

# Poultry Slaughter



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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Virtually Unchanged

Poultry Certified Wholesome during August (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.22 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from the amount certified in 1991. Updated totals for July 1992 show that 2.33 billion pounds were certified.

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

August 1992 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays, compared with 22 weekdays and five Saturdays for August 1991. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during August 1992 was 3.01 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.42 billion pounds of young chickens, 65.9 million pounds of mature chickens, 522 million pounds of turkeys, and 10.0 million pounds of ducks.

FSIS ante-mortem condemnations during August 1992 totaled 10.1 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.33 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.39 percent a year earlier.

FSIS post-mortem condemnations, at 45.1 million pounds (N.Y. Dressed Weight), were 1.66 percent of quantities inspected compared with 1.84 percent a year earlier.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jul 1992	571,272	16,616	587,888	1,635	-----
Aug 1991	552,217	14,555	566,773	1,824	-----
Aug 1992	543,766	13,809	557,576	1,534	-----
Jan-Aug 1991	4,124,874	117,101	4,241,975	13,877	-----
Jan-Aug 1992	4,289,761	124,147	4,413,908	12,019	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Jul 1992	2,497,919	79,620	2,577,540	10,653	447
Aug 1991	2,401,467	68,575	2,470,041	11,703	468
Aug 1992	2,416,570	65,936	2,482,506	10,003	343
Jan-Aug 1991	18,132,121	550,094	18,682,215	90,585	2,993
Jan-Aug 1992	19,259,106	582,666	19,841,772	79,723	2,947
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Jul 1992	4.37	4.79	4.38	6.51	-----
Aug 1991	4.35	4.71	4.36	6.42	-----
Aug 1992	4.44	4.77	4.45	6.52	-----
Jan-Aug 1991	4.40	4.70	4.40	6.53	-----
Jan-Aug 1992	4.49	4.69	4.50	6.63	-----

See footnotes at end of table.

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jul 1992	107	26,165	218	26,489	-----
Aug 1991	240	25,274	253	25,768	-----
Aug 1992	99	24,249	218	24,567	-----
Jan-Aug 1991	1,834	175,301	1,548	178,683	-----
Jan-Aug 1992	846	179,112	1,543	181,501	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Jul 1992	880	563,643	5,612	570,134	3,158,774
Aug 1991	2,424	525,240	6,038	533,703	3,015,915
Aug 1992	867	514,808	6,003	521,678	3,014,530
Jan-Aug 1991	18,034	3,733,251	38,541	3,789,826	22,565,619
Jan-Aug 1992	7,844	3,892,953	40,185	3,940,982	23,865,424
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Jul 1992	8.26	21.54	25.76	21.52	-----
Aug 1991	10.08	20.78	23.85	20.71	-----
Aug 1992	8.78	21.23	27.48	21.24	-----
Jan-Aug 1991	9.83	21.30	24.90	21.21	-----
Jan-Aug 1992	9.27	21.73	26.04	21.71	-----

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 1991: 4,143, August 1992: 4,092.

3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: August 1991: 147, August 1992: 198.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Jul 1992					
Chilled	1,695,737	47,465	1,743,202	2,220	48
Frozen	124,183	2,172	126,354	5,404	219
Total	1,819,919	49,637	1,869,556	7,625	267
Aug 1991					
Chilled	1,625,185	39,290	1,664,475	2,319	20
Frozen	121,629	3,532	125,161	6,132	238
Total	1,746,814	42,822	1,789,636	8,452	258
Aug 1992					
Chilled	1,630,236	38,923	1,669,159	2,140	51
Frozen	129,015	2,063	131,078	4,871	162
Total	1,759,251	40,985	1,800,237	7,011	213
Jan-Aug 1991					
Chilled	12,236,160	316,929	12,553,090	18,353	178
Frozen	937,462	22,826	960,288	46,439	1,474
Total	13,173,623	339,755	13,513,378	64,792	1,652
Jan-Aug 1992					
Chilled	13,000,601	339,996	13,340,597	18,282	346
Frozen	992,666	19,329	1,011,995	38,482	1,450
Total	13,993,268	359,325	14,352,593	56,763	1,796

See footnotes at end of table.

