

# Poultry Slaughter



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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 6 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during April (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.31 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the 2.17 billion pounds certified in 1992. Updated totals for March 1993 show that 2.33 billion pounds were certified. The January through April cumulative total of pounds certified, at 8.87 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from the same period the previous year.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during April 1993 was 3.14 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.57 billion pounds of young chickens, 70.3 million pounds of mature chickens, 495 million pounds of turkeys, and 11.1 million pounds of ducks.

Young chickens slaughtered during April 1993 averaged 4.62 pounds per bird, an increase of 2 percent from the 4.52 pounds a year ago. The average live weight of mature chickens was unchanged from the previous year at 4.55 pounds per bird. Turkeys slaughtered during April 1993 averaged 22.8 per bird, up 5 percent from April 1992.

Ante-mortem condemnations during April 1993 totaled 9.34 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.30 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.32 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 47.5 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.68 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.83 percent a year earlier.

April 1993 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays, the same as April last year. 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, April 1993 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature <u>2/</u>	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Mar 1993	573,434	13,760	587,194	1,732	-----
Apr 1992	526,628	16,449	543,077	1,567	-----
Apr 1993	555,919	15,455	571,374	1,631	-----
Jan-Apr 1992	2,092,013	63,743	2,155,756	5,794	-----
Jan-Apr 1993	2,169,119	57,473	2,226,592	6,363	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Mar 1993	2,618,849	64,858	2,683,707	11,841	326
Apr 1992	2,379,431	74,795	2,454,226	10,580	345
Apr 1993	2,567,177	70,322	2,637,499	11,121	328
Jan-Apr 1992	9,455,071	292,756	9,747,828	38,618	1,386
Jan-Apr 1993	9,947,562	267,980	10,215,541	43,167	1,345
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Mar 1993	4.57	4.71	4.57	6.83	-----
Apr 1992	4.52	4.55	4.52	6.75	-----
Apr 1993	4.62	4.55	4.62	6.82	-----
Jan-Apr 1992	4.52	4.59	4.52	6.67	-----
Jan-Apr 1993	4.59	4.66	4.59	6.78	-----

See footnotes at end of table.

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Mar 1993	---	21,616	209	21,825	-----
Apr 1992	116	22,140	199	22,454	-----
Apr 1993	15	21,511	179	21,706	-----
Jan-Apr 1992	462	82,454	748	83,665	-----
Jan-Apr 1993	54	80,926	647	81,627	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Mar 1993	---	480,704	5,249	485,953	3,181,827
Apr 1992	1,051	479,812	5,152	486,014	2,951,165
Apr 1993	115	490,156	4,652	494,923	3,143,870
Jan-Apr 1992	4,447	1,802,085	19,497	1,826,028	11,613,860
Jan-Apr 1993	467	1,823,366	16,433	1,840,266	12,100,320
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Mar 1993	---	22.24	25.12	22.27	-----
Apr 1992	9.08	21.67	25.92	21.64	-----
Apr 1993	7.50	22.79	26.00	22.80	-----
Jan-Apr 1992	9.62	21.86	26.06	21.83	-----
Jan-Apr 1993	8.66	22.53	25.40	22.54	-----

- 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: April 1992: 3,933, April 1993: 4,086.  
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: April 1992: 154, April 1993: 70.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Mar 1993					
Chilled	1,752,719	37,931	1,790,650	2,255	48
Frozen	144,370	2,003	146,373	5,809	172
Total	1,897,089	39,934	1,937,023	8,064	220
Apr 1992					
Chilled	1,600,344	43,491	1,643,836	2,415	59
Frozen	129,399	2,421	131,820	5,088	152
Total	1,729,743	45,912	1,775,655	7,503	212
Apr 1993					
Chilled	1,719,177	42,028	1,761,204	2,324	40
Frozen	143,940	1,624	145,564	5,428	171
Total	1,863,117	43,652	1,906,768	7,752	212
Jan-Apr 1992					
Chilled	6,355,142	169,801	6,524,943	9,453	181
Frozen	498,726	9,739	508,465	18,109	664
Total	6,853,868	179,540	7,033,408	27,562	845
Jan-Apr 1993					
Chilled	6,662,161	158,171	6,820,331	9,576	161
Frozen	560,426	7,786	568,212	20,704	707
Total	7,222,587	165,957	7,388,544	30,280	868

See footnotes at end of table.

