



Poultry Slaughter

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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down 4 Percent

Poultry certified wholesome during August 2003 (ready-to-cook weight) totaled 3.23 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the amount certified in August 2002. Updated totals for July 2003 show that 3.44 billion pounds were certified.

The preliminary total live weight of poultry inspected during August 2003 was 4.34 billion pounds, down 4 percent from a year ago. Young chickens inspected totaled 3.69 billion pounds, down 4 percent from August 2002, and mature chickens at 68.4 million pounds, were down 16 percent from the previous year. Turkey inspections totaled 570 million pounds, down 7 percent, and ducks totaled 12.4 million pounds, down 5 percent.

Young chickens slaughtered during August 2003 averaged 5.14 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from August 2002. The average live weight of mature chickens was 5.86 pounds per bird, up 6 percent from a year ago. Turkeys slaughtered during August 2003 averaged 25.8 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from August 2002.

Ante-mortem condemnations during August 2003 totaled 20.3 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.47 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.48 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 41.9 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.07 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.14 percent a year earlier.

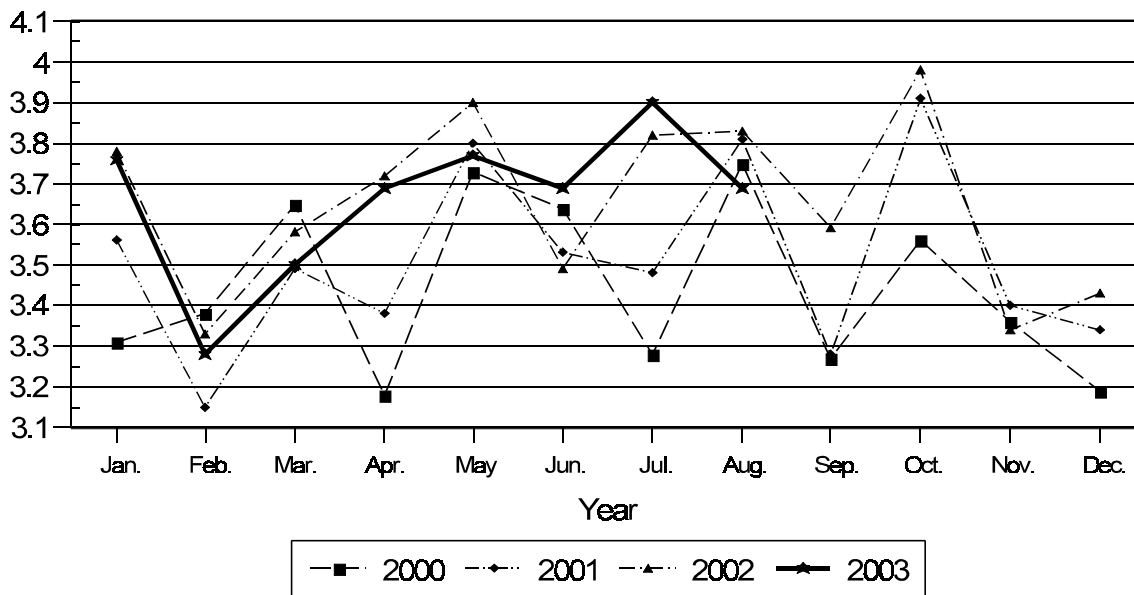
August 2003 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays.
August 2002 contained 22 weekdays and five Saturdays.

