

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 12 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during September (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.28 billion pounds, 12 percent above the amount certified in 1991. Updated totals for August 1992 show that 2.22 billion pounds were certified.

Beginning with this release, summary tables for ante-mortem and post-mortem condemnations and selected state data will be published in a new, easier-to-read format (pages 6-15). These tables now include the latest available data from the Food, Safety and Inspections Service, plus allowances for missing reports. Monthly condemnations and selected State totals for 1991 will also reflect allowances for missing reports to insure comparability of current year's estimates with the previous year.

September 1992 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. September 1991 had 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during September 1992 was 3.10 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.47 billion pounds of young chickens, 70.2 million pounds of mature chickens, 544 million pounds of turkeys, and 10.4 million pounds of ducks.

Ante-mortem condemnations during September 1992 totaled 9.23 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.30 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.39 percent a year earlier.

Post-mortem condemnations, at 45.4 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.63 percent of quantities inspected compared with 1.77 percent a year earlier.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature <u>2/</u>	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Aug 1992	544,959	13,809	558,768	1,534	-----
Sep 1991	497,366	14,070	511,436	1,711	-----
Sep 1992	546,935	14,184	561,119	1,584	-----
Jan-Sep 1991	4,622,240	131,171	4,753,411	15,588	-----
Jan-Sep 1992	4,837,889	138,331	4,976,220	13,603	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Aug 1992	2,422,243	65,936	2,488,179	10,003	343
Sep 1991	2,189,398	67,933	2,257,331	10,961	284
Sep 1992	2,474,123	70,232	2,544,355	10,361	664
Jan-Sep 1991	20,321,519	618,027	20,939,546	101,546	3,277
Jan-Sep 1992	21,738,902	652,899	22,391,800	90,083	3,611
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Aug 1992	4.44	4.77	4.45	6.52	-----
Sep 1991	4.40	4.83	4.41	6.41	-----
Sep 1992	4.52	4.95	4.53	6.54	-----
Jan-Sep 1991	4.40	4.71	4.41	6.51	-----
Jan-Sep 1992	4.49	4.72	4.50	6.62	-----

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Aug 1992	99	24,249	218	24,567	-----
Sep 1991	261	24,262	232	24,755	-----
Sep 1992	86	24,870	272	25,229	-----
Jan-Sep 1991	2,095	199,563	1,780	203,438	-----
Jan-Sep 1992	932	204,045	1,815	206,793	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Aug 1992	867	514,808	6,003	521,678	3,020,203
Sep 1991	2,537	502,878	5,646	511,061	2,779,638
Sep 1992	744	536,847	6,868	544,458	3,099,838
Jan-Sep 1991	20,570	4,236,130	44,188	4,300,887	25,345,257
Jan-Sep 1992	8,588	4,431,109	47,053	4,486,749	26,972,244
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Aug 1992	8.78	21.23	27.48	21.24	-----
Sep 1991	9.70	20.73	24.38	20.64	-----
Sep 1992	8.62	21.59	25.21	21.58	-----
Jan-Sep 1991	9.82	21.23	24.83	21.14	-----
Jan-Sep 1992	9.21	21.72	25.92	21.70	-----

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: September 1991: 4,330, September 1992: 4,841.

3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: September 1991: 111, September 1992: 118.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Aug 1992					
Chilled	1,634,230	38,923	1,673,152	2,140	51
Frozen	129,046	2,063	131,109	4,871	162
Total	1,763,276	40,985	1,804,261	7,011	213
Sep 1991					
Chilled	1,469,898	39,519	1,509,418	2,223	9
Frozen	120,858	2,441	123,299	5,656	149
Total	1,590,756	41,961	1,632,717	7,880	158
Sep 1992					
Chilled	1,663,667	41,679	1,705,346	2,491	42
Frozen	137,683	2,267	139,950	5,025	357
Total	1,801,350	43,946	1,845,296	7,516	399
Jan-Sep 1991					
Chilled	13,706,059	356,449	14,062,507	20,577	187
Frozen	1,058,320	25,267	1,083,588	52,096	1,624
Total	14,764,379	381,716	15,146,095	72,672	1,810
Jan-Sep 1992					
Chilled	14,668,262	381,675	15,049,937	20,773	388
Frozen	1,130,381	21,596	1,151,976	43,507	1,807
Total	15,798,642	403,271	16,201,913	64,279	2,195

See footnotes at end of table.

