

# Poultry Slaughter



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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 7 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during March (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.32 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the 2.17 billion pounds certified in 1992. Updated totals for February 1993 show that 2.03 billion pounds were certified. The January through March cumulative total of pounds certified, at 6.56 billion pounds, was up 3 percent from the same period the previous year.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during March 1993 was 3.17 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.61 billion pounds of young chickens, 64.9 million pounds of mature chickens, 482 million pounds of turkeys, and 11.8 million pounds of ducks.

Young chickens slaughtered during March 1993 averaged 4.57 pounds per bird, an increase of 1 percent from the 4.51 pounds a year ago. The average live weight of mature chickens increased 2 percent from the previous year to 4.71 pounds per bird. Turkeys and ducks slaughtered during March 1993 averaged 22.3 and 6.83 pounds per bird, respectively, both up 2 percent from March 1992.

Ante-mortem condemnations during March 1993 totaled 10.3 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.32 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.35 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 50.3 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.76 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.92 percent a year earlier.

March 1993 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays, while March 1992 had 22 weekdays and four Saturdays. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight  
by Type, United States, March 1993 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature <u>2/</u>	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Feb 1993	499,260	13,444	512,704	1,570	-----
Mar 1992	537,797	15,149	552,947	1,502	-----
Mar 1993	572,384	13,759	586,144	1,732	-----
Jan-Mar 1992	1,565,385	47,294	1,612,679	4,227	-----
Jan-Mar 1993	1,612,150	42,017	1,654,167	4,732	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Feb 1993	2,275,757	63,990	2,339,747	10,610	336
Mar 1992	2,426,622	70,243	2,496,865	10,098	326
Mar 1993	2,613,507	64,857	2,678,364	11,841	326
Jan-Mar 1992	7,075,640	217,961	7,293,602	28,038	1,041
Jan-Mar 1993	7,375,043	197,656	7,572,699	32,047	1,017
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Feb 1993	4.56	4.76	4.56	6.76	-----
Mar 1992	4.51	4.64	4.52	6.72	-----
Mar 1993	4.57	4.71	4.57	6.83	-----
Jan-Mar 1992	4.52	4.61	4.52	6.63	-----
Jan-Mar 1993	4.57	4.70	4.58	6.77	-----

See footnotes at end of table.

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight  
by Type, United States, March 1993 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Feb 1993	10	18,144	135	18,288	-----
Mar 1992	120	20,672	161	20,953	-----
Mar 1993	---	21,450	209	21,659	-----
Jan-Mar 1992	347	60,315	549	61,211	-----
Jan-Mar 1993	39	59,235	468	59,741	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Feb 1993	93	405,112	3,297	408,501	2,759,195
Mar 1992	1,145	452,022	4,314	457,481	2,964,770
Mar 1993	---	477,247	5,249	482,496	3,173,027
Jan-Mar 1992	3,396	1,322,273	14,345	1,340,014	8,662,695
Jan-Mar 1993	353	1,329,360	11,781	1,341,494	8,947,257
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Feb 1993	9.37	22.33	24.51	22.34	-----
Mar 1992	9.56	21.87	26.73	21.83	-----
Mar 1993	---	22.25	25.12	22.28	-----
Jan-Mar 1992	9.80	21.92	26.11	21.89	-----
Jan-Mar 1993	9.13	22.44	25.16	22.46	-----

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 breedingstock) was: March 1992: 3,806, March 1993: 4,014.

3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: March 1992: 157, March 1993: 86.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
United States, March 1993 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Feb 1993					
Chilled	1,531,418	37,673	1,569,092	2,418	41
Frozen	128,195	2,078	130,273	5,219	175
Total	1,659,613	39,751	1,699,365	7,637	215
Mar 1992					
Chilled	1,630,260	40,627	1,670,887	2,384	37
Frozen	130,290	2,664	132,953	4,798	164
Total	1,760,550	43,291	1,803,841	7,182	201
Mar 1993					
Chilled	1,748,265	37,930	1,786,194	2,255	48
Frozen	142,645	2,003	144,648	5,809	172
Total	1,890,909	39,933	1,930,842	8,064	220
Jan-Mar 1992					
Chilled	4,754,798	126,310	4,881,108	7,038	121
Frozen	369,327	7,318	376,645	13,021	512
Total	5,124,125	133,628	5,257,753	20,060	633
Jan-Mar 1993					
Chilled	4,938,530	116,142	5,054,672	7,252	121
Frozen	414,761	6,162	420,923	15,276	536
Total	5,353,291	122,304	5,475,595	22,528	656

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
 United States, March 1993 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Feb 1993					
Chilled	---	152,779	1,792	154,570	1,726,121
Frozen	69	166,553	766	167,387	303,054
Total	69	319,331	2,558	321,958	2,029,175
Mar 1992					
Chilled	172	178,964	2,220	181,356	1,854,665
Frozen	721	178,178	1,019	179,918	317,833
Total	893	357,142	3,239	361,274	2,172,498
Mar 1993					
Chilled	---	187,098	3,244	190,343	1,978,840
Frozen	---	189,026	814	189,839	340,467
Total	---	376,124	4,058	380,182	2,319,308
Jan-Mar 1992					
Chilled	532	514,971	8,374	523,877	5,412,144
Frozen	2,088	527,479	2,431	531,998	922,177
Total	2,620	1,042,451	10,805	1,055,876	6,334,321
Jan-Mar 1993					
Chilled	---	499,113	6,850	505,963	5,568,008
Frozen	261	547,846	2,197	550,305	987,039
Total	261	1,046,959	9,048	1,056,268	6,555,047