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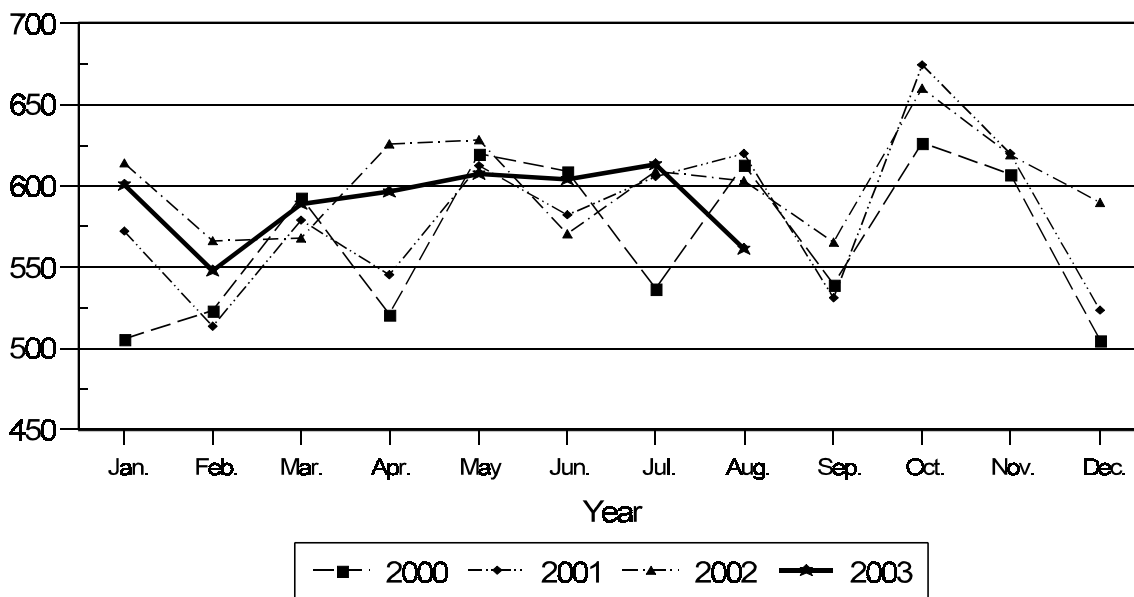
Young Chickens: Live Weight Slaughtered, by Month, 2000-2003

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, August 2003 ¹**

Commodity	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Percent of	
				Aug 2002	Jul 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	758,120	761,882	718,073	95	94
Mature	14,715	12,803	11,667	79	91
Light	7,724	5,842	5,514	71	94
Heavy	6,991	6,961	6,153	88	88
Total	772,835	774,685	729,740	94	94
Turkeys					
Young	23,554	23,292	21,762	92	93
Old	289	384	327	113	85
Total	23,843	23,676	22,089	93	93
Ducks	1,987	1,927	1,889	95	98
	<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	3,829,661	3,900,693	3,689,032	96	95
Mature	81,578	75,394	68,399	84	91
Light	26,001	20,093	19,230	74	96
Heavy	55,577	55,301	49,169	88	89
Total	3,911,239	3,976,087	3,757,431	96	95
Turkeys					
Young	602,904	613,365	561,477	93	92
Old	7,780	10,256	8,294	107	81
Total	610,684	623,621	569,771	93	91
Ducks	13,009	12,619	12,402	95	98
Other Poultry	1,295	608	859	66	141
Total Poultry	4,536,227	4,612,935	4,340,463	96	94
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.05	5.12	5.14	102	100
Mature	5.54	5.89	5.86	106	99
Light	3.37	3.44	3.49	104	101
Heavy	7.95	7.94	7.99	101	101
Total	5.06	5.13	5.15	102	100
Turkeys					
Young	25.59	26.33	25.80	101	98
Old	26.92	26.73	25.35	94	95
Total	25.61	26.34	25.79	101	98
Ducks	6.55	6.55	6.56	100	100

