

# Poultry Slaughter



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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during July (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.33 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in July 1993. Updated totals for June 1994 show that 2.59 billion pounds were certified. The January through July cumulative total of pounds certified, at 16.6 billion pounds, was up 5 percent from the same period the previous year.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during July 1994 was 3.15 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.57 billion pounds of young chickens, 62.8 million pounds of mature chickens, 512 million pounds of turkeys, and 10.1 million pounds of ducks.

Young chickens slaughtered during July 1994 averaged 4.51 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from 4.41 pounds per bird a year ago. The average live weight of mature chickens increased 7 percent from 4.62 pounds per bird the previous year to 4.93 pounds. Turkeys slaughtered during July 1994 averaged 22.4 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from July 1993.

Ante-mortem condemnations during July 1994 totaled 11.9 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.38 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.48 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 51.9 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.83 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.64 percent a year earlier.

July 1994 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays, while July 1993 had 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five 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, July 1994 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature <u>2/</u>	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jun 1994	628,900	15,260	644,160	1,808	-----
Jul 1993	561,550	15,238	576,788	1,755	-----
Jul 1994	569,420	12,754	582,174	1,558	-----
Jan-Jul 1993	3,862,932	103,217	3,966,149	11,490	-----
Jan-Jul 1994	4,033,826	102,216	4,136,041	11,860	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Jun 1994	2,850,165	76,412	2,926,577	11,883	404
Jul 1993	2,473,780	70,470	2,544,250	11,303	405
Jul 1994	2,566,985	62,848	2,629,833	10,147	367
Jan-Jul 1993	17,598,431	488,385	18,086,816	77,143	2,408
Jan-Jul 1994	18,603,812	489,669	19,093,481	78,801	2,287
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Jun 1994	4.53	5.01	4.54	6.57	-----
Jul 1993	4.41	4.62	4.41	6.44	-----
Jul 1994	4.51	4.93	4.52	6.51	-----
Jan-Jul 1993	4.56	4.73	4.56	6.71	-----
Jan-Jul 1994	4.61	4.79	4.62	6.64	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight  
by Type, United States, July 1994 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jun 1994	32	24,987	287	25,306	-----
Jul 1993	120	24,070	206	24,396	-----
Jul 1994	31	22,673	142	22,847	-----
Jan-Jul 1993	266	151,213	1,227	152,707	-----
Jan-Jul 1994	178	151,022	1,112	152,312	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Jun 1994	319	573,844	6,225	580,389	3,519,253
Jul 1993	1,037	524,996	5,074	531,107	3,087,065
Jul 1994	266	508,706	3,439	512,411	3,152,758
Jan-Jul 1993	2,307	3,381,611	30,975	3,414,893	21,581,260
Jan-Jul 1994	1,657	3,458,241	27,277	3,487,174	22,661,742
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Jun 1994	9.91	22.97	21.72	22.94	-----
Jul 1993	8.62	21.81	24.67	21.77	-----
Jul 1994	8.55	22.44	24.17	22.43	-----
Jan-Jul 1993	8.66	22.36	25.24	22.36	-----
Jan-Jul 1994	9.30	22.90	24.53	22.89	-----

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: July 1993: 4,162, July 1994: 4,357.

3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: July 1993: 159, July 1994: 180.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type.  
United States, July 1994 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Jun 1994					
Chilled	1,912,901	43,706	1,956,607	2,056	89
Frozen	160,134	2,731	162,865	6,447	170
Total	2,073,035	46,437	2,119,472	8,503	259
Jul 1993					
Chilled	1,671,826	40,349	1,712,175	2,404	60
Frozen	130,009	2,720	132,730	5,775	191
Total	1,801,835	43,070	1,844,905	8,179	251
Jul 1994					
Chilled	1,727,698	35,301	1,762,999	1,907	78
Frozen	151,045	3,509	154,554	5,356	147
Total	1,878,743	38,810	1,917,553	7,263	225
Jan-Jul 1993					
Chilled	11,835,590	285,940	12,121,531	16,640	277
Frozen	962,822	16,217	979,038	38,045	1,253
Total	12,798,412	302,157	13,100,569	54,685	1,530
Jan-Jul 1994					
Chilled	12,449,442	281,043	12,730,485	17,501	384
Frozen	1,086,350	17,706	1,104,056	39,164	1,078
Total	13,535,792	298,749	13,834,541	56,665	1,462

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
 United States, July 1994 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Jun 1994					
Chilled	---	203,108	2,765	205,874	2,164,626
Frozen	236	249,693	2,089	252,018	421,500
Total	236	452,801	4,854	457,892	2,586,126
Jul 1993					
Chilled	---	171,194	2,133	173,326	1,887,966
Frozen	777	243,559	1,618	245,953	384,649
Total	777	414,752	3,751	419,279	2,272,614
Jul 1994					
Chilled	---	180,556	923	181,479	1,946,463
Frozen	197	219,924	1,607	221,728	381,784
Total	197	400,481	2,529	403,207	2,328,247
Jan-Jul 1993					
Chilled	---	1,202,652	16,160	1,218,811	13,357,259
Frozen	1,722	1,468,521	7,208	1,477,451	2,495,787
Total	1,722	2,671,172	23,368	2,696,262	15,853,046
Jan-Jul 1994					
Chilled	---	1,306,419	12,176	1,318,595	14,066,965
Frozen	1,230	1,419,879	8,300	1,429,409	2,573,707
Total	1,230	2,726,298	20,476	2,748,004	16,640,672

