

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Down Slightly

Poultry Certified Wholesome during October (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.36 billion pounds, down slightly from the amount certified in 1991. Updated totals for September 1992 show that 2.29 billion pounds were certified.

Monthly summary tables include the latest available data from the Food Safety and Inspection Service plus allowances 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.

October 1992 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. October 1991 had 23 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 October 1992 was 3.20 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.53 billion pounds of young chickens, 67.1 million pounds of mature chickens, 591 million pounds of turkeys, and 10.1 million pounds of ducks.

Ante-mortem condemnations during October 1992 totaled 8.00 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.25 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.31 percent a year earlier.

Post-mortem condemnations, at 46.6 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.62 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, October 1992 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature <u>2/</u>	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Sep 1992	547,711	14,184	561,895	1,584	-----
Oct 1991	560,063	14,453	574,516	1,617	-----
Oct 1992	554,655	13,787	568,442	1,518	-----
Jan-Oct 1991	5,182,304	145,623	5,327,927	17,205	-----
Jan-Oct 1992	5,393,319	152,118	5,545,437	15,121	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Sep 1992	2,477,601	70,232	2,547,833	10,361	664
Oct 1991	2,527,647	71,230	2,598,877	10,698	1,454
Oct 1992	2,528,872	67,142	2,596,014	10,126	1,699
Jan-Oct 1991	22,849,166	689,257	23,538,423	112,244	4,732
Jan-Oct 1992	24,271,251	720,041	24,991,292	100,210	5,311
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Sep 1992	4.52	4.95	4.53	6.54	-----
Oct 1991	4.51	4.93	4.52	6.62	-----
Oct 1992	4.56	4.87	4.57	6.67	-----
Jan-Oct 1991	4.41	4.73	4.42	6.52	-----
Jan-Oct 1992	4.50	4.73	4.51	6.63	-----

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young 3/	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Sep 1992	86	24,870	272	25,229	-----
Oct 1991	213	27,819	194	28,225	-----
Oct 1992	24	26,823	219	27,066	-----
Jan-Oct 1991	2,308	227,382	1,973	231,663	-----
Jan-Oct 1992	956	230,868	2,035	233,859	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Sep 1992	744	536,847	6,868	544,458	3,103,316
Oct 1991	2,350	603,139	4,821	610,311	3,221,340
Oct 1992	193	585,121	5,544	590,858	3,198,698
Jan-Oct 1991	22,920	4,839,269	49,009	4,911,198	28,566,597
Jan-Oct 1992	8,781	5,016,230	52,596	5,077,607	30,174,420
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Sep 1992	8.62	21.59	25.21	21.58	-----
Oct 1991	11.05	21.68	24.90	21.62	-----
Oct 1992	8.10	21.81	25.29	21.83	-----
Jan-Oct 1991	9.93	21.28	24.84	21.20	-----
Jan-Oct 1992	9.18	21.73	25.85	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: October 1991: 4,712, October 1992: 4,490.
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: October 1991: 184, October 1992: 349.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Sep 1992					
Chilled	1,665,854	41,679	1,707,533	2,491	42
Frozen	137,686	2,267	139,953	5,025	357
Total	1,803,539	43,946	1,847,486	7,516	399
Oct 1991					
Chilled	1,693,403	41,252	1,734,655	2,424	31
Frozen	140,515	3,197	143,712	5,348	855
Total	1,833,918	44,449	1,878,367	7,772	887
Oct 1992					
Chilled	1,703,788	39,860	1,743,648	2,279	69
Frozen	136,134	2,067	138,202	4,984	993
Total	1,839,922	41,928	1,881,850	7,262	1,062
Jan-Oct 1991					
Chilled	15,399,462	397,701	15,797,162	23,001	218
Frozen	1,198,835	28,464	1,227,300	57,444	2,479
Total	16,598,297	426,165	17,024,462	80,445	2,697
Jan-Oct 1992					
Chilled	16,374,236	421,535	16,795,772	23,051	457
Frozen	1,266,517	23,663	1,290,181	48,490	2,800
Total	17,640,754	445,199	18,085,952	71,542	3,257

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Sep 1992					
Chilled	0	174,332	3,328	177,660	1,887,725
Frozen	554	251,130	1,909	253,592	398,928
Total	554	425,462	5,236	431,252	2,286,653
Oct 1991					
Chilled	471	202,147	2,367	204,986	1,942,096
Frozen	1,372	274,299	1,361	277,033	426,948
Total	1,843	476,447	3,728	482,018	2,369,044
Oct 1992					
Chilled	0	188,167	2,371	190,538	1,936,534
Frozen	143	274,526	1,825	276,493	420,671
Total	143	462,693	4,196	467,031	2,357,205
Jan-Oct 1991					
Chilled	6,149	1,707,403	28,230	1,741,782	17,562,162
Frozen	11,666	2,120,030	9,342	2,141,038	3,428,260
Total	17,815	3,827,433	37,572	3,882,819	20,990,423
Jan-Oct 1992					
Chilled	1,468	1,739,351	25,547	1,766,366	18,585,647
Frozen	5,335	2,226,668	13,838	2,245,841	3,587,312
Total	6,803	3,966,019	39,385	4,012,207	22,172,958