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight by Type,
United States, August 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	5,665,000	5,776,359	5,663,837	100	98
Mature	107,878	115,689	103,383	96	89
Light	61,350	67,385	55,296	90	82
Heavy	46,528	48,304	48,087	103	100
Total	5,772,878	5,892,048	5,767,220	100	98
Turkeys					
Young	175,456	177,301	174,120	99	98
Old	1,461	1,521	2,060	141	135
Total	176,917	178,822	176,180	100	99
Ducks	17,934	15,937	15,933	89	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	28,388,113	29,416,149	29,278,740	103	100
Mature	576,556	611,335	570,166	99	93
Light	210,256	229,938	189,097	90	82
Heavy	366,300	381,397	381,069	104	100
Total	28,964,669	30,027,484	29,848,906	103	99
Turkeys					
Young	4,617,591	4,767,180	4,714,147	102	99
Old	38,775	41,594	55,134	142	133
Total	4,656,366	4,808,774	4,769,281	102	99
Ducks	118,047	106,428	104,128	88	98
Other Poultry	7,829	6,724	5,963	76	89
Total Poultry	33,746,911	34,949,410	34,728,278	103	99
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Average Live Weight					
Chickens					
Young	5.01	5.09	5.17	103	102
Mature	5.34	5.28	5.52	103	105
Light	3.43	3.41	3.42	100	100
Heavy	7.87	7.90	7.93	101	100
Total	5.02	5.10	5.17	103	101
Turkeys					
Young	26.32	26.89	27.07	103	101
Old	26.54	27.34	26.76	101	98
Total	26.32	26.89	27.07	103	101
Ducks	6.58	6.68	6.54	99	98

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

Commodity	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Percent of	
				Aug 2002	Jul 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	2,542,696	2,610,477	2,465,603	97	94
Mature	47,593	46,195	41,016	86	89
Light	11,878	10,179	9,622	81	95
Heavy	35,715	36,016	31,394	88	87
Total	2,590,289	2,656,672	2,506,619	97	94
Turkeys					
Young	250,867	241,466	225,284	90	93
Old	4,403	6,987	4,717	107	68
Total	255,270	248,453	230,001	90	93
Ducks	3,140	3,045	3,366	107	111
Other Poultry	254	283	229	90	81
Total Poultry	2,848,953	2,908,453	2,740,215	96	94
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	285,621	284,388	263,875	92	93
Mature	1,567	304	256	16	84
Light	1,391	42	90	6	214
Heavy	176	262	166	94	63
Total	287,188	284,692	264,131	92	93
Turkeys					
Young	225,037	242,481	217,288	97	90
Old	1,596	887	1,433	90	162
Total	226,633	243,368	218,721	97	90
Ducks	6,133	6,103	5,647	92	93
Other Poultry	533	104	315	59	303
Total Poultry	520,487	534,267	488,814	94	91
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	2,828,317	2,894,865	2,729,478	97	94
Mature	49,160	46,499	41,272	84	89
Light	13,269	10,221	9,712	73	95
Heavy	35,891	36,278	31,560	88	87
Total	2,877,477	2,941,364	2,770,750	96	94
Turkeys					
Young	475,904	483,947	442,572	93	91
Old	5,999	7,874	6,150	103	78
Total	481,903	491,821	448,722	93	91
Ducks	9,273	9,148	9,013	97	99
Other Poultry	787	387	544	69	141
Total Poultry	3,369,440	3,442,720	3,229,029	96	94

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
United States, August 2003 ¹ (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	19,138,009	19,665,391	19,519,582	102	99
Mature	337,935	354,444	338,476	100	95
Light	100,689	107,981	90,407	90	84
Heavy	237,246	246,463	248,069	105	101
Total	19,475,944	20,019,835	19,858,058	102	99
Turkeys					
Young	1,745,385	1,862,667	1,928,476	110	104
Old	24,087	26,067	35,654	148	137
Total	1,769,472	1,888,734	1,964,130	111	104
Ducks	32,855	28,010	25,869	79	92
Other Poultry	2,059	1,744	1,641	80	94
Total Poultry	21,280,330	21,938,323	21,849,698	103	100
Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	1,826,377	2,041,693	2,113,056	116	103
Mature	9,728	12,449	7,191	74	58
Light	7,924	10,287	5,374	68	52
Heavy	1,804	2,162	1,817	101	84
Total	1,836,105	2,054,142	2,120,247	115	103
Turkeys					
Young	1,903,355	1,892,211	1,788,282	94	95
Old	5,665	5,679	5,246	93	92
Total	1,909,020	1,897,890	1,793,528	94	95
Ducks	51,870	49,901	48,910	94	98
Other Poultry	2,635	2,393	2,039	77	85
Total Poultry	3,799,630	4,004,326	3,964,724	104	99
Total Chilled and Frozen					
Chickens					
Young	20,964,386	21,707,084	21,632,638	103	100
Mature	347,663	366,893	345,667	99	94
Light	108,613	118,268	95,781	88	81
Heavy	239,050	248,625	249,886	105	101
Total	21,312,049	22,073,977	21,978,305	103	100
Turkeys					
Young	3,648,740	3,754,878	3,716,758	102	99
Old	29,752	31,746	40,900	137	129
Total	3,678,492	3,786,624	3,757,658	102	99
Ducks	84,725	77,911	74,779	88	96
Other Poultry	4,694	4,137	3,680	78	89
Total Poultry	25,079,960	25,942,649	25,814,422	103	100