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Jul 1992					
Chilled	41	174,364	2,548	176,952	1,922,422
Frozen	621	271,844	1,517	273,983	405,960
Total	661	446,208	4,065	450,935	2,328,383
Aug 1991					
Chilled	451	170,025	3,221	173,697	1,840,511
Frozen	1,423	245,283	1,438	248,144	379,675
Total	1,874	415,308	4,658	421,840	2,220,186
Aug 1992					
Chilled	2	165,051	2,333	167,386	1,838,736
Frozen	642	241,574	2,272	244,488	380,599
Total	643	406,626	4,605	411,874	2,219,335
Jan-Aug 1991					
Chilled	5,394	1,347,724	22,596	1,375,714	13,947,334
Frozen	8,587	1,604,902	6,832	1,620,321	2,628,523
Total	13,981	2,952,626	29,427	2,996,034	16,575,857
Jan-Aug 1992					
Chilled	1,468	1,376,756	19,848	1,398,072	14,757,297
Frozen	4,639	1,700,018	10,105	1,714,762	2,766,688
Total	6,107	3,076,774	29,952	3,112,833	17,523,986

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

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

	Chickens			Turkey			Ducks	Other Poultry	Total Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total	Fryer-Roasters	Turkey				
					Young	Old			
Ante-Mortem									
	1,000 Pounds (Live Weight)								
Jul 1992	8,679	1,445	10,124	1	1,872	75	1,948	8	12,080
Aug 1991	8,914	1,081	9,995	5	2,025	49	2,079	18	12,095
Aug 1992	7,513	963	8,476	1	1,612	47	1,660	13	10,149
Jan-Aug 1991	65,921	8,022	73,943	66	13,310	367	13,743	124	87,828
Jan-Aug 1992	61,041	8,741	69,782	27	11,179	411	11,617	69	81,477
Percent 1/									
Aug 1991	.36	1.60	.40	.22	.38	.80	.38	.15	.68
Aug 1992	.31	1.46	.34	.16	.31	.78	.31	.13	.24
Post-Mortem									
	1,000 Pounds (N.Y. Dressed)								
Jul 1992	34,376	3,230	37,606	15	9,083	357	9,455	133	47,196
Aug 1991	36,201	3,125	39,326	31	10,214	324	10,569	157	50,053
Aug 1992	32,750	2,899	35,649	11	9,002	249	9,262	144	45,057
Jan-Aug 1991	295,454	25,078	320,532	268	67,101	2,214	69,583	1,184	391,321
Jan-Aug 1992	292,969	27,016	319,985	90	66,618	2,408	69,116	1,151	390,275
Percent 2/									
Aug 1991	1.66	5.22	1.76	1.43	2.15	5.95	2.19	1.47	.84
Aug 1992	1.51	4.95	1.60	1.51	1.94	4.67	1.97	1.60	1.22

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), August 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
AL	80,330	74,182	339,407	319,885	4.22	4.31	247,638	234,434	4,741	4,631
AR	88,426	90,756	372,331	386,681	4.21	4.26	262,594	270,286	5,639	4,860
CA	21,233	20,042	99,116	99,164	4.62	4.94	70,439	70,722	3,290	1,572
DE	20,166	20,378	98,821	100,870	4.90	4.94	71,899	74,065	1,303	1,279
FL	10,640	11,174	45,383	46,743	4.26	4.18	33,356	33,313	648	771
GA	74,444	70,711	325,163	312,545	4.36	4.42	240,556	231,330	3,779	3,618
LA	9,969	11,830	40,477	49,780	4.06	4.20	30,141	37,689	904	815
MD	16,908	16,188	71,875	71,207	4.25	4.39	50,635	49,981	721	723
MS	42,743	39,663	179,961	175,221	4.21	4.41	136,295	130,519	2,898	2,305
MO	16,971	16,949	71,102	70,747	4.18	4.17	51,412	51,593	1,030	1,063
NC	48,511	47,652	230,092	237,160	4.74	4.97	169,114	175,472	3,057	2,809
PA	9,176	7,173	41,640	37,051	4.53	4.80	29,540	26,587	748	514
SC	12,050	14,149	48,637	54,280	4.03	3.83	34,940	39,615	643	717
TN	11,440	11,485	51,676	51,907	4.51	4.51	37,203	38,046	539	496
TX	34,101	31,727	145,824	138,884	4.27	4.37	108,797	103,315	2,802	3,046
VA	28,095	27,653	124,389	125,918	4.42	4.55	90,064	91,489	1,099	1,089
WA	2,810	2,906	13,368	13,362	4.75	4.59	9,578	9,903	268	261

