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Poultry used in canning and other processed foods in February, 1959 totaled 20,285,000 pounds ready-to-cook weight--up about 1 percent from the quantity used in February, 1958. The poultry used consisted of 15,155,000 pounds of chickens, 5,119,000 pounds of turkeys and 11,000 pounds of other poultry.

The quantity of poultry certified under Federal inspection during February totaled 257,594,000 pounds, compared with 72,574,000 pounds in February, 1958. The large increase from February 1958 in Federally inspected poultry is primarily due to the fact that since January, 1959, all poultry moving into interstate commerce has been processed under compulsory inspection. The quantity of poultry certified in February, 1959 consisted of 245,568,000 pounds of chickens, 11,262,000 pounds of turkeys, and 764,000 pounds of other poultry.

Poultry Used In Canning and Other Processed Foods - 1958-59
 (Ready-to-cook-weights)

Months	Young Chickens		Mature Chickens		Turkeys		Other Poultry		Total Poultry	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
January	2,643	3,612	16,481	13,362	5,907	6,197	0	5	25,031	23,176
February	2,274	3,919	13,200	11,236	4,639	5,119	0	11	20,113	20,285
March	2,187		12,372		3,724		0		18,283	
April	3,108		11,477		4,660		7		19,252	
May	4,012		15,168		5,027		26		24,233	
June	3,687		12,961		4,745		31		21,424	
July	3,109		12,085		3,767		19		18,980	
August	2,823		13,245		4,512		9		20,589	
September	3,832		11,514		4,721		6		20,073	
October	4,049		16,804		7,458		3		28,314	
November	3,205		13,174		6,197		13		22,589	
December	2,771		13,177		6,190		7		22,145	
Total	37,700		161,658		61,547		121		261,026	
Jan.-Feb. Incl.	4,917	7,531	29,681	24,598	10,546	11,316	0	16	45,144	43,461

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

Months	Total Chickens		Total Turkeys		Other Poultry		Total Poultry	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
January	80,862	266,123	22,998	22,069	602	971	104,462	289,163
February	67,768	245,568	4,209	11,262	597	764	72,574	257,594
March	72,819		6,124		1,181		80,124	
April	85,443		7,307		2,102		94,852	
May	88,301		19,865		2,921		111,087	
June	96,530		32,710		3,343		132,583	
July	114,216		41,238		4,051		159,505	
August	130,975		68,608		3,505		203,088	
September	132,977		114,078		3,408		250,463	
October	153,146		162,679		3,029		318,854	
November	119,114		150,913		3,082		273,109	
December	127,627		116,502		1,647		245,776	
Total	1,269,778		747,231		29,468		2,046,477	
Jan.-Feb. Incl.	148,630	511,691	27,207	33,331	1,199	1,735	177,036	546,757

Poultry eviscerated under USDA inspection service, by classes, - 1958-59
(Ready-cook-weights)

Months	Chickens				Turkeys				Fryer	Roaster
	Young		Mature		Young		Old			
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959		
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	
January	66,370	241,513	14,492	24,610	19,544	16,890	1,394	1,226	2,060	3,953
February	57,659	227,807	10,109	17,761	1,890	6,196	685	733	1,634	4,333
March	64,050		8,769		1,530		848		3,746	
April	73,185		12,258		1,753		1,523		4,031	
May	73,358		14,943		6,289		8,922		4,654	
June	79,408		17,122		14,189		12,391		6,130	
July	93,316		20,900		33,040		2,717		5,481	
August	97,518		33,457		60,986		1,127		6,495	
September	101,030		31,947		105,290		274		8,514	
October	107,806		45,340		152,136		181		10,362	
November	90,037		29,077		142,231		270		8,412	
December	103,863		23,764		108,546		411		7,545	
Total	1,007,600		262,178		647,424		30,743		69,064	
Jan.-Feb. Incl.	124,029	469,320	24,601	42,371	21,434	23,086	2,079	1,959	3,694	8,286