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Aug 1992					
Chilled	2	165,051	2,333	167,386	1,842,729
Frozen	642	241,574	2,272	244,488	380,630
Total	643	406,626	4,605	411,874	2,223,360
Sep 1991					
Chilled	283	157,532	3,267	161,082	1,672,732
Frozen	1,707	240,829	1,149	243,684	372,790
Total	1,990	398,361	4,416	404,767	2,045,522
Sep 1992					
Chilled	0	174,332	3,328	177,660	1,885,538
Frozen	554	251,130	1,909	253,592	398,925
Total	554	425,462	5,236	431,252	2,284,463
Jan-Sep 1991					
Chilled	5,678	1,505,256	25,863	1,536,796	15,620,066
Frozen	10,294	1,845,731	7,980	1,864,005	3,001,312
Total	15,971	3,350,986	33,843	3,400,801	18,621,378
Jan-Sep 1992					
Chilled	1,468	1,551,184	23,176	1,575,828	16,646,925
Frozen	5,193	1,952,142	12,013	1,969,348	3,166,638
Total	6,661	3,503,326	35,189	3,545,176	19,813,563

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

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, September 1992 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Aug 1992	7,533	963	8,496	13	1
Sep 1991	7,651	1,141	8,791	17	1
Sep 1992	6,845	924	7,770	9	4
Jan-Sep 1991	73,320	9,165	82,485	141	19
Jan-Sep 1992	67,911	9,656	77,568	78	14
Percent 2/					
Sep 1991	0.35	1.68	0.39	0.15	0.27
Sep 1992	0.28	1.32	0.31	0.09	0.63
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Aug 1992	32,854	2,900	35,754	144	4
Sep 1991	30,979	3,097	34,076	159	2
Sep 1992	32,223	3,179	35,402	144	8
Jan-Sep 1991	325,016	28,160	353,175	1,332	27
Jan-Sep 1992	325,577	30,144	355,722	1,292	35
Percent 3/					
Sep 1991	1.57	5.07	1.68	1.61	0.78
Sep 1992	1.45	5.03	1.55	1.54	1.27

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, September 1992 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Aug 1992	1	1,610	47	1,658	10,168
Sep 1991	8	1,900	39	1,947	10,756
Sep 1992	1	1,387	56	1,444	9,226
Jan-Sep 1991	74	15,130	404	15,609	98,254
Jan-Sep 1992	29	12,558	475	13,062	90,722
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Sep 1991	0.32	0.38	0.68	0.38	0.39
Sep 1992	0.12	0.26	0.82	0.27	0.30
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Aug 1992	12	8,983	251	9,246	45,148
Sep 1991	23	9,777	247	10,048	44,285
Sep 1992	10	9,507	359	9,875	45,429
Jan-Sep 1991	291	76,361	2,440	79,092	433,625
Jan-Sep 1992	101	76,080	2,839	79,019	436,068
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Sep 1991	1.01	2.16	4.87	2.18	1.77
Sep 1992	1.45	1.97	5.81	2.02	1.63

1/ Federally inspected only. Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Pounds condemned as percent of pounds (live weight) inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Pounds condemned as percent of pounds N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, September 1991-92

