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POULTRY USED IN CANNING AND OTHER PROCESSED FOODS
 February 1956

Poultry used in canning and other processed foods in February totaled 16,863,000, ready-to-cook weights, compared with 12,981,000 pounds in February last year. The quantity used consisted of 14,727,000 pounds of chickens and other poultry and 2,136,000 pounds of turkeys. No comparisons with last year are available for the various classes used.

The quantity of poultry certified under Federal inspection during February totaled 56,528,000 pounds compared with 32,326,000 pounds a year earlier. Of this total 53,170,000 pounds were chickens and other poultry and 3,358,000 pounds were turkeys. During February 1955, the quantity of poultry certified consisted of 29,727,000 pounds of chickens and 2,599,000 pounds of turkeys.

POULTRY USED IN CANNING AND OTHER PROCESSED FOODS - 1955-56 ^{1/}
 (Ready-to-cook weights)

| Months | Young Chickens 1956 | Mature Chickens 1956 | Turkeys 1956 | Other Poultry 1956 | Total Poultry 1955 | Total Poultry 1956 |
|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | <u>THOUSAND POUNDS</u> | | | | | |
| January | 962 | 13,642 | 1,826 | 0 | 14,786 | 16,430 |
| February | 1,680 | 13,046 | 2,136 | 1 | 12,981 | 16,863 |
| March | | | | | 15,406 | |
| April | | | | | 13,598 | |
| May | | | | | 16,941 | |
| June | | | | | 15,579 | |
| July | | | | | 9,483 | |
| August | | | | | 13,401 | |
| September | | | | | 15,703 | |
| October | | | | | 18,700 | |
| November | | | | | 18,694 | |
| December | | | | | 16,449 | |
| Total | | | | | 181,721 | |
| Jan.-Feb. Incl.: | | | | | 27,767 | 33,293 |

^{1/} Includes USDA inspected and other.

Poultry Eviscerated Under the USDA Inspection Service
(Ready-to-cook weights)

| Months | Total Chickens | | Total Turkeys | | Other Poultry | | Total Poultry | |
|----------------|--------------------|---------|---------------|--------|---------------|------|---------------|---------|
| | 1955 ^{1/} | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 |
| | THOUSAND POUNDS | | | | | | | |
| January | 34,575 | 55,385 | 10,484 | 10,150 | | 268 | 45,059 | 65,803 |
| February | 29,727 | 52,942 | 2,599 | 3,358 | | 228 | 32,326 | 56,528 |
| March | 26,696 | | 4,187 | | | | 30,883 | |
| April | 36,204 | | 5,485 | | | | 41,689 | |
| May | 44,871 | | 12,050 | | | | 56,921 | |
| June | 53,585 | | 12,751 | | | | 66,336 | |
| July | 55,790 | | 13,855 | | 3,480 | | 73,125 | |
| August | 68,460 | | 33,430 | | 3,630 | | 105,520 | |
| September | 66,802 | | 56,454 | | 2,529 | | 125,785 | |
| October | 78,113 | | 87,184 | | 932 | | 166,229 | |
| November | 63,731 | | 101,316 | | 1,622 | | 166,669 | |
| December | 54,475 | | 69,589 | | 718 | | 124,782 | |
| Jan.-Feb.Incl. | 64,302 | 108,327 | 13,083 | 13,508 | --- | 496 | 77,385 | 122,331 |

^{1/} Includes an undetermined quantity of other poultry, except turkeys until July 1955.

Poultry Eviscerated Under USDA Inspection Service, by classes--1956
(Ready-to-cook weights)

| Months | Chickens | | Turkeys | | |
|-----------|-----------------|--------|---------|-----|---------------|
| | Young | Mature | Young | Old | Fryer-Roaster |
| | THOUSAND POUNDS | | | | |
| January | 44,603 | 10,782 | 8,930 | 124 | 1,096 |
| February | 42,670 | 10,272 | 1,741 | 295 | 1,322 |
| March | | | | | |
| April | | | | | |
| May | | | | | |
| June | | | | | |
| July | | | | | |
| August | | | | | |
| September | | | | | |
| October | | | | | |
| November | | | | | |
| December | | | | | |