

# Poultry Slaughter



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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 5 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during September (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.40 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 2.29 billion pounds certified in 1992. Updated totals for August 1993 show that 2.38 billion pounds were certified. The January through September cumulative total of pounds certified, at 20.6 billion pounds, was up 4 percent from the same period the previous year.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during September 1993 was 3.25 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.62 billion pounds of young chickens, 71.9 million pounds of mature chickens, 550 million pounds of turkeys, and 11.6 million pounds of ducks.

Young chickens slaughtered during September 1993 averaged 4.53 pounds per bird, compared with 4.52 pounds a year ago. The average live weight of mature chickens was down 1 percent from the previous year at 4.91 pounds per bird. Turkeys slaughtered during September 1993 averaged 21.7 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from September 1992.

Ante-mortem condemnations during September 1993 totaled 11.0 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.34 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.30 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 47.9 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.64 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.63 percent a year earlier.

September 1993 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays, the same as September 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, September 1993 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature <u>2/</u>	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Aug 1993	590,539	14,144	604,684	1,840	-----
Sep 1992	547,711	14,184	561,895	1,584	-----
Sep 1993	578,490	14,646	593,137	1,741	-----
Jan-Sep 1992	4,840,211	138,331	4,978,542	13,603	-----
Jan-Sep 1993	5,031,011	132,008	5,163,018	15,070	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Aug 1993	2,615,384	66,377	2,681,761	11,858	662
Sep 1992	2,477,601	70,232	2,547,833	10,361	664
Sep 1993	2,618,182	71,872	2,690,054	11,646	701
Jan-Sep 1992	21,748,652	652,899	22,401,550	90,083	3,611
Jan-Sep 1993	22,827,226	626,634	23,453,861	100,647	3,772
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Aug 1993	4.43	4.69	4.43	6.45	-----
Sep 1992	4.52	4.95	4.53	6.54	-----
Sep 1993	4.53	4.91	4.54	6.69	-----
Jan-Sep 1992	4.49	4.72	4.50	6.62	-----
Jan-Sep 1993	4.54	4.75	4.54	6.68	-----

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Aug 1993	36	24,856	221	25,113	-----
Sep 1992	86	24,870	272	25,229	-----
Sep 1993	39	25,075	223	25,337	-----
Jan-Sep 1992	932	204,045	1,815	206,793	-----
Jan-Sep 1993	341	201,145	1,671	203,157	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Aug 1993	306	534,384	5,439	540,129	3,234,410
Sep 1992	744	536,847	6,868	544,458	3,103,316
Sep 1993	349	543,721	5,494	549,564	3,251,965
Jan-Sep 1992	8,588	4,431,109	47,053	4,486,749	26,981,994
Jan-Sep 1993	2,961	4,459,717	41,907	4,504,585	28,062,864
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Aug 1993	8.58	21.50	24.62	21.51	-----
Sep 1992	8.62	21.59	25.21	21.58	-----
Sep 1993	8.96	21.68	24.64	21.69	-----
Jan-Sep 1992	9.21	21.72	25.92	21.70	-----
Jan-Sep 1993	8.69	22.17	25.08	22.17	-----

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 1992: 4,841, September 1993: 4,954.

3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: September 1992: 118, September 1993: 93.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Aug 1993					
Chilled	1,768,071	39,037	1,807,108	2,682	56
Frozen	136,825	1,610	138,435	5,932	350
Total	1,904,896	40,647	1,945,544	8,614	406
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
Sep 1993					
Chilled	1,767,234	42,519	1,809,753	2,510	11
Frozen	143,769	2,472	146,241	5,878	412
Total	1,911,003	44,992	1,955,994	8,388	424
Jan-Sep 1992					
Chilled	14,675,059	381,675	15,056,734	20,773	388
Frozen	1,130,561	21,596	1,152,157	43,507	1,807
Total	15,805,620	403,271	16,208,891	64,279	2,195
Jan-Sep 1993					
Chilled	15,367,407	367,497	15,734,903	21,832	345
Frozen	1,243,258	20,299	1,263,557	49,856	2,015
Total	16,610,665	387,796	16,998,461	71,687	2,360

See footnotes at end of table.