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Commodity	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2002
				Aug 2002	Jul 2003			
						2002	2003	
	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Percent	Percent	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Percent
Live Weight								
Chickens								
Young	17,448	17,300	16,215	93	94	124,597	118,949	95
Mature	2,102	1,656	1,690	80	102	12,520	9,943	79
Light	679	638	587	86	92	5,521	4,683	85
Heavy	1,423	1,018	1,103	78	108	6,999	5,260	75
Total	19,550	18,956	17,905	92	94	137,117	128,892	94
Turkeys								
Young	2,171	2,581	2,274	105	88	15,707	18,359	117
Old	56	164	97	173	59	426	1,016	238
Total	2,227	2,745	2,371	106	86	16,133	19,375	120
Ducks	22	28	32	145	114	239	227	95
Other Poultry	3	2	1	33	50	31	16	52
Total Poultry	21,802	21,731	20,309	93	93	153,520	148,510	97
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Percent of Total Weight Condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.46	0.44	0.44	96	100	0.42	0.41	98
Mature	2.58	2.20	2.47	96	112	2.05	1.75	85
Light	2.61	3.18	3.05	117	96	2.40	2.48	103
Heavy	2.56	1.84	2.24	88	122	1.83	1.39	76
Total	0.50	0.48	0.48	96	100	0.46	0.43	93
Turkeys								
Young	0.36	0.42	0.40	111	95	0.33	0.39	118
Old	0.72	1.60	1.18	164	74	1.02	1.85	181
Total	0.36	0.44	0.42	117	95	0.34	0.41	121
Ducks	0.17	0.22	0.26	153	118	0.22	0.22	100
Other Poultry	0.26	0.38	0.16	62	42	0.48	0.31	65
Total Poultry	0.48	0.47	0.47	98	100	0.44	0.43	98

¹ Federally inspected only.