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected ^{1/}	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	-----	1,000 -----	-----	1,000 Pounds -----	---	Pounds ---
AL	71,164	74,259	305,222	325,782	4.29	4.39
AR	81,304	89,448	347,169	394,788	4.27	4.41
CA	19,224	19,499	88,481	101,054	4.60	5.18
DE	18,594	20,835	93,589	105,575	5.03	5.07
FL	9,266	11,577	38,837	48,912	4.19	4.23
GA	66,461	73,641	293,592	328,987	4.42	4.47
LA	8,742	11,988	35,487	50,367	4.06	4.20
MD	15,327	16,773	67,232	74,374	4.39	4.43
MS	35,987	40,148	152,723	179,800	4.24	4.48
MO	15,246	16,643	63,421	70,297	4.16	4.22
NC	43,875	48,477	215,480	246,394	4.91	5.08
PA	7,862	7,848	36,608	37,843	4.66	4.82
SC	10,713	14,017	43,453	55,010	4.06	3.92
TN	10,665	11,491	48,419	52,642	4.54	4.58
TX	29,704	31,476	127,669	139,761	4.30	4.44
VA	25,926	27,911	114,119	126,764	4.40	4.54
WA	2,528	3,065	11,528	13,573	4.56	4.43
US	497,366	546,935	2,189,398	2,474,123	4.40	4.52

^{1/} Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, September 1991-92

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				- Percent -	
AL	222,819	237,145	4,493	4,710	1.64	1.61
AR	245,822	278,238	4,529	4,774	1.45	1.34
CA	64,114	71,954	2,368	1,699	2.97	1.87
DE	67,065	76,440	1,216	1,325	1.44	1.39
FL	28,426	33,896	494	695	1.41	1.58
GA	216,664	244,142	3,142	3,534	1.19	1.19
LA	26,446	38,173	750	777	2.35	1.71
MD	47,348	53,421	660	825	1.09	1.23
MS	114,766	136,161	2,334	2,478	1.70	1.53
MO	45,632	50,385	852	996	1.49	1.57
NC	157,335	180,916	2,989	2,848	1.54	1.28
PA	26,068	27,269	646	547	1.96	1.61
SC	31,471	39,768	547	778	1.40	1.57
TN	35,525	38,463	534	496	1.23	1.05
TX	94,915	104,551	2,399	2,224	2.09	1.77
VA	81,180	91,605	937	1,013	0.91	0.89
WA	8,590	10,188	236	266	2.27	2.18
US	1,590,756	1,801,350	30,979	32,223	1.57	1.45

1/ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
Selected States and United States, September 1992

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AL	---	1,814	194,829	150,463	5,926	33,067
AR	---	6,963	294,809	162,460	11,954	12,822
CA	---	4,968	81,363	16,709	2,273	16,523
DE	---	5,605	80,211	32,207	143	11,842
FL	---	563	23,914	16,533	1,946	6,650
GA	---	4,707	146,664	79,956	1,671	36,286
LA	---	349	30,382	28,619	1,611	3,571
MD	---	2,499	65,177	8,763	324	5,385
MS	---	1,026	101,583	79,106	1,351	11,974
MO	---	5,387	51,025	30,711	2,079	4,934
NC	---	3,462	97,466	52,487	63	34,558
PA	---	2,022	23,889	4,507	530	5,054
SC	---	821	24,461	53,245	345	8,596
TN	---	5,358	39,291	6,718	469	2,593
TX	---	1,465	125,842	81,307	1,059	5,168
VA	---	3,977	65,073	25,183	96	9,679
WA	---	92	16,202	560	194	945
US	---	56,826	1,581,076	859,798	38,045	222,078
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
AL	16,600	22,091	47,504	7,289	142,619	622,202
AR	16,031	25,005	62,681	4,745	96,114	693,584
CA	1,092	6,866	3,298	1,056	25,289	159,437
DE	4,415	7,925	15,932	3,800	22,264	184,344
FL	2,778	4,806	9,915	801	32,462	100,368
GA	13,763	24,094	27,740	4,370	67,322	406,573
LA	2,536	7,606	3,290	227	29,551	107,742
MD	2,143	5,112	11,685	386	10,011	111,485
MS	9,105	16,359	27,555	1,793	70,450	320,302
MO	2,039	3,305	11,184	399	47,079	158,142
NC	5,369	19,660	22,683	5,874	54,023	295,645
PA	1,490	3,091	9,992	767	7,692	59,034
SC	2,603	11,792	19,911	1,422	16,331	139,527
TN	1,985	8,532	6,312	1,502	8,669	81,429
TX	2,278	6,155	9,092	2,109	12,272	246,747
VA	3,030	7,302	21,598	1,886	13,807	151,631
WA	297	1,024	234	101	10,675	30,324
US	97,616	193,497	361,853	42,885	711,070	4,164,744