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer-Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Aug 1993					
Chilled	---	181,409	2,306	183,715	1,993,561
Frozen	226	241,209	1,789	243,223	387,941
Total	226	422,618	4,094	426,938	2,381,502
Sep 1992					
Chilled	---	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
Sep 1993					
Chilled	---	184,385	2,646	187,031	1,999,306
Frozen	259	245,295	1,600	247,154	399,686
Total	259	429,681	4,246	434,185	2,398,991
Jan-Sep 1992					
Chilled	1,468	1,551,184	23,176	1,575,828	16,653,723
Frozen	5,193	1,952,142	12,013	1,969,348	3,166,819
Total	6,661	3,503,326	35,189	3,545,176	19,820,542
Jan-Sep 1993					
Chilled	---	1,568,447	21,111	1,589,558	17,346,637
Frozen	2,207	1,955,024	10,597	1,967,828	3,283,256
Total	2,207	3,523,471	31,708	3,557,386	20,629,894

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 1993 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Aug 1993	10,414	1,180	11,594	10	4
Sep 1992	6,854	924	7,778	9	4
Sep 1993	8,653	1,046	9,699	9	5
Jan-Sep 1992	67,928	9,656	77,584	78	14
Jan-Sep 1993	77,075	9,501	86,576	100	18
Percent 2/					
Sep 1992	0.28	1.32	0.31	0.09	0.63
Sep 1993	0.33	1.46	0.36	0.08	0.72
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Aug 1993	35,116	2,820	37,935	185	8
Sep 1992	32,294	3,179	35,473	144	8
Sep 1993	34,018	2,987	37,004	179	6
Jan-Sep 1992	325,698	30,144	355,842	1,292	35
Jan-Sep 1993	307,388	28,022	335,410	1,665	36
Percent 3/					
Sep 1992	1.45	5.03	1.55	1.54	1.27
Sep 1993	1.44	4.62	1.53	1.71	0.96

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Aug 1993	1	1,607	45	1,653	13,260
Sep 1992	1	1,387	56	1,444	9,235
Sep 1993	1	1,242	53	1,296	11,009
Jan-Sep 1992	29	12,558	475	13,062	90,739
Jan-Sep 1993	5	12,388	406	12,800	99,495
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Sep 1992	0.12	0.26	0.82	0.27	0.30
Sep 1993	0.25	0.23	0.96	0.24	0.34
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Aug 1993	4	10,445	333	10,783	48,910
Sep 1992	10	9,507	359	9,875	45,500
Sep 1993	4	10,432	294	10,729	47,919
Jan-Sep 1992	101	76,080	2,839	79,019	436,188
Jan-Sep 1993	35	82,935	2,640	85,609	422,719
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Sep 1992	1.45	1.97	5.81	2.02	1.63
Sep 1993	1.20	2.13	5.94	2.17	1.64

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 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	74,839	76,929	328,440	343,445	4.39	4.46
AR	89,448	95,433	394,788	418,836	4.41	4.39
CA	19,499	19,558	101,054	98,846	5.18	5.05
DE	20,835	23,388	105,575	118,448	5.07	5.06
FL	11,577	12,092	48,912	50,755	4.23	4.20
GA	73,641	77,377	328,987	354,382	4.47	4.58
LA	11,988	13,005	50,367	54,395	4.20	4.18
MD	16,773	17,387	74,374	78,617	4.43	4.52
MS	40,148	43,989	179,800	195,973	4.48	4.46
MO	16,643	17,483	70,297	73,933	4.22	4.23
NC	48,477	50,763	246,394	252,815	5.08	4.98
PA	7,848	7,635	37,843	37,665	4.82	4.93
SC	14,017	16,868	55,010	67,808	3.92	4.02
TN	11,491	12,042	52,642	51,736	4.58	4.30
TX	31,673	31,721	140,581	137,750	4.44	4.34
VA	27,911	28,779	126,764	130,257	4.54	4.53
WA	3,065	2,990	13,573	14,464	4.43	4.84
US	547,711	578,490	2,477,601	2,618,182	4.52	4.53

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

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,  
Selected States and United States, September 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	238,721	249,630	4,757	5,545	1.61	1.79
AR	278,238	298,759	4,774	4,987	1.34	1.32
CA	71,954	72,774	1,699	1,972	1.87	2.22
DE	76,440	87,012	1,325	1,257	1.39	1.18
FL	33,896	36,726	695	603	1.58	1.32
GA	244,142	261,199	3,534	4,332	1.19	1.36
LA	38,173	41,002	777	708	1.71	1.45
MD	53,421	54,400	825	873	1.23	1.23
MS	136,161	149,095	2,478	2,313	1.53	1.31
MO	50,385	54,554	996	899	1.57	1.35
NC	180,916	186,853	2,848	2,881	1.28	1.27
PA	27,269	26,767	547	612	1.61	1.80
SC	39,768	49,250	778	926	1.57	1.52
TN	38,463	35,474	496	576	1.05	1.24
TX	105,164	104,686	2,249	1,868	1.78	1.51
VA	91,605	94,177	1,013	970	0.89	0.83
WA	10,188	10,737	266	289	2.18	2.22
US	1,803,539	1,911,003	32,294	34,018	1.45	1.44