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

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

Commodity	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Percent of		January to Date		Percent of 2002
				Aug 2002	Jul 2003	2002	2003	
	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Percent	Percent	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Percent
N.Y. Dressed Weight								
Chickens								
Young	30,183	30,092	28,569	95	95	266,174	246,779	93
Mature	4,115	3,627	2,960	72	82	30,957	30,098	97
Light	1,725	1,658	1,428	83	86	15,966	16,339	102
Heavy	2,390	1,969	1,532	64	78	14,991	13,759	92
Total	34,298	33,719	31,529	92	94	297,131	276,877	93
Turkeys								
Young	11,708	9,939	9,690	83	97	87,758	82,971	95
Old	377	539	417	111	77	2,696	3,525	131
Total	12,085	10,478	10,107	84	96	90,454	86,496	96
Ducks	230	256	245	107	96	1,971	2,277	116
Other Poultry	13	7	9	69	129	78	94	121
Total Poultry	46,626	44,460	41,890	90	94	389,634	365,744	94
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Percent of Total Weight Condemned ²								
Chickens								
Young	0.88	0.86	0.86	98	100	1.01	0.94	93
Mature	5.61	5.35	4.81	86	90	5.63	5.87	104
Light	7.37	9.17	8.25	112	90	7.72	9.60	124
Heavy	4.78	3.96	3.46	72	87	4.37	4.01	92
Total	0.97	0.94	0.93	96	99	1.10	1.03	94
Turkeys								
Young	2.16	1.80	1.92	89	107	2.05	1.96	96
Old	5.38	5.85	5.58	104	95	7.20	7.11	99
Total	2.20	1.87	1.97	90	105	2.09	2.02	97
Ducks	1.97	2.25	2.20	112	98	2.06	2.43	118
Other Poultry	1.18	1.25	1.14	97	91	1.33	1.80	135
Total Poultry	1.14	1.07	1.07	94	100	1.24	1.17	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, August 2003**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	90,496	86,516	463,077	438,454	5.12	5.07
AR	105,831	95,977	492,239	470,466	4.65	4.90
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	24,476	23,100	153,614	143,158	6.28	6.20
FL	10,828	10,273	59,900	55,868	5.53	5.44
GA	108,291	104,428	541,104	522,091	5.00	5.00
KY	20,976	17,460	109,537	97,694	5.22	5.60
LA	16,272	15,862	80,627	78,397	4.95	4.94
MD	14,968	14,697	72,560	70,765	4.85	4.81
MS	66,852	63,913	353,078	330,897	5.28	5.18
MO	34,438	33,599	162,148	155,720	4.71	4.63
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	63,303	58,981	384,267	357,890	6.07	6.07
OH	3,635	3,592	19,463	19,003	5.35	5.29
PA	9,647	9,072	49,196	46,717	5.10	5.15
SC	20,112	18,493	115,228	105,557	5.73	5.71
TN	19,878	18,962	100,474	94,376	5.05	4.98
TX	57,486	54,342	283,428	268,567	4.93	4.94
VA	29,328	27,355	142,823	134,097	4.87	4.90
WA	*	5,038	*	26,665	*	5.29
Oth Sts	65,065	56,413	317,930	272,650	4.89	4.83
US	761,882	718,073	3,900,693	3,689,032	5.12	5.14

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

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	341,724	325,821	3,637	3,702	0.87	0.94
AR	354,925	341,618	3,369	3,041	0.76	0.72
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	110,248	102,588	2,162	2,038	1.56	1.58
FL	43,015	40,677	699	702	1.30	1.40
GA	394,113	381,658	3,596	3,029	0.74	0.64
KY	80,200	70,586	658	683	0.67	0.78
LA	59,815	57,438	301	276	0.41	0.39
MD	52,183	51,194	1,009	909	1.54	1.43
MS	264,805	242,330	2,513	2,489	0.79	0.84
MO	118,831	116,039	1,090	1,354	0.75	0.97
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	308,610	283,877	3,647	3,331	1.05	1.03
OH	13,985	13,919	264	278	1.51	1.63
PA	35,504	33,797	673	620	1.52	1.48
SC	84,845	77,610	746	636	0.72	0.67
TN	73,129	67,743	566	503	0.63	0.59
TX	221,901	208,362	1,921	1,809	0.75	0.75
VA	103,296	97,235	1,036	989	0.81	0.82
WA	*	19,887	*	289	*	1.20
Oth Sts	233,736	197,099	2,205	1,891	0.77	0.77
US	2,894,865	2,729,478	30,092	28,569	0.86	0.86

* 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, July 2003**

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		479	117,813	27,214	*	*
AR		1,343	155,570	59,687	3,009	2,298
CA		1,114	*	3,488	694	609
DE		4,263	112,604	24,971	82	6,227
FL		97	*	*	*	*
GA		1,203	86,289	37,732	482	3,534
IN		*	4,927	*	*	*
KY		*	34,864	*	55	2,110
LA		*	13,945	4,402	*	145
MD		1,821	58,888	18,753	88	*
MS		*	76,008	18,795	412	700
MO		936	73,483	18,133	*	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		246	*	*	162	*
NC		718	94,887	31,208	*	*
OH		*	16,150	1,969	53	1,322
PA		*	17,269	9,355	170	310
SC		*	13,602	9,231	*	*
TN		124	35,057	6,806	117	341
TX		*	116,080	*	385	2,378
VA		344	53,166	14,634	17	*
WA		78	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		59,673	175,355	62,130	6,100	39,956
US		72,439	1,255,957	348,508	11,826	59,930
Mature Birds						
Light		2,703	168,599	16,268	68	83,928
Heavy		1,174	78,333	5,037	397	12,891
US		3,877	246,932	21,305	465	96,819

