

# Poultry Slaughter



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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 2 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during July (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.37 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the amount certified in July 1994. Updated totals for June 1995 show that 2.79 billion pounds were certified. The January through July cumulative total of pounds certified, at 17.7 billion pounds, was up 6 percent from the same period the previous year.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during July 1995 was 3.22 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.63 billion pounds of young chickens, 63.6 million pounds of mature chickens, 519 million pounds of turkeys, and 9.80 million pounds of ducks.

Young chickens slaughtered during July 1995 averaged 4.54 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from 4.51 pounds per bird a year ago. The average live weight of mature chickens increased 9 percent from 4.93 pounds per bird the previous year to 5.35 pounds. Turkeys slaughtered during July 1995 averaged 22.7 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from July 1994.

Ante-mortem condemnations during July 1995 totaled 17.0 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.53 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.38 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 53.9 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.86 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.80 percent a year earlier.

July 1995 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays, the same as July 1994. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight  
by Type, United States, July 1995 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jun 1995	664,472	14,346	678,818	1,676	-----
Jul 1994	570,384	12,754	583,138	1,558	-----
Jul 1995	578,792	11,878	590,669	1,517	-----
Jan-Jul 1994	4,033,657	102,216	4,135,872	11,860	-----
Jan-Jul 1995	4,281,394	97,530	4,378,923	11,023	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Jun 1995	3,086,384	73,652	3,160,036	10,972	456
Jul 1994	2,573,640	62,849	2,636,489	10,147	367
Jul 1995	2,629,997	63,600	2,693,597	9,798	546
Jan-Jul 1994	18,605,339	489,669	19,095,009	78,801	2,288
Jan-Jul 1995	19,873,762	491,661	20,365,423	73,417	2,854
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Jun 1995	4.64	5.13	4.66	6.55	-----
Jul 1994	4.51	4.93	4.52	6.51	-----
Jul 1995	4.54	5.35	4.56	6.46	-----
Jan-Jul 1994	4.61	4.79	4.62	6.64	-----
Jan-Jul 1995	4.64	5.04	4.65	6.66	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight  
by Type, United States, July 1995 with Comparisons 1/ (continued) -

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young 3/	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Jun 1995	68	25,630	166	25,864	-----
Jul 1994	31	22,818	142	22,991	-----
Jul 1995	75	22,562	190	22,827	-----
Jan-Jul 1994	178	151,166	1,112	152,456	-----
Jan-Jul 1995	207	154,771	969	155,947	-----
Live Weight					
Jun 1995	499	605,645	4,366	610,510	3,781,974
Jul 1994	266	511,743	3,439	515,447	3,162,450
Jul 1995	685	513,787	4,563	519,035	3,222,976
Jan-Jul 1994	1,657	3,461,277	27,277	3,490,211	22,666,308
Jan-Jul 1995	1,799	3,654,929	24,346	3,681,075	24,122,769
Average Live Weight					
Jun 1995	7.33	23.63	26.30	23.60	-----
Jul 1994	8.55	22.43	24.17	22.42	-----
Jul 1995	9.14	22.77	23.96	22.74	-----
Jan-Jul 1994	9.30	22.90	24.53	22.89	-----
Jan-Jul 1995	8.67	23.62	25.12	23.60	-----

- 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 1994: 4,357, July 1995: 4,874.  
3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: July 1994: 180, July 1995: 95.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type.  
United States, July 1995 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Jun 1995					
Chilled	2,062,656	41,964	2,104,621	2,361	67
Frozen	188,008	2,957	190,965	5,560	212
Total	2,250,664	44,922	2,295,585	7,921	280
Jul 1994					
Chilled	1,730,401	35,302	1,765,703	1,907	78
Frozen	151,114	3,509	154,622	5,356	147
Total	1,881,515	38,810	1,920,325	7,263	225
Jul 1995					
Chilled	1,751,954	34,608	1,786,562	1,993	100
Frozen	166,920	3,546	170,465	5,007	227
Total	1,918,873	38,154	1,957,027	6,999	327
Jan-Jul 1994					
Chilled	12,447,999	281,044	12,729,043	17,501	385
Frozen	1,084,270	17,706	1,101,976	39,164	1,078
Total	13,532,269	298,750	13,831,019	56,665	1,463
Jan-Jul 1995					
Chilled	13,209,526	281,087	13,490,613	16,596	440
Frozen	1,232,050	17,379	1,249,429	36,148	1,317
Total	14,441,576	298,466	14,740,042	52,745	1,757

