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POULTRY USED IN CANNING AND OTHER PROCESSED FOODS
 March 1956

Poultry used in canning and other processed foods in March totaled 15,369,000 pounds ready-to-cook weight, compared with 15,406,000 pounds in March last year. The quantity consisted of 13,243,000 pounds of chickens and 2,126,000 pounds of turkeys. No comparisons with last year are available for the various classes used.

The quantity of poultry certified under Federal inspection during March totaled 57,038,000 pounds, compared with 30,803,000 pounds a year earlier. Of this total, 51,751,000 pounds were chickens and other poultry and 5,287,000 pounds were turkeys. During March 1955, the quantity of poultry certified consisted of 26,696,000 pounds of chickens and 4,187,000 pounds of turkeys.

Poultry used in canning and other processed foods - 1955-56 ^{1/}
 (Ready-to-cook weights)

Months	Young chickens 1956	Mature chickens 1956	Turkeys 1956	Other poultry 1956	Total poultry 1955	Total poultry 1956
	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>
January	962	13,642	1,826	0	14,786	16,430
February	1,680	13,046	2,136	1	12,981	16,863
March	987	12,256	2,126	0	15,406	15,369
April					13,598	
May					16,941	
June					15,579	
July					9,483	
August					13,401	
September					15,703	
October					18,700	
November					18,694	
December					16,449	
Total					181,721	
Jan.-Mar. Incl.					43,173	48,662

^{1/} Includes USDA inspected and other.

Poultry eviscerated under the USDA inspection service
(Ready-to-cook weights)

Months	Total chickens		Total turkeys		Other poultry		Total poultry	
	1955 1/	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
January	34,575	55,385	10,484	10,150		268	45,059	65,803
February	29,727	52,942	2,599	3,358		228	32,326	56,528
March	26,696	51,433	4,187	5,287		318	30,883	57,038
April	36,204		5,485				41,689	
May	44,871		12,050				56,921	
June	53,585		12,751				66,336	
July	55,790		13,855		3,480		73,125	
August	68,460		33,430		3,630		105,520	
September	66,802		56,454		2,529		125,785	
October	78,113		87,184		932		166,229	
November	63,731		101,316		1,622		166,669	
December	54,475		69,589		718		124,782	
Jan.-Mar.Incl.	90,998	159,760	17,270	18,795	---	814	108,268	179,369

1/ Includes an undetermined quantity of other poultry, except turkeys until July 1955.

Poultry eviscerated under USDA inspection service, by classes--1956
(Ready-to-cook weights)

Months	Chickens		Turkeys		
	Young	Mature	Young	Old	Fryer-roaster
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
January	44,603	10,782	8,930	124	1,096
February	42,670	10,272	1,741	295	1,322
March	41,908	9,525	2,428	366	2,493
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
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December					