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

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Sep 1992	6,854	924	7,778	9	4
Oct 1991	7,327	856	8,183	7	10
Oct 1992	5,986	651	6,638	9	7
Jan-Oct 1991	80,647	10,021	90,668	149	30
Jan-Oct 1992	73,906	10,308	84,214	87	21
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Oct 1991	0.29	1.20	0.31	0.07	0.72
Oct 1992	0.24	0.97	0.26	0.09	0.41
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Sep 1992	32,294	3,179	35,473	144	8
Oct 1991	35,905	3,326	39,231	168	15
Oct 1992	32,990	3,129	36,119	155	18
Jan-Oct 1991	360,921	31,485	392,406	1,499	42
Jan-Oct 1992	358,638	33,273	391,912	1,448	53
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Oct 1991	1.58	5.19	1.68	1.74	1.14
Oct 1992	1.45	5.18	1.55	1.71	1.20

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Sep 1992	1	1,387	56	1,444	9,235
Oct 1991	7	1,732	31	1,770	9,971
Oct 1992	0	1,309	40	1,349	8,002
Jan-Oct 1991	82	16,862	435	17,379	108,225
Jan-Oct 1992	29	13,867	515	14,411	98,733
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Oct 1991	0.31	0.29	0.64	0.29	0.31
Oct 1992	0.12	0.22	0.71	0.23	0.25
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Sep 1992	10	9,507	359	9,875	45,500
Oct 1991	28	11,409	269	11,706	51,119
Oct 1992	3	10,004	283	10,290	46,583
Jan-Oct 1991	319	87,770	2,709	90,797	484,745
Jan-Oct 1992	104	86,084	3,122	89,310	482,722
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Oct 1991	1.31	2.10	6.20	2.13	1.76
Oct 1992	1.94	1.90	5.67	1.94	1.62

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, October 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	79,779	77,397	349,860	341,249	4.39	4.41
AR	91,412	89,413	398,206	396,515	4.36	4.43
CA	18,864	19,339	91,490	98,415	4.85	5.09
DE	21,391	20,728	110,019	105,705	5.14	5.10
FL	10,980	11,293	46,909	47,870	4.27	4.24
GA	73,982	72,502	333,137	331,402	4.50	4.57
LA	10,166	12,395	43,177	52,322	4.25	4.22
MD	17,080	17,269	76,638	77,240	4.49	4.47
MS	42,029	41,719	182,011	188,071	4.33	4.51
MO	17,793	17,615	74,874	75,006	4.21	4.26
NC	48,950	49,106	247,638	252,191	5.06	5.14
PA	8,951	7,672	43,531	37,364	4.86	4.87
SC	12,624	14,651	51,788	57,614	4.10	3.93
TN	12,252	12,003	56,782	54,357	4.63	4.53
TX	33,181	32,621	147,170	147,220	4.44	4.51
VA	28,902	28,722	133,899	131,414	4.63	4.58
WA	2,873	2,719	13,926	13,359	4.85	4.91
US	560,063	554,655	2,527,647	2,528,872	4.51	4.56

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

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, October 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	252,202	249,651	4,632	5,033	1.47	1.64
AR	281,731	279,962	5,182	4,994	1.45	1.40
CA	65,765	72,142	2,690	1,455	3.27	1.64
DE	80,538	77,559	1,307	1,205	1.32	1.27
FL	34,149	33,348	601	584	1.42	1.35
GA	248,519	243,651	3,784	3,616	1.26	1.21
LA	31,612	39,523	815	828	2.10	1.76
MD	54,343	54,201	696	796	1.01	1.14
MS	135,282	143,219	2,515	2,761	1.54	1.63
MO	54,088	53,457	1,009	990	1.50	1.47
NC	179,842	184,371	3,486	2,823	1.56	1.24
PA	30,807	26,524	854	555	2.18	1.65
SC	37,638	42,193	581	725	1.25	1.40
TN	41,192	39,416	663	585	1.30	1.20
TX	109,477	109,942	3,186	2,382	2.41	1.80
VA	95,942	94,828	1,079	1,040	0.90	0.88
WA	10,363	9,966	307	283	2.45	2.35
US	1,833,918	1,839,922	35,905	32,990	1.58	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, October 1992