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
 United States, July 1995 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Jun 1995					
Chilled	---	222,304	2,402	224,706	2,331,755
Frozen	366	256,109	880	257,355	454,092
Total	366	478,413	3,282	482,061	2,785,847
Jul 1994					
Chilled	---	181,661	923	182,584	1,950,272
Frozen	197	221,204	1,607	223,008	383,133
Total	197	402,866	2,529	405,592	2,333,405
Jul 1995					
Chilled	---	181,402	2,120	183,522	1,972,176
Frozen	551	225,191	1,293	227,035	402,733
Total	551	406,592	3,413	410,557	2,374,910
Jan-Jul 1994					
Chilled	---	1,307,524	12,176	1,319,700	14,066,629
Frozen	1,230	1,421,159	8,300	1,430,689	2,572,907
Total	1,230	2,728,683	20,476	2,750,389	16,639,536
Jan-Jul 1995					
Chilled	---	1,411,441	12,740	1,424,182	14,931,831
Frozen	1,373	1,472,920	5,593	1,479,886	2,766,780
Total	1,373	2,884,361	18,333	2,904,067	17,698,611

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 1995 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jun 1995	11,518	1,575	13,093	13	2
Jul 1994	9,445	1,056	10,502	11	2
Jul 1995	13,024	1,740	14,764	24	7
Jan-Jul 1994	64,893	9,680	74,573	92	15
Jan-Jul 1995	74,461	8,471	82,932	89	17
Percent 2/					
Jul 1994	0.37	1.68	0.40	0.10	0.63
Jul 1995	0.50	2.74	0.55	0.24	1.31
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jun 1995	46,568	3,467	50,036	175	6
Jul 1994	37,959	2,940	40,900	160	6
Jul 1995	40,631	3,039	43,669	178	15
Jan-Jul 1994	265,587	22,501	288,088	1,299	26
Jan-Jul 1995	315,347	23,504	338,851	1,215	46
Percent 3/					
Jul 1994	1.64	5.20	1.72	1.75	1.69
Jul 1995	1.72	5.31	1.80	2.02	3.06

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations  
by Type, United States, July 1995 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer-Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Jun 1995	2	1,817	58	1,877	14,984
Jul 1994	1	1,448	24	1,473	11,987
Jul 1995	1	2,160	39	2,201	16,995
Jan-Jul 1994	5	9,528	221	9,755	84,435
Jan-Jul 1995	7	9,900	235	10,143	93,180
Percent 2/					
Jul 1994	0.20	0.28	0.69	0.29	0.38
Jul 1995	0.19	0.42	0.86	0.42	0.53
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Jun 1995	11	10,697	301	11,009	61,225
Jul 1994	3	9,956	253	10,212	51,277
Jul 1995	7	9,702	311	10,019	53,882
Jan-Jul 1994	23	68,659	1,970	70,653	360,067
Jan-Jul 1995	25	68,776	1,801	70,601	410,713
Percent 3/					
Jul 1994	1.31	2.16	8.18	2.20	1.80
Jul 1995	1.07	2.10	7.57	2.14	1.86

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 1994-95.

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	-----	1,000	-----	1,000 Pounds	----	Pounds
AL	74,053	68,063	334,479	308,990	4.52	4.54
AR	89,160	87,390	383,360	384,738	4.30	4.40
CA	18,836	18,402	94,017	88,542	4.99	4.81
DE	22,052	21,524	108,966	110,946	4.94	5.15
FL	11,516	11,518	49,078	49,709	4.26	4.32
GA	74,876	79,041	347,205	370,728	4.64	4.69
LA	13,539	12,504	60,368	57,115	4.46	4.57
MD	16,237	15,979	71,988	72,397	4.43	4.53
MS	48,040	47,069	214,953	212,572	4.47	4.52
MO	17,088	21,961	72,985	91,980	4.27	4.19
NC	49,217	50,674	240,788	247,882	4.89	4.89
PA	7,374	7,238	35,082	35,011	4.76	4.84
SC	17,632	18,447	70,745	76,671	4.01	4.16
TN	12,149	12,921	53,291	55,708	4.39	4.31
TX	33,903	36,262	147,642	153,611	4.35	4.24
VA	28,207	28,859	127,194	131,355	4.51	4.55
WA	3,087	2,948	14,854	14,917	4.81	5.06
US	570,384	578,792	2,573,640	2,629,997	4.51	4.54

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,  
Selected States and United States, July 1994-95

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AL	246,479	229,014	5,773	6,404	1.92	2.30
AR	272,935	273,066	4,832	4,961	1.40	1.43
CA	67,856	65,112	1,961	1,759	2.32	2.21
DE	79,510	81,553	1,502	1,663	1.53	1.67
FL	36,101	36,213	520	573	1.18	1.28
GA	256,418	273,606	5,109	6,457	1.63	1.94
LA	44,209	41,424	837	972	1.54	1.89
MD	51,417	51,205	788	959	1.22	1.47
MS	160,894	160,249	3,203	2,719	1.66	1.42
MO	52,907	66,601	1,231	1,372	1.87	1.66
NC	178,060	184,540	3,554	4,019	1.64	1.80
PA	24,669	24,214	634	685	2.01	2.17
SC	52,829	56,823	1,046	1,082	1.64	1.57
TN	38,662	40,060	565	690	1.18	1.38
TX	109,879	115,552	2,490	1,938	1.87	1.40
VA	92,336	89,590	1,306	1,377	1.14	1.16
WA	10,655	10,766	345	362	2.58	2.70
US	1,881,515	1,918,873	37,959	40,631	1.64	1.72