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<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	4,811	31,044	30,508	11,961	71,192	302,009
AR	7,502	16,420	30,724	3,615	35,491	315,659
CA	328	7,951	2,679	*	*	121,875
DE	3,053	18,552	14,020	8,052	24,448	216,272
FL	*	3,591	*	830	14,523	54,561
GA	4,048	33,060	15,863	8,675	49,689	240,575
IN	121	*	282	*	*	*
KY	261	10,190	*	*	3,546	65,303
LA	464	2,450	*	*	1,776	26,754
MD	1,611	22,194	*	1,727	*	153,189
MS	4,042	15,170	16,139	*	36,804	169,632
MO	1,845	17,590	14,077	1,249	38,544	168,718
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	762	*	3,314	402	*	*
NC	4,571	26,823	25,659	10,751	92,281	303,315
OH	133	1,399	*	*	*	31,661
PA	1,117	4,329	4,705	373	*	50,463
SC	*	*	*	*	3,670	40,907
TN	1,014	10,752	4,221	1,034	8,798	68,264
TX	1,148	9,909	7,878	370	9,007	179,429
VA	1,539	13,580	*	*	12,738	120,772
WA	*	947	*	*	*	22,166
Oth Sts	4,277	8,883	77,112	16,278	100,515	210,137
US	42,647	254,834	247,181	65,317	503,022	2,861,661
Mature Birds						
Light	11,539	44,157	134,621	820	48,730	511,433
Heavy	1,903	32,059	22,140	4,051	72,121	230,106
US	13,442	76,216	156,761	4,871	120,851	741,539

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

¹ 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, August 2003**

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		493	110,088	32,110	*	*
AR		1,380	145,313	55,608	2,818	2,040
CA		*	*	*	373	560
DE		1,954	106,299	21,588	45	*
FL		117	*	8,837	*	*
GA		421	86,918	40,057	496	3,691
IN		*	4,217	*	*	*
KY		*	44,486	*	38	2,361
LA		*	15,456	4,112	151	175
MD		1,200	52,499	14,854	52	5,035
MS		273	75,760	22,875	432	583
MO		827	69,548	14,685	*	*
NJ		*	*	*	*	*
NY		92	*	*	*	*
NC		424	86,792	28,860	*	*
OH		97	15,099	*	*	*
PA		*	17,303	7,921	91	283
SC		*	11,198	6,258	*	981
TN		66	32,527	6,532	*	330
TX		*	100,042	28,155	*	2,200
VA		230	52,194	16,027	13	*
WA		59	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts		4,631	176,033	28,903	5,675	37,617
US		12,264	1,201,772	337,382	10,184	55,856
Mature Birds						
Light		2,096	137,627	10,507	37	67,508
Heavy	2	1,113	67,109	3,727	415	12,850
US	2	3,209	204,736	14,234	452	80,358