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

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations  
by Type, United States, March 1993 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Feb 1993	7,733	922	8,655	12	1
Mar 1992	8,282	959	9,241	8	2
Mar 1993	8,084	854	8,939	9	1
Jan-Mar 1992	23,793	3,059	26,852	23	4
Jan-Mar 1993	23,280	2,813	26,093	29	5
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Mar 1992	0.34	1.37	0.37	0.08	0.46
Mar 1993	0.31	1.32	0.33	0.07	0.33
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Feb 1993	32,892	3,172	36,063	196	3
Mar 1992	39,599	3,243	42,843	153	4
Mar 1993	37,690	3,040	40,730	195	3
Jan-Mar 1992	120,609	10,789	131,398	453	10
Jan-Mar 1993	105,360	9,536	114,896	563	11
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Mar 1992	1.81	5.13	1.91	1.68	1.32
Mar 1993	1.60	5.21	1.69	1.83	1.17

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations  
by Type, United States, March 1993 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Feb 1993	---	1,214	20	1,234	9,902
Mar 1992	9	1,127	46	1,183	10,434
Mar 1993	---	1,304	47	1,351	10,299
Jan-Mar 1992	20	3,667	133	3,821	30,700
Jan-Mar 1993	1	4,144	104	4,249	30,376
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Mar 1992	0.83	0.25	1.08	0.26	0.35
Mar 1993	---	0.27	0.90	0.28	0.32
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Feb 1993	1	7,997	165	8,163	44,426
Mar 1992	12	7,813	282	8,106	51,106
Mar 1993	---	9,059	361	9,420	50,348
Jan-Mar 1992	30	24,386	934	25,351	157,212
Jan-Mar 1993	4	25,899	736	26,640	142,110
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Mar 1992	1.15	1.92	7.25	1.97	1.92
Mar 1993	---	2.11	7.63	2.17	1.76

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, March 1992-93

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <sup>1/</sup>	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	----- 1,000 -----		----- 1,000 Pounds -----		----- Pounds -----	
AL	75,281	75,560	326,905	332,511	4.34	4.40
AR	87,948	93,015	384,634	413,017	4.37	4.44
CA	18,065	17,581	92,910	93,919	5.14	5.34
DE	20,872	21,699	106,963	111,546	5.12	5.14
FL	10,530	12,105	44,352	51,316	4.21	4.24
GA	72,153	75,067	322,462	339,750	4.47	4.53
LA	9,485	12,302	39,738	51,971	4.19	4.22
MD	16,913	17,507	75,835	80,122	4.48	4.58
MS	39,473	42,350	173,223	194,715	4.39	4.60
MO	16,588	17,727	71,388	74,831	4.30	4.22
NC	48,067	51,996	243,213	266,859	5.06	5.13
PA	8,277	8,220	40,875	40,240	4.94	4.90
SC	11,441	15,958	47,093	61,487	4.12	3.85
TN	11,388	13,110	50,551	58,095	4.44	4.43
TX	32,839	33,910	145,593	153,000	4.43	4.51
VA	27,514	29,675	124,502	136,939	4.53	4.61
WA	2,831	2,918	13,409	14,188	4.74	4.86
US	537,797	572,384	2,426,622	2,613,507	4.51	4.57

<sup>1/</sup> Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,  
Selected States and United States, March 1992-93

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
		1,000 Pounds		Percent		
AL	238,433	239,393	4,901	5,754	1.67	1.92
AR	269,512	292,838	5,235	5,210	1.51	1.40
CA	67,060	67,061	2,899	1,485	3.47	1.76
DE	78,297	79,652	2,037	1,965	2.12	1.96
FL	31,677	36,352	687	464	1.72	1.01
GA	238,958	247,829	4,191	4,655	1.44	1.52
LA	29,197	39,294	854	668	2.39	1.43
MD	53,702	55,293	992	1,096	1.45	1.52
MS	129,467	148,381	3,248	2,781	2.08	1.59
MO	51,406	53,460	1,154	1,131	1.80	1.68
NC	177,967	196,162	3,505	3,435	1.60	1.43
PA	29,038	28,564	786	742	2.14	2.05
SC	33,581	44,731	923	842	2.18	1.52
TN	36,870	41,747	590	630	1.30	1.20
TX	107,288	115,364	3,688	2,571	2.81	1.87
VA	90,031	95,121	1,368	1,391	1.22	1.13
WA	9,916	10,489	324	328	2.68	2.57
US	1,760,550	1,890,909	39,599	37,690	1.81	1.60