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

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations  
by Type, United States, July 1994 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jun 1994	9,814	1,606	11,420	18	3
Jul 1993	11,455	1,581	13,036	32	2
Jul 1994	9,411	1,056	10,467	11	2
Jan-Jul 1993	58,018	7,274	65,292	82	9
Jan-Jul 1994	64,892	9,680	74,572	92	15
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Jul 1993	0.46	2.24	0.51	0.28	0.45
Jul 1994	0.37	1.68	0.40	0.10	0.63
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jun 1994	38,092	3,355	41,447	186	6
Jul 1993	32,592	2,946	35,538	162	3
Jul 1994	38,620	2,940	41,560	160	6
Jan-Jul 1993	238,300	22,215	260,516	1,301	22
Jan-Jul 1994	266,364	22,501	288,865	1,299	26
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Jul 1993	1.46	4.64	1.55	1.59	0.96
Jul 1994	1.67	5.20	1.76	1.75	1.69

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations  
by Type, United States, July 1994 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jun 1994	1	1,649	39	1,688	13,129
Jul 1993	2	1,771	57	1,830	14,899
Jul 1994	1	1,443	24	1,467	11,947
Jan-Jul 1993	4	9,539	308	9,852	75,235
Jan-Jul 1994	5	9,523	221	9,749	84,428
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Jul 1993	0.17	0.34	1.11	0.34	0.48
Jul 1994	0.20	0.28	0.69	0.29	0.38
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jun 1994	4	10,071	284	10,358	51,998
Jul 1993	11	9,490	296	9,797	45,501
Jul 1994	3	9,896	253	10,152	51,878
Jan-Jul 1993	27	62,057	2,013	64,096	325,936
Jan-Jul 1994	23	68,600	1,970	70,593	360,784
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Jul 1993	1.23	2.01	6.47	2.05	1.64
Jul 1994	1.31	2.16	8.18	2.20	1.83

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, July 1993-94

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <sup>1/</sup>	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 -----		----- 1,000 Pounds -----		--- Pounds ---	
AL	72,877	73,719	313,128	332,203	4.30	4.51
AR	93,162	89,160	390,198	383,360	4.19	4.30
CA	18,824	18,836	94,306	94,017	5.01	4.99
DE	22,076	22,052	109,504	108,966	4.96	4.94
FL	11,876	11,516	49,561	49,078	4.17	4.26
GA	73,476	74,876	320,839	347,205	4.37	4.64
LA	12,564	13,539	53,529	60,368	4.26	4.46
MD	17,109	16,237	74,614	71,988	4.36	4.43
MS	42,931	48,040	190,009	214,953	4.43	4.47
MO	17,157	17,088	71,922	72,985	4.19	4.27
NC	49,750	49,123	244,471	240,101	4.91	4.89
PA	7,632	7,374	35,532	35,082	4.66	4.76
SC	15,654	17,632	59,869	70,745	3.82	4.01
TN	12,345	12,149	52,262	53,291	4.23	4.39
TX	31,972	33,903	138,845	147,642	4.34	4.35
VA	28,187	28,207	127,401	127,194	4.52	4.51
WA	3,082	3,087	15,022	14,854	4.87	4.81
US	561,550	569,420	2,473,780	2,566,985	4.41	4.51

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

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,  
Selected States and United States, July 1993-94

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	1,000 Pounds				Percent	
AL	228,116	245,344	5,171	5,748	1.83	1.92
AR	280,408	272,935	4,631	4,832	1.32	1.40
CA	69,894	68,756	1,463	2,752	1.72	3.25
DE	78,885	79,510	1,449	1,502	1.47	1.53
FL	35,463	36,101	464	520	1.04	1.18
GA	233,511	256,418	3,830	5,109	1.33	1.63
LA	40,119	44,209	847	837	1.76	1.54
MD	52,069	51,417	970	788	1.44	1.22
MS	143,652	160,894	2,362	3,203	1.38	1.66
MO	52,329	52,907	903	1,231	1.39	1.87
NC	180,051	177,841	2,928	3,574	1.33	1.65
PA	25,078	24,669	580	634	1.81	2.01
SC	43,508	52,829	909	1,046	1.69	1.64
TN	36,936	38,662	564	565	1.20	1.18
TX	106,180	109,879	1,868	2,490	1.50	1.87
VA	91,230	92,336	1,072	1,306	0.93	1.14
WA	11,169	10,655	322	345	2.38	2.58
US	1,801,835	1,878,743	32,592	38,620	1.46	1.67