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Mar 1993					
Chilled	---	188,002	3,244	191,247	1,984,200
Frozen	---	190,837	814	191,651	344,004
Total	---	378,840	4,058	382,897	2,328,204
Apr 1992					
Chilled	240	182,356	2,664	185,259	1,831,569
Frozen	616	198,170	1,169	199,954	337,014
Total	856	380,525	3,833	385,213	2,168,583
Apr 1993					
Chilled	---	180,299	2,531	182,829	1,946,398
Frozen	84	207,800	950	208,835	359,998
Total	84	388,099	3,481	391,664	2,306,396
Jan-Apr 1992					
Chilled	772	697,327	11,037	709,136	7,243,713
Frozen	2,704	725,649	3,600	731,953	1,259,191
Total	3,475	1,422,976	14,638	1,441,089	8,502,904
Jan-Apr 1993					
Chilled	---	680,642	9,381	690,022	7,520,091
Frozen	346	757,458	3,148	760,951	1,350,575
Total	346	1,438,100	12,529	1,450,974	8,870,665

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

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations  
by Type, United States, April 1993 with Comparisons <sup>1/</sup>

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Mar 1993	8,116	854	8,971	9	1
Apr 1992	6,884	1,204	8,088	8	1
Apr 1993	7,449	796	8,245	6	1
Jan-Apr 1992	30,677	4,262	34,940	31	5
Jan-Apr 1993	30,762	3,609	34,370	35	6
Percent <sup>2/</sup>					
Apr 1992	0.29	1.61	0.33	0.07	0.35
Apr 1993	0.29	1.13	0.31	0.06	0.21
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Mar 1993	37,807	3,040	40,847	195	3
Apr 1992	36,579	3,451	40,030	152	3
Apr 1993	35,095	3,224	38,319	199	3
Jan-Apr 1992	157,189	14,240	171,428	605	14
Jan-Apr 1993	140,572	12,760	153,332	762	14
Percent <sup>3/</sup>					
Apr 1992	1.71	5.13	1.81	1.60	1.02
Apr 1993	1.52	5.09	1.61	1.99	0.88

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Mar 1993	---	1,308	47	1,355	10,335
Apr 1992	3	1,153	53	1,209	9,306
Apr 1993	---	1,035	56	1,091	9,343
Jan-Apr 1992	23	4,820	186	5,030	40,006
Jan-Apr 1993	1	5,183	160	5,344	39,755
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Apr 1992	0.28	0.24	1.03	0.25	0.32
Apr 1993	---	0.21	1.20	0.22	0.30
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Mar 1993	---	9,130	361	9,491	50,536
Apr 1992	11	8,077	313	8,401	48,587
Apr 1993	2	8,599	360	8,961	47,482
Jan-Apr 1992	41	32,463	1,247	33,752	205,799
Jan-Apr 1993	7	34,572	1,097	35,676	189,783
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Apr 1992	1.15	1.87	6.76	1.92	1.83
Apr 1993	2.29	1.95	8.61	2.01	1.68

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, April 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	74,277	72,668	322,863	332,967	4.35	4.58
AR	86,794	90,470	379,608	404,233	4.37	4.47
CA	18,208	18,802	92,232	102,357	5.07	5.44
DE	19,282	20,901	100,272	107,552	5.20	5.15
FL	10,242	11,511	44,103	49,218	4.31	4.28
GA	70,204	71,459	315,352	326,275	4.49	4.57
LA	9,628	11,614	40,265	48,321	4.18	4.16
MD	16,192	16,580	72,175	75,703	4.46	4.57
MS	38,080	42,426	165,491	196,223	4.35	4.63
MO	16,848	17,658	71,879	74,763	4.27	4.23
NC	45,373	49,390	231,551	255,870	5.10	5.18
PA	8,543	8,116	42,191	38,897	4.94	4.79
SC	11,527	15,681	46,897	62,069	4.07	3.96
TN	11,082	12,446	50,745	54,547	4.58	4.38
TX	32,251	33,154	143,049	150,003	4.44	4.52
VA	27,629	29,663	127,672	138,775	4.62	4.68
WA	2,710	2,949	12,430	14,560	4.59	4.94
US	526,628	555,919	2,379,431	2,567,177	4.52	4.62

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

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,  
Selected States and United States, April 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	234,889	241,945	4,859	5,144	1.67	1.72
AR	266,921	285,611	4,718	5,143	1.38	1.41
CA	67,711	74,465	1,615	1,637	1.95	1.78
DE	73,030	77,539	1,623	2,051	1.80	2.12
FL	31,665	35,871	765	444	1.93	1.00
GA	233,323	240,250	4,175	3,799	1.47	1.29
LA	29,906	36,141	810	828	2.24	1.90
MD	50,465	52,205	938	1,132	1.44	1.66
MS	124,356	149,140	2,974	2,520	2.00	1.43
MO	52,002	53,842	1,060	1,028	1.64	1.53
NC	170,472	186,886	3,243	3,137	1.56	1.36
PA	29,996	27,212	789	683	2.08	1.95
SC	34,332	45,042	1,175	876	2.78	1.57
TN	37,192	38,812	608	556	1.33	1.13
TX	106,931	113,353	3,339	2,069	2.59	1.53
VA	92,055	97,609	1,428	1,377	1.24	1.10
WA	9,205	10,763	254	319	2.27	2.44
US	1,729,743	1,863,117	36,579	35,095	1.71	1.52