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, March 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	4,836	251,131	172,396	3,638	42,473
AR	---	22,622	366,318	223,485	13,325	22,895
CA	---	4,431	86,942	12,698	2,099	16,744
DE	---	---	100,402	74,546	---	---
FL	---	---	19,804	14,280	974	5,181
GA	---	10,381	191,398	142,022	1,603	37,150
LA	---	---	32,784	21,499	---	4,266
MD	---	24,857	82,170	31,548	---	---
MS	---	9,990	125,454	84,456	1,459	12,559
MO	---	12,291	79,338	44,568	2,729	6,806
NC	---	24,221	138,984	92,677	---	38,282
PA	---	---	42,294	22,044	---	4,893
SC	---	1,803	30,685	57,820	271	11,651
TN	---	---	---	10,946	815	---
TX	---	---	153,349	139,894	887	11,285
VA	---	21,143	78,960	51,788	205	---
WA	---	---	21,825	1,639	151	---
US	---	236,169	2,050,095	1,251,178	37,153	276,309
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	15,174	29,041	50,789	5,481	208,427	783,386
AR	15,806	27,077	55,980	---	90,427	837,935
CA	535	5,730	3,500	573	---	133,252
DE	5,075	11,194	12,337	1,790	17,074	222,418
FL	1,435	3,538	5,385	143	29,128	79,868
GA	13,333	27,021	26,797	7,239	142,390	599,334
LA	2,169	---	3,899	---	---	64,617
MD	2,275	7,259	16,055	536	12,069	176,769
MS	6,663	16,995	26,195	---	84,735	368,506
MO	2,076	3,092	8,853	376	40,094	200,223
NC	5,453	22,228	22,940	6,474	83,561	434,820
PA	1,867	2,319	---	202	11,856	85,475
SC	2,801	10,518	---	1,958	32,110	149,617
TN	3,135	11,160	---	1,167	13,302	40,525
TX	1,953	8,910	9,299	1,670	7,678	334,925
VA	2,918	7,625	20,676	2,360	28,038	213,713
WA	206	400	350	---	14,720	39,291
US	94,825	213,001	341,393	42,352	913,461	5,455,936

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,  
Selected States and United States, March 1992-93

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <u>1/</u>	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	----- 1,000 -----		----- 1,000 Pounds -----		--- Pounds ---	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	2,971	2,564	17,293	15,107	5.82	5.89
US	15,149	13,759	70,243	64,857	4.64	4.71

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,  
Selected States and United States, March 1992-93

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1,000 Pounds		N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-----		-- Percent --	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	10,977	9,714	589	518	3.78	3.81
US	43,291	39,933	3,243	3,040	5.13	5.21

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, March 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	16,143
US	---	5,511	237,888	15,421	1,311	102,097
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	4,491	11,015	---	1,008	32,657
US	21,400	28,994	142,479	4,077	27,817	586,995

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, March 1992-93

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <sup>1/</sup>	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	----- 1,000 -----		----- 1,000 Pounds -----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	1,912	1,789	38,874	39,058	20.34	21.83
CA	1,856	1,396	41,743	30,473	22.49	21.83
IA	963	942	26,893	26,893	27.92	28.56
MN	2,831	2,801	53,412	54,490	18.87	19.46
MO	1,672	1,901	34,390	37,666	20.57	19.82
NC	3,884	4,407	82,416	99,448	21.22	22.57
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	2,701	3,070	50,143	57,968	18.56	18.88
US	20,672	21,450	452,022	477,247	21.87	22.25

<sup>1/</sup> Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, March 1992-93

State	Total Certified <sup>1/</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1992	1993	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2/</sup>	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	32,114	31,588	741	908	2.12	2.58
CA	32,607	24,207	672	437	1.79	1.59
IA	20,886	20,729	640	626	2.64	2.59
MN	42,238	43,163	1,158	1,447	2.41	2.95
MO	27,383	30,011	600	819	1.94	2.42
NC	65,018	78,875	1,098	1,419	1.48	1.59
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	39,841	46,056	732	730	1.62	1.40
US	357,142	376,124	7,813	9,059	1.92	2.11

<sup>1/</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

<sup>2/</sup> 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, March 1993

State	Tuberculosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsacculitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AR	---	---	10,390	---	---	---
CA	---	---	8,631	29	---	---
IA	---	---	---	4,750	---	---
MN	---	---	18,205	9,355	1,454	24
MO	---	---	18,092	2,127	---	---
NC	---	27	10,191	---	5	10
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	---	---	4,651	153	---	---
US	---	88	107,444	34,204	6,871	94
	Number					
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contamination	Overscald	Other	Total
AR	---	399	2,266	---	---	13,055
CA	---	---	243	---	---	8,903
IA	---	---	---	---	118	4,868
MN	---	1,254	---	78	---	30,370
MO	267	---	---	---	---	20,486
NC	474	1,573	1,686	---	1,262	15,228
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	15	1,497	107	---	584	7,007
US	2,013	7,314	9,980	1,879	10,832	180,719

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,  
United States, March 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	---	7,497	1,671	410	54
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	49	134	394	---	547	10,756

## 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 form collects 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 April 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 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. 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 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.

**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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