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), August 1992

State	Tuber- culosis:		Leu- kosis:		Septi- cemia:		Airsac- culitis:		Syno- vitis:		Tumors:		Bruises:		Cadaver:		Ination:		Contam- scald:		Over- Other:		Total	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992		
US	---	---	81,335	1,621,942	949,993	39,202	230,805	100,823	196,344	348,216	63,614	738,218	4,370,492	644,197	12,809	144,112	51,955	5,824	104,927	5,824	104,927	155,081	715,081	
AL	---	---	2,024	189,640	159,317	5,305	37,893	16,436	24,706	51,955	12,809	144,112	644,197	155,081	5,824	104,927	5,824	104,927	5,824	104,927	155,081	715,081	715,081	
AR	---	---	7,155	299,472	166,489	11,685	14,855	16,898	27,821	59,955	5,824	104,927	644,197	155,081	1,182	31,701	3,004	5,824	1,182	31,701	3,004	5,824	155,081	
CA	---	---	4,701	79,052	13,097	2,386	14,256	1,124	5,871	15,897	1,182	31,701	644,197	155,081	4,701	79,052	13,097	2,386	14,256	1,124	5,871	15,897	184,924	
DE	---	---	17,680	78,273	27,346	73	11,958	4,702	8,759	15,897	1,182	31,701	644,197	155,081	17,680	78,273	27,346	73	11,958	4,702	8,759	15,897	184,924	
FL	---	---	623	27,881	20,100	2,463	8,339	3,268	4,330	11,855	955	37,881	117,695	3,135	146,128	108,820	1,487	34,198	13,316	22,814	25,253	6,367	79,702	
GA	---	---	3,135	146,128	108,820	1,487	34,198	13,316	22,814	25,253	6,367	79,702	441,220	117,695	3,135	146,128	108,820	1,487	34,198	13,316	22,814	25,253	441,220	
LA	---	---	383	34,491	30,957	2,153	3,391	2,978	5,790	3,900	2,000	30,012	116,055	37,881	383	34,491	30,957	2,153	3,391	2,978	5,790	3,900	2,000	
MD	---	---	4,986	58,164	6,590	260	6,087	2,169	5,226	10,812	351	8,165	102,810	37,881	4,986	58,164	6,590	260	6,087	2,169	5,226	10,812	351	
MS	---	---	2,256	101,554	88,432	1,653	11,251	9,553	15,816	27,918	3,144	67,216	328,793	155,081	2,256	101,554	88,432	1,653	11,251	9,553	15,816	27,918	3,144	
MO	---	---	6,902	56,831	34,078	2,326	5,958	2,206	4,222	12,024	654	47,962	173,163	155,081	6,902	56,831	34,078	2,326	5,958	2,206	4,222	12,024	654	
NC	---	---	4,087	104,838	45,284	59	33,846	6,086	18,803	22,873	8,574	49,605	294,055	155,081	4,087	104,838	45,284	59	33,846	6,086	18,803	22,873	8,574	
PA	---	---	2,657	20,018	3,559	467	4,773	1,393	1,888	9,098	1,107	8,848	53,808	155,081	2,657	20,018	3,559	467	4,773	1,393	1,888	9,098	1,107	
SC	---	---	605	24,023	45,847	251	10,166	2,854	10,258	15,484	1,012	15,300	125,800	155,081	605	24,023	45,847	251	10,166	2,854	10,258	15,484	1,012	
TN	---	---	5,095	37,569	5,314	424	2,907	1,683	8,462	4,018	790	9,452	75,714	155,081	5,095	37,569	5,314	424	2,907	1,683	8,462	4,018	790	
TX	---	---	991	154,386	131,160	1,753	5,247	2,401	6,272	11,049	4,646	12,608	330,513	155,081	991	154,386	131,160	1,753	5,247	2,401	6,272	11,049	4,646	
VA	---	---	10,055	69,073	24,640	88	12,235	3,536	11,481	19,019	6,319	15,449	171,895	155,081	10,055	69,073	24,640	88	12,235	3,536	11,481	19,019	6,319	
WA	---	---	---	14,225	567	213	882	296	932	238	776	10,368	28,497	155,081	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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