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, April 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	5,138	206,097	139,496	3,456	37,482
AR	---	---	328,116	157,569	11,067	18,979
CA	---	6,344	89,478	9,413	1,784	13,199
DE	---	---	95,091	62,820	---	---
FL	---	---	15,172	10,753	923	---
GA	---	13,351	154,454	97,186	1,252	32,902
LA	---	---	26,367	15,590	---	4,164
MD	---	42,867	81,064	28,394	---	---
MS	---	13,485	113,165	60,729	1,203	13,684
MO	---	12,916	73,503	24,923	2,398	5,365
NC	---	27,292	120,873	63,598	54	31,282
PA	---	3,774	35,841	17,273	335	4,875
SC	---	1,562	26,467	73,424	260	11,674
TN	---	---	---	8,346	685	---
TX	---	---	116,242	77,892	901	10,901
VA	---	27,473	74,405	38,449	223	---
WA	---	---	21,110	---	102	---
US	---	390,459	1,789,017	918,771	31,590	257,633
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	14,949	34,561	47,500	6,053	148,556	643,288
AR	14,899	24,951	56,256	3,382	81,596	696,815
CA	654	---	2,863	556	---	124,291
DE	3,780	10,400	12,684	---	16,148	200,923
FL	1,167	2,889	5,809	---	19,427	56,140
GA	11,458	23,863	21,884	11,332	99,232	466,914
LA	1,851	---	4,122	134	---	52,228
MD	1,638	5,626	12,457	570	10,463	183,079
MS	6,715	21,957	27,269	3,103	57,124	318,434
MO	2,024	3,287	8,486	---	27,924	160,826
NC	4,495	19,746	21,923	5,971	69,701	364,935
PA	1,470	1,664	---	201	---	65,433
SC	2,853	---	---	1,693	28,504	146,437
TN	2,819	13,208	6,777	---	10,971	42,806
TX	2,020	8,698	9,473	---	7,279	233,406
VA	3,170	9,625	21,493	1,443	30,233	206,514
WA	209	415	294	---	13,183	35,313
US	85,057	218,426	326,596	45,326	735,305	4,798,180

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,  
United States, April 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 ---	
US	16,449	15,455	74,795	70,322	4.55	4.55

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

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,  
United States, April 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 --	
US	45,912	43,652	3,451	3,224	5.13	5.09

<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.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,  
Selected States and United States, April 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	64	120	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	15,400
US	---	5,786	247,850	13,089	1,099	112,550
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	418	---	---	2,609	3,211
GA	---	4,471	8,800	---	758	29,429
US	22,352	28,018	147,733	3,070	34,318	615,865

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, April 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	1,967	2,076	40,076	41,405	20.38	19.94
CA	2,011	1,631	42,303	35,734	21.04	21.91
IA	970	963	27,502	28,581	28.35	29.68
MN	2,981	2,675	54,486	54,347	18.28	20.32
MO	1,797	1,807	37,358	39,990	20.79	22.14
NC	4,268	4,137	91,015	95,459	21.32	23.07
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	2,713	2,947	51,374	56,583	18.93	19.20
US	22,140	21,511	479,812	490,156	21.67	22.79

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

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, April 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	32,819	33,648	719	793	1.99	2.13
CA	33,437	28,893	654	499	1.72	1.55
IA	20,980	22,209	616	621	2.49	2.41
MN	43,745	43,126	1,070	1,288	2.18	2.63
MO	29,840	31,606	934	941	2.78	2.61
NC	72,450	75,437	1,134	1,219	1.38	1.42
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	40,224	44,776	760	742	1.64	1.46
US	380,525	388,099	8,077	8,599	1.87	1.95

<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, April 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AR	---	---	8,858	---	---	13
CA	---	---	8,427	30	---	---
IA	---	---	---	3,014	---	---
MN	---	5	12,945	4,872	1,386	35
MO	---	---	17,008	3,485	---	---
NC	---	17	8,447	---	---	8
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	---	5	4,483	284	---	---
US	---	306	90,106	22,471	6,836	179
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AR	---	915	1,323	---	---	11,109
CA	42	---	381	---	---	8,880
IA	---	---	---	---	---	3,014
MN	---	1,246	---	---	---	20,489
MO	280	---	---	---	---	20,773
NC	376	1,194	1,570	187	---	11,799
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	14	1,167	125	---	491	6,569
US	1,798	7,359	8,869	1,954	11,299	151,177

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	---	6,365	1,272	113	180
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	57	165	294	9	647	9,102

## 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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