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, July 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AL	---	14,499	206,106	134,778	6,362	14,004
AR	---	4,943	299,117	117,596	9,466	9,819
CA	---	3,412	105,307	18,515	1,124	8,747
DE	---	21,191	105,210	21,471	---	---
FL	---	1,114	17,957	10,223	---	---
GA	---	---	167,790	117,314	4,917	18,345
LA	---	731	46,983	14,102	---	4,887
MD	---	6,851	63,094	8,160	70	---
MS	---	1,573	137,442	59,720	1,648	6,460
MO	---	3,423	50,812	18,639	2,834	1,780
NC	---	11,669	109,438	55,664	---	28,009
PA	---	1,190	26,983	8,484	195	3,736
SC	---	870	28,229	59,384	268	4,588
TN	---	---	42,691	---	---	1,836
TX	---	884	150,017	38,032	1,411	2,343
VA	---	7,845	82,340	19,165	278	---
WA	---	---	23,921	---	---	945
US	---	103,968	1,794,364	739,665	43,279	142,469
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
AL	19,358	37,566	93,923	14,346	144,372	685,314
AR	15,733	25,821	63,959	3,833	118,314	668,601
CA	1,053	7,013	5,598	1,454	79,754	231,977
DE	5,064	12,488	15,422	---	17,518	198,364
FL	2,053	4,184	---	---	34,153	69,684
GA	17,328	32,125	48,399	12,151	119,523	537,892
LA	3,074	2,700	8,312	307	---	81,096
MD	2,551	5,534	---	960	---	87,220
MS	10,088	20,082	56,198	1,944	98,499	393,654
MO	1,915	5,094	16,396	---	61,158	162,051
NC	6,059	24,487	32,698	5,563	99,471	373,058
PA	2,996	2,588	---	786	---	46,958
SC	4,902	19,942	27,454	---	33,156	178,793
TN	2,243	4,957	8,129	859	19,901	80,616
TX	2,161	10,799	10,823	2,463	---	218,933
VA	5,241	9,639	23,788	2,554	28,735	179,585
WA	265	---	---	---	16,112	41,243
US	109,443	240,625	501,450	66,070	993,363	4,734,696

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,  
Selected States and United States, July 1993-94

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <u>1/</u>	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	15,238	12,754	70,470	62,848	4.62	4.93

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,  
Selected States and United States, July 1993-94

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	43,070	38,810	2,946	2,940	4.64	5.20

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, July 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	30	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	3,329	177,545	8,891	1,054	91,371
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	30
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	26,663	39,488	150,286	5,317	48,885	552,829

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, July 1993-94

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <sup>1/</sup>	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	2,009	1,962	37,474	39,102	18.66	19.93
CA	1,655	1,645	35,768	35,762	21.62	21.74
IA	1,316	1,286	34,671	35,398	26.35	27.52
MN	4,250	3,528	83,004	70,472	19.53	19.98
MO	1,892	1,613	40,325	37,704	21.32	23.37
NC	4,098	3,872	90,368	89,252	22.05	23.05
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	3,201	3,071	59,248	55,530	18.51	18.08
US	24,070	22,673	524,996	508,706	21.81	22.44

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

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, July 1993-94

State	Total Certified <sup>1/</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2/</sup>			
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-- Percent --			
AR	30,030	31,390	838	827	2.48	2.35
CA	28,878	28,529	466	532	1.45	1.65
IA	26,786	27,472	665	754	2.13	2.37
MN	66,561	56,029	1,631	1,485	2.18	2.34
MO	32,298	29,760	1,080	1,141	2.98	3.36
NC	70,978	70,387	1,367	1,487	1.68	1.85
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	46,431	42,563	771	794	1.45	1.59
US	414,752	400,481	9,490	9,896	2.01	2.16

<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, July 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AR	---	---	7,595	---	---	---
CA	---	---	---	197	---	9
IA	---	---	3,957	2,211	2,134	---
MN	---	---	16,299	2,842	970	---
MO	---	---	12,841	---	---	---
NC	---	29	8,203	---	---	7
PA	---	---	1,624	---	---	---
VA	---	4	6,536	---	---	---
US	---	273	95,761	26,902	6,329	126
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AR	---	1,091	2,198	---	---	10,884
CA	---	---	---	107	---	313
IA	49	---	224	---	---	8,575
MN	216	1,978	1,957	195	---	24,457
MO	43	---	---	---	510	13,394
NC	313	1,161	1,784	31	626	12,154
PA	---	---	---	---	---	1,624
VA	16	---	293	---	812	7,661
US	1,337	7,967	10,998	2,084	12,923	164,700

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,  
 United States, July 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	---	2,805	1,258	---	27
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	23	174	231	---	1,597	6,115

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## Poultry Slaughter Estimates

**Data Sources:** Primary data for commercial poultry slaughter estimates are obtained from the Poultry Inspection-Daily Summary forms (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 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 revisions 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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