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 1995

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	8,751	208,989	196,568	6,454	12,230
AR	---	6,582	302,843	129,633	11,815	10,767
CA	---	7,873	111,445	11,627	1,087	13,134
DE	---	30,518	95,517	30,928	---	---
FL	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	4,706	196,128	249,459	3,829	18,430
LA	---	767	43,790	19,306	1,888	3,176
MD	---	40,615	61,064	12,608	42	---
MS	---	3,611	113,878	51,778	2,411	14,399
MO	---	4,535	66,713	22,359	3,438	1,872
NC	---	30,751	127,798	56,264	160	33,421
PA	---	3,444	27,865	14,431	335	3,939
SC	---	1,818	33,798	60,144	236	5,169
TN	---	---	49,183	9,308	---	1,550
TX	---	842	124,899	46,441	730	2,497
VA	---	8,829	69,907	17,982	---	---
WA	---	3,938	23,022	---	---	914
US	---	164,685	1,828,888	983,703	49,798	172,143
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	19,356	35,415	88,387	10,580	194,405	781,135
AR	18,470	29,170	79,723	5,284	140,969	735,256
CA	737	---	3,947	---	66,535	216,385
DE	5,056	8,539	17,223	2,643	20,313	210,737
FL	1,378	4,718	7,946	---	37,463	51,505
GA	25,233	51,958	75,010	15,153	186,115	826,021
LA	2,822	4,013	11,608	---	49,649	137,019
MD	1,846	6,789	---	1,651	10,388	135,003
MS	8,963	20,466	51,581	6,085	107,579	380,751
MO	3,836	16,692	17,178	---	47,436	184,059
NC	6,464	24,334	---	9,484	122,295	410,971
PA	2,735	1,709	---	300	21,472	76,230
SC	5,094	16,909	18,690	2,266	39,075	183,199
TN	2,696	15,375	29,965	---	34,726	142,803
TX	1,942	12,630	16,211	2,316	5,462	213,970
VA	5,037	10,207	31,052	3,445	36,479	182,938
WA	403	839	639	---	17,287	47,042
US	120,454	284,779	619,081	73,137	1,223,934	5,520,602

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,  
Selected States and United States, July 1994-95

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 -----		----- 1,000 Pounds -----		--- Pounds ---	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	12,754	11,878	62,849	63,600	4.93	5.35

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnsions,  
Selected States and United States, July 1994-95

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnsions			
	1994	1995	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		----- 1,000 Pounds -----		--- Percent ---	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	38,810	38,154	2,940	3,039	5.20	5.31

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 1995

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	2,834	186,065	8,446	1,133	86,369
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	---	133	---	---	133
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	23,516	41,411	124,407	3,841	39,585	517,607

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, July 1994-95

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected 1/	
	1994	1995	1994	1995	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	1,962	1,888	39,102	37,983	19.93	20.12
CA	1,645	1,636	35,762	34,376	21.74	21.01
IA	1,286	1,256	35,398	33,478	27.52	26.66
MN	3,671	3,695	73,497	76,191	20.02	20.62
MO	1,613	1,515	37,704	37,282	23.37	24.61
NC	3,872	3,919	89,252	89,875	23.05	22.93
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	3,071	3,024	55,530	57,791	18.08	19.11
US	22,818	22,562	511,743	513,787	22.43	22.77

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, July 1994-95

State	Total Certified 1/		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1994	1995	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent 2/	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		1994	1995	1994	1995
AR	31,390	30,707	827	765	2.35	2.24
CA	28,529	27,460	532	486	1.65	1.57
IA	27,472	25,807	754	743	2.37	2.46
MN	58,405	60,721	1,544	1,648	2.33	2.40
MO	29,760	30,258	1,141	974	3.36	2.90
NC	70,387	71,203	1,487	1,508	1.85	1.86
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	42,563	45,447	794	750	1.59	1.44
US	402,866	406,592	9,956	9,702	2.16	2.10

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, July 1995

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AR	---	---	5,770	---	---	---
CA	---	7	8,093	220	71	10
IA	---	---	4,690	3,026	---	---
MN	---	---	15,245	5,186	878	---
MO	---	---	15,728	4,713	---	---
NC	---	---	5,749	1,984	---	---
PA	---	---	4,055	---	95	5
VA	---	---	5,952	624	---	---
US	---	60	89,315	20,641	6,689	89
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AR	---	---	1,300	---	693	7,763
CA	---	---	503	---	---	8,904
IA	30	---	---	---	---	7,746
MN	230	1,690	2,242	423	2,489	28,383
MO	---	---	929	603	---	21,973
NC	159	1,636	994	---	---	10,522
PA	49	---	---	---	---	4,204
VA	15	1,182	228	181	1,176	9,358
US	916	8,166	8,701	2,251	10,913	147,741

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause.  
 United States, July 1995

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	127	3,773	606	---	109
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	10	181	267	52	2,362	7,487

## 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.

## 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.

**Frozen** - Poultry products which have been at 0 degrees F. or below.

**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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