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 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	1,917	219,155	137,396	5,524	22,617
AR	---	5,915	306,320	115,919	14,576	10,942
CA	---	---	92,096	9,790	---	9,405
DE	---	7,064	79,029	20,198	---	---
FL	---	530	15,117	9,466	---	---
GA	---	11,562	172,649	68,147	1,489	25,768
LA	---	1,194	47,916	7,890	1,322	2,451
MD	---	8,524	73,175	8,103	---	---
MS	---	974	107,070	62,946	1,546	6,882
MO	---	---	49,099	23,948	2,915	3,066
NC	---	5,500	105,373	52,174	---	31,944
PA	---	1,060	27,303	4,595	---	---
SC	---	907	26,440	---	302	9,899
TN	---	---	---	---	---	---
TX	---	820	112,155	24,273	---	3,164
VA	---	3,106	57,630	9,968	64	---
WA	---	---	16,999	569	---	---
US	---	110,846	1,689,027	652,082	41,770	180,710
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	16,647	43,542	68,338	8,629	135,362	659,127
AR	17,476	43,192	65,766	6,371	121,359	707,836
CA	1,234	8,709	5,240	---	---	126,474
DE	4,371	10,568	12,900	3,855	---	137,985
FL	1,850	4,076	8,368	2,739	26,231	68,377
GA	18,211	31,136	37,458	9,140	82,614	458,174
LA	2,921	---	6,829	666	26,213	97,402
MD	2,426	8,595	14,731	---	8,560	124,114
MS	6,769	16,492	26,943	2,628	53,361	285,611
MO	1,666	2,160	8,858	394	37,027	129,133
NC	4,640	23,438	26,638	7,889	94,819	352,415
PA	1,978	2,442	---	304	---	37,682
SC	3,902	20,272	10,448	1,629	31,263	105,062
TN	---	5,944	---	---	16,494	22,438
TX	1,875	9,168	11,201	1,319	7,422	171,397
VA	3,731	9,137	20,220	2,171	30,308	136,335
WA	160	737	350	---	14,416	33,231
US	102,840	253,419	386,234	56,949	821,897	4,295,774

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,  
Selected States and United States, September 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	2,436	2,906	15,681	17,773	6.44	6.12
US	14,184	14,646	70,232	71,872	4.95	4.91

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,  
Selected States and United States, September 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 --	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	10,154	11,678	526	464	3.72	2.90
US	43,946	44,992	3,179	2,987	5.03	4.62

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 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
CA	---	---	---	105	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	16,871
US	---	3,606	187,228	6,417	933	103,456
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Number						
CA	---	---	---	---	---	105
GA	---	6,322	9,488	578	565	33,824
US	22,820	56,890	127,894	3,708	43,620	556,572

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, September 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 ---	
AR	1,919	2,115	40,338	41,502	21.02	19.63
CA	1,707	2,143	35,466	46,675	20.78	21.78
IA	1,247	1,303	32,553	33,455	26.11	25.67
MN	4,594	4,266	88,218	81,293	19.20	19.06
MO	1,734	1,774	36,699	38,030	21.16	21.44
NC	4,477	4,485	93,520	98,285	20.89	21.92
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	2,894	3,130	55,251	58,602	19.09	18.73
US	24,870	25,075	536,847	543,721	21.59	21.68

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, September 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
AR	32,495	33,503	772	880	2.13	2.36
CA	28,552	37,787	554	698	1.74	1.66
IA	25,430	25,867	673	648	2.30	2.15
MN	70,661	65,589	1,608	1,432	2.03	1.96
MO	29,325	30,056	845	1,130	2.56	3.30
NC	73,555	77,668	1,482	1,951	1.76	2.21
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	43,272	45,782	927	915	1.86	1.74
US	425,462	429,681	9,507	10,432	1.97	2.13

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 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AR	---	---	10,789	---	---	8
CA	---	---	14,882	---	---	---
IA	---	---	4,624	3,076	3,914	22
MN	---	---	22,041	3,924	1,718	24
MO	---	---	27,572	7,226	---	---
NC	---	18	8,569	---	---	11
PA	---	---	---	3,460	---	---
VA	---	---	6,161	598	---	---
US	---	190	128,621	37,182	10,183	164

  

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
AR	---	1,884	1,582	---	---	14,263
CA	9	---	325	---	536	15,752
IA	68	---	217	---	---	11,921
MN	231	2,449	2,238	103	---	32,728
MO	177	---	---	---	---	34,975
NC	418	1,754	2,119	---	---	12,889
PA	---	---	---	---	182	3,642
VA	18	819	200	---	712	8,508
US	1,631	9,202	9,650	1,510	10,839	209,172

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	---	3,127	1,925	9	143
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	29	340	291	17	1,569	7,450

## 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.

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**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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