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AL	---	2,578	213,593	154,842	5,010	34,356
AR	---	8,982	305,769	175,407	9,716	14,172
CA	---	3,773	67,148	10,866	1,352	19,831
DE	---	6,839	70,568	26,917	154	16,784
FL	---	1,577	21,993	14,731	1,270	11,997
GA	---	3,092	147,876	85,675	1,505	38,015
LA	---	414	31,101	30,622	1,082	3,726
MD	---	3,725	66,000	10,473	513	5,447
MS	---	1,260	97,353	66,441	1,219	13,824
MO	---	6,138	58,838	34,476	1,896	5,467
NC	---	9,538	97,698	57,305	82	41,323
PA	---	1,920	27,443	8,080	442	5,589
SC	---	914	25,913	44,644	266	10,136
TN	---	3,137	51,177	9,339	482	2,753
TX	---	6,074	120,885	106,319	762	6,196
VA	---	4,277	64,777	34,448	79	10,255
WA	---	---	15,513	1,202	154	943
US	---	71,513	1,610,444	906,630	33,360	253,569
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
AL	15,146	22,451	49,236	5,889	176,948	680,049
AR	14,178	25,572	56,077	3,198	101,517	714,588
CA	686	6,118	5,113	1,440	15,669	131,996
DE	3,245	5,623	13,788	2,904	18,609	165,431
FL	1,760	3,783	6,866	927	30,072	94,976
GA	10,017	18,974	22,485	9,174	85,025	421,838
LA	2,110	5,523	3,981	953	35,304	114,816
MD	1,730	4,873	10,515	1,306	8,287	112,869
MS	6,528	13,913	26,466	3,251	59,404	289,659
MO	2,246	3,775	10,861	1,725	47,687	173,109
NC	4,478	19,762	21,899	6,769	48,454	307,308
PA	1,444	2,369	8,283	225	9,235	65,030
SC	2,299	12,578	11,718	1,561	19,082	129,111
TN	1,748	9,690	6,212	542	13,071	98,151
TX	1,892	6,933	9,727	890	16,843	276,521
VA	2,525	7,568	19,987	818	16,961	161,695
WA	352	609	244	188	11,944	31,149
US	82,274	184,718	328,982	46,560	754,016	4,272,066

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, October 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	1,126	637	3,970	2,521	3.52	3.96
GA	3,352	2,864	20,988	16,798	6.26	5.87
US	14,453	13,787	71,230	67,142	4.93	4.87

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, October 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	2,186	1,390	279	132	7.80	5.80
GA	13,239	10,950	843	607	4.46	4.01
US	44,449	41,928	3,326	3,129	5.19	5.18

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, October 1992

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	55	11,137	22	---	12,804
GA	---	270	57,495	13	---	21,188
US	---	3,340	232,455	11,750	1,355	109,081
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	186	---	850	17	---	25,071
GA	11,580	15,296	13,355	200	1,402	120,799
US	33,361	40,937	117,629	4,279	45,629	599,816

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, October 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	2,226	2,114	45,099	43,544	20.26	20.60
CA	2,892	2,268	64,269	47,389	22.22	20.89
IA	1,458	1,368	37,690	34,922	25.86	25.54
MN	4,867	4,698	95,557	91,407	19.63	19.46
MO	2,076	1,905	43,522	39,594	20.96	20.78
NC	4,749	4,872	95,540	103,836	20.12	21.31
PA	834	725	16,772	15,429	20.12	21.28
VA	2,876	3,151	55,479	62,311	19.29	19.77
US	27,819	26,823	603,139	585,121	21.68	21.81

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1991	1992	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	36,398	35,164	1,228	865	3.03	2.21
CA	51,255	37,921	1,275	655	2.20	1.54
IA	29,552	27,399	683	709	2.01	2.25
MN	76,096	73,143	2,194	1,902	2.55	2.31
MO	34,185	30,897	1,004	779	2.56	2.19
NC	74,723	81,829	1,751	1,559	2.04	1.67
PA	13,498	12,393	270	272	1.79	1.96
VA	42,930	48,777	765	997	1.53	1.78
US	476,447	462,693	11,409	10,004	2.10	1.90

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, October 1992

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AR	---	---	13,566	1,507	342	---
CA	---	6	9,556	608	73	66
IA	---	---	6,594	3,912	4,644	---
MN	---	466	26,493	7,227	2,811	32
MO	---	---	14,972	1,440	---	---
NC	---	20	15,107	3,519	---	13
PA	---	33	4,106	1,141	135	9
VA	---	---	8,159	264	---	12
US	---	693	131,895	25,275	10,683	211
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
AR	307	551	782	---	1,702	18,757
CA	16	156	325	82	155	11,043
IA	37	---	309	---	309	15,805
MN	381	2,108	3,126	1,052	5,675	49,371
MO	105	555	1,693	287	---	19,052
NC	290	1,291	2,226	192	577	23,235
PA	70	451	321	---	198	6,464
VA	26	1,491	513	---	1,578	12,043
US	1,539	7,704	10,957	3,167	15,112	207,236

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	---	3,352	1,164	19	113
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	34	96	171	---	889	5,838

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 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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