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

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<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	4,313	26,289	24,684	3,817	91,146	299,180
AR	6,842	13,627	26,845	2,356	33,212	290,041
CA	302	*	1,643	*	*	142,217
DE	2,729	21,675	14,130	*	18,727	199,274
FL	*	3,769	*	714	13,068	58,307
GA	3,979	28,829	15,026	11,263	39,957	230,637
IN	*	*	*	*	*	*
KY	229	9,620	*	*	3,449	72,127
LA	513	2,700	2,643	*	1,610	28,841
MD	*	17,366	*	3,741	11,800	128,754
MS	3,994	20,052	15,298	537	36,650	176,454
MO	1,720	14,535	16,155	1,249	34,029	155,201
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	787	*	3,214	315	*	*
NC	3,997	23,084	21,358	7,571	78,940	267,151
OH	*	942	*	*	*	30,737
PA	1,001	2,692	4,581	580	*	49,861
SC	*	4,448	*	*	2,358	30,627
TN	807	12,420	3,927	*	7,218	65,511
TX	1,155	7,662	7,425	811	10,406	158,368
VA	1,729	14,610	*	*	12,864	120,689
WA	*	860	*	*	6,688	23,352
Oth Sts	6,107	11,281	63,687	24,393	86,335	133,214
US	40,204	236,461	220,616	57,347	488,457	2,660,543
Mature Birds						
Light	13,580	32,708	128,167	239	55,024	447,493
Heavy	2,001	24,341	19,513	1,910	61,284	194,265
US	15,581	57,049	147,680	2,149	116,308	641,758

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

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	2,965	2,910	52,056	50,747	17.56	17.44
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
IA	1,569	1,514	49,470	43,750	31.53	28.89
MN	3,562	3,177	89,209	80,025	25.04	25.19
MO	1,500	1,474	45,830	44,599	30.55	30.26
NC	3,532	*	88,601	*	25.09	*
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	10,164	12,687	288,199	342,356	28.35	26.98
US	23,292	21,762	613,365	561,477	26.33	25.80

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

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	July	August	July	August	July	August
	<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	43,355	42,096	802	791	1.71	1.73
CA	*	*	*	*	*	*
IA	38,518	34,343	1,136	956	2.55	2.43
MN	70,834	62,977	1,629	1,476	2.03	2.05
MO	35,198	34,800	1,054	1,091	2.56	2.72
NC	70,396	*	1,088	*	1.36	*
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	225,646	268,356	4,230	5,376	1.63	1.74
US	483,947	442,572	9,939	9,690	1.80	1.92

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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, July 2003**

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)						
AR			5,588	*	*	2
CA		6	4,527	*	*	*
IA		*	5,561	1,877	*	
MN		*	18,684	*	*	27
MO			10,469	*		*
NC			*	*		*
OH		*	*	*	*	*
PA		*	*	*	*	*
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States		188	33,952	7,993	4,191	28
US		194	78,781	9,870	4,191	57
Old (Breeders)						
US		1	8,848	891	113	246
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<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)						
AR	*	763	*	*	*	*
CA	*	*	*	*	*	6,269
IA	106	476	393	*	*	11,748
MN	102	764	679	219	2,869	26,525
MO	*	434	368	*	*	15,502
NC	57	1,251	*	*	835	7,308
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	37	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	250	2,801	3,118	2,573	13,714	57,550
US	552	6,489	4,558	2,792	17,418	124,902
Old (Breeders)						
US	30	193	172	29	993	11,516

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

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)						
AR		*	5,955	630	*	*
CA		*	7,392	522	*	5
IA			4,849	1,751	*	*
MN		*	17,177	*	*	*
MO			15,017	*		
NC		*	3,059	*	*	*
OH			*	*	*	
PA		*	*	411	*	
VA		*	*	*	*	*
Other States		933	30,962	7,591	4,885	109
US		933	84,411	10,905	4,885	114
Old (Breeders)						
US		25	4,824	1,522	17	263
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total ¹
	<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)						
AR	*	*	*	*	*	*
CA	9	*	*	*	*	9,609
IA	100	313	442	*	*	10,375
MN	*	654	1,185	*	3,025	25,417
MO	*	*	251	*	*	18,802
NC	*	1,072	343	*	580	6,573
OH	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other States	440	3,739	2,631	1,733	12,044	59,033
US	549	5,778	4,852	1,733	15,649	129,809
Old (Breeders)						
US	46	223	175	12	1,381	8,488

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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.

Data for 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 is a varying degree of incompleteness from month to month, it has only a minimal impact on the published 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.

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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