100,805	20,717	7,744	204	1,344	7,046	9,220	1,566	10,910	159,676						
AR	---	7,651	1,216	213	---	242	533	804	---	2,010	12,669						
CA	---	8,938	---	---	13	4	151	259	57	---	9,422						
IA	---	5,291	2,007	2,769	---	46	25	442	---	351	10,931						
MN	4	21,886	2,526	2,058	39	233	1,483	2,640	408	2,667	33,944						
MO	---	12,623	1,566	214	---	133	930	1,499	---	521	17,486						
NC	8	10,288	1,491	---	37	297	1,165	1,815	60	550	15,711						
PA	85	3,603	8,198	---	---	---	214	---	---	---	12,100						
VA	5	5,936	467	---	---	18	1,413	237	58	1,174	9,308						

FSIS Old Turkeys (Breeders): Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause, United States Total, June 1992

State	Leu- kosis		Septi- cemia		Airsac- culitis		Syno- vitis		Tumors		Bruises		Cadaver: ination		Contam-: Over-: scald		Total
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	
US	---	4,638	1,266	45	53	68	116	317	---	1,315	7,818						

**Data Sources:** Data for commercial poultry slaughter 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.

**Procedures:** Plant inspectors submit weekly forms (FSIS 6000-21) summarizing the plants 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.

Beginning with the May 1992 release, monthly summaries published by NASS will include the most recent data available from FSIS, plus allowances for missing reports. Estimates for number of head, live weight, and total pounds certified ready-to-cook will be made for the larger slaughter plants with missing data. However, there will continue to be a varying degree of incompleteness from month to month. The condemnations data received from FSIS will be published as it has in the past.

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.

**Update Policy:** Updated data are generally the result of late reports received from FSIS. Late reported data will replace the estimated data as it becomes available. Updates for the previous month and the year-to-date totals are published in each monthly release and are usually within 1 1/2 percent of the preliminary totals.

**Definitions Used To Report Federally Inspected Slaughter:**

**Young Chickens** - Commercially grown broilers-fryers and other young immature birds such as roasters and capons.

**Mature Chickens** - Fowl from breeder and market egg flocks and stags and cocks.

**Fryer-Roaster Turkeys** - Young immature birds, usually under 16 weeks of age.

**Young Turkeys (Mature)** - Young birds grown to a matured market age, about 5 months.

**Old Turkeys (Breeders)** - Fully matured birds held for egg production, usually over 15 months of age.

**Ducks** - Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

**Other Poultry** - Includes all other ready-to-cook products which bear the U.S.D.A. Inspected for Wholesomeness legend.

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