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, September 1991-92

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <u>1/</u>	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	----- 1,000 -----		--- 1,000 Pounds ---		--- Pounds ---	
CA	1,215	1,147	4,783	4,060	3.94	3.54
GA	3,736	2,436	21,587	15,681	5.78	6.44
US	14,070	14,184	67,933	70,232	4.83	4.95

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, September 1991-92

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		- Percent -			
CA	2,660	2,113	308	185	7.16	5.07
GA	13,308	10,154	833	526	4.29	3.72
US	41,961	43,946	3,097	3,179	5.07	5.03

1/ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
Selected States and United States, September 1992

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	21,944	19	---	8,738
GA	---	284	43,322	32	---	13,613
US	---	1,961	222,847	11,681	2,162	92,516
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	153	270	---	---	31,124
GA	5,915	15,042	13,933	121	612	92,874
US	26,980	45,986	122,496	2,884	54,323	583,836

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, September 1991-92

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <u>1/</u>	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	----- 1,000 -----		--- 1,000 Pounds ---		--- Pounds ---	
AR	2,005	1,919	39,996	40,338	19.94	21.02
CA	2,228	1,707	50,151	35,466	22.50	20.78
IA	1,253	1,247	30,915	32,553	24.67	26.11
MN	4,424	4,594	80,063	88,218	18.10	19.20
MO	1,686	1,734	35,733	36,699	21.20	21.16
NC	4,302	4,477	83,739	93,520	19.46	20.89
PA	622	682	11,958	14,072	19.21	20.62
VA	2,562	2,894	47,625	55,251	18.59	19.09
US	24,262	24,870	502,878	536,847	20.73	21.59

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, September 1991-92

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-- Percent --			
AR	32,343	32,495	1,263	772	3.51	2.13
CA	39,759	28,552	1,208	554	2.68	1.74
IA	24,223	25,430	525	673	1.89	2.30
MN	64,378	70,661	1,557	1,608	2.16	2.03
MO	28,008	29,325	1,145	845	3.56	2.56
NC	66,559	73,555	1,374	1,482	1.82	1.76
PA	9,219	11,265	153	242	1.42	1.91
VA	37,498	43,272	669	927	1.56	1.86
US	398,361	425,462	9,777	9,507	2.16	1.97

1/ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
Selected States and United States, September 1992

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AR	---	---	10,573	2,076	366	4
CA	---	---	11,082	885	39	---
IA	---	---	5,344	3,424	3,690	---
MN	---	13	23,169	2,871	2,393	21
MO	---	---	15,844	3,134	---	---
NC	---	14	12,773	5,360	---	7
PA	---	8	2,998	1,070	---	14
VA	---	---	7,821	320	---	---
US	---	369	120,049	33,161	9,927	146
	Number					
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AR	1,103	463	872	---	748	16,205
CA	21	115	264	54	111	12,571
IA	31	24	395	---	279	13,187
MN	347	2,001	2,935	1,377	4,099	39,226
MO	109	524	1,096	---	---	20,707
NC	296	947	1,986	118	654	22,155
PA	61	237	216	17	127	4,748
VA	15	1,334	368	17	1,387	11,262
US	2,350	6,666	10,110	2,479	10,703	195,960

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
United States, September 1992

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	---	4,083	1,771	46	183
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	28	132	321	3	782	7,349

Poultry Slaughter Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for commercial poultry slaughter estimates 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. Annual totals of poultry slaughtered under State-administered Non-Federal Inspection (NFI) are published in the May release.

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 May 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. The program also generates a missing reports listing for a telephone follow-up. Data are summarized weekly and accumulated to a monthly total for this release.

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 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.

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.

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.

Definitions Used To Report Federally Inspected Slaughter:

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 to enter the marketing channel.

Ducks - Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

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

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 U.S.D.A. 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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