State	Number Inspected		Pounds Inspected (Live Weight)		Average Live Weight Inspected <u>1/</u> : (Ready-to-Cook Wt.): Pounds (MYD)		Total Pounds Certified		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992		
	Thousands		Pounds		Pounds		Thousands		Percent			
CA	1,293	1,372	5,649	5,125	4.36	3.73	3,309	2,745	298	210	5.96	4.63
GA	4,056	2,074	20,723	13,353	5.10	6.43	12,836	8,945	893	409	4.88	3.46

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), August 1992

State	Whole Numbers											
	Tuber- culosis	Leu- kosis	Septi- cemia	Airsac- culitis	Syno- vitis	Tumors	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Over- scald	Other	Total
US	---	3,203	221,374	11,273	1,716	106,124	30,861	40,127	106,395	3,504	44,564	569,141
CA	---	23	28,931	16	---	11,501	304	134	889	---	1,471	43,269
GA	---	437	33,574	9	---	11,457	6,149	9,574	7,633	422	242	69,497



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

State	Number Inspected		Pounds Inspected (Live Weight)		Average Live Weight Inspected		Total Pounds Certified		Post-Mortem Condemnations	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
AR	2,011	2,007	40,177	39,416	19.97	19.63	32,308	32,101	1,217	861
CA	2,614	2,003	58,008	38,922	22.18	19.42	46,052	31,387	1,295	521
IA	1,385	1,282	34,714	33,001	25.04	25.72	27,011	25,738	617	602
MN	4,452	4,045	82,472	77,098	18.52	19.05	66,238	62,035	1,593	1,388
MO	1,842	1,735	35,990	35,129	19.53	20.23	28,336	27,544	1,029	866
NC	4,204	4,311	82,894	90,735	19.71	21.04	65,190	70,862	1,378	1,394
PA	581	506	11,268	10,213	19.37	20.16	8,885	8,082	179	179
VA	2,670	2,803	49,342	51,403	18.47	18.33	38,601	39,993	662	856

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), August 1992

State	Tuber- culosis		Leu- kosis		Septi- cemia		Airsac- culitis		Syno- vitis		Tumors		Bruises		Cadaver inaction		Contam- ination		Over- scald		Other		Total
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	
US	---	---	202	106,478	26,868	8,245	209	1,548	7,051	11,453	1,369	13,662	177,085	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
AR	---	---	---	10,143	4,680	465	---	218	621	690	---	3,110	19,927	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CA	---	---	---	9,028	2,213	69	20	14	141	386	53	66	9,990	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
IA	---	---	---	4,645	2,794	2,805	24	40	22	353	---	284	10,967	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MN	---	---	---	19,253	3,258	1,969	34	403	1,983	4,347	412	4,141	35,800	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MO	---	---	---	16,535	4,523	447	---	153	741	1,349	---	4,141	23,748	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
NC	---	---	30	10,440	3,845	---	14	302	1,020	1,863	50	439	18,003	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
PA	---	---	---	2,624	594	---	---	---	103	---	---	---	3,321	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	---	---	---	5,798	445	11	---	11	1,220	318	29	1,026	8,858	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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

State	Tuber- culosis		Leu- kosis		Septi- cemia		Airsac- culitis		Syno- vitis		Tumors		Bruises		Cadaver inaction		Contam- ination		Over- scald		Other		Total
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	
US	---	---	---	3,313	1,439	15	121	29	134	221	11	915	6,198	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

**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.

Data received from FSIS for larger slaughter plants with missing reports are adjusted prior to publication. 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. 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.

These adjustments for missing reports have been made since May 1992 for the U.S. total number of head, live weight, and total pounds certified ready-to-cook. Slaughter data for selected States and condemnations received from FSIS will be published as they have 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 less than 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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