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The preliminary total of Live Weight Poultry Inspections was 1.77 billion pounds (803 thousand metric tons) for March 1985, according to the Crop Reporting Board.

Inspections included 1.47 billion pounds (666 thousand metric tons) of young chickens, 72.4 million pounds (32.8 thousand metric tons) of mature chickens, 220 million pounds (100 thousand metric tons) of turkeys and 9.44 million pounds (4280 metric tons) of ducks.

Poultry Certified Wholesome during March 1985 was 1.30 billion pounds (588 thousand metric tons) ready-to-cook weight. Updated totals for February 1985 show that 1.19 billion pounds (539 thousand metric tons) were certified.

Ante-Mortem Condemnations during March 1985 totaled 5.45 million pounds (2470 metric tons). Condemnations were 0.30 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.33 percent during March a year ago. Post-Mortem Condemnations were 28.2 million pounds (12.8 thousand metric tons), (N.Y. Dressed Weight), 1.77 percent of the quantities inspected compared with 1.62 percent a year earlier.

Further Processed poultry totaled 366 million pounds (166 thousand metric tons) ready-to-cook weight. Cut-Up poultry totaled 553 million pounds (251 thousand metric tons).

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POULTRY: SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, MARCH 1985 WITH COMPARISONS

NUMBER INSPECTED	CHICKENS			TURKEY			DUCKS	OTHER POULTRY	TOTAL POULTRY
	YOUNG	MATURE	1/ TOTAL	FRYER-ROASTERS	YOUNG	2/ OLD			
FEBRUARY 1985	325,380	16,429	341,809	198	8,888	74	9,160	1,501	---
MARCH 1984	351,345	14,197	365,542	80	9,845	77	10,002	1,435	---
MARCH 1985	350,607	16,178	366,785	255	10,874	101	11,230	1,439	---
JAN-MAR 1984	1,015,089	40,138	1,055,227	270	26,547	221	27,038	4,259	---
JAN-MAR 1985	1,051,120	54,708	1,105,828	622	28,742	285	29,649	4,642	---
POUNDS INSPECTED									
FEBRUARY 1985	1,355,191	70,842	1,426,033	1,977	183,190	1,607	186,774	9,861	190
MARCH 1984	1,464,067	63,507	1,527,574	796	194,372	1,619	196,767	9,369	198
MARCH 1985	1,468,503	72,410	1,540,913	2,513	215,696	2,157	220,366	9,441	178
JAN-MAR 1984	4,225,216	181,711	4,406,927	2,658	540,747	4,825	549,230	27,427	828
JAN-MAR 1985	4,420,326	236,891	4,657,217	5,958	594,428	6,256	606,642	30,400	628

1/ OF THE MATURE CHICKENS INSPECTED, THE NUMBER REPORTED IN THOUSANDS AS HEAVY FOWL (BROILER BREEDING STOCK) WAS:

AVERAGE LIVELINEWEIGHT	POUNDS		
	FEBRUARY	MARCH	1985
FEBRUARY 1985	4.19	4.31	4.20
MARCH 1984	4.16	4.47	4.17
MARCH 1985	4.18	4.47	4.20
JAN-MAR 1984	4.16	4.52	4.17
JAN-MAR 1985	4.20	4.33	4.21

2/ OF THE YOUNG TURKEYS INSPECTED, THE NUMBER REPORTED IN THOUSANDS AS YOUNG BANDED BREEDERS WAS:

MARCH	1984		1985	
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POULTRY: POUNDS CERTIFIED (READY-TO-COOK WEIGHTS), MARCH 1985 WITH COMPARISONS

NUMBER INSPECTED	CHICKENS			TURKEY			DUCKS	OTHER POULTRY	TOTAL POULTRY
	YOUNG	MATURE	1/ TOTAL	FRYER-ROASTERS	YOUNG	2/ OLD			
FEBRUARY 1985	925,163	33,511	964,674	902	57,432	1,163	59,497	2,086	000
MARCH 1984	65,181	4,581	69,762	617	87,578	096	88,291	4,784	101
MARCH 1985	991,344	43,092	1,034,436	1,519	145,010	1,259	147,786	6,870	101
JAN-MAR 1984	993,877	33,936	1,027,813	090	55,688	807	56,565	1,411	023
JAN-MAR 1985	75,119	5,006	80,125	488	97,656	415	98,559	5,032	081
FEBRUARY 1985	1,068,996	38,942	1,107,938	578	153,344	1,222	155,144	6,443	104
MARCH 1984	998,415	39,987	1,038,402	1,580	74,449	1,087	77,116	1,815	000
MARCH 1985	69,917	5,216	75,133	377	97,938	585	98,900	4,678	094
JAN-MAR 1984	1,068,332	45,203	1,113,535	1,957	172,387	1,672	176,016	6,493	094
JAN-MAR 1985	2,367,030	96,359	2,463,389	352	155,874	2,475	158,701	4,710	061
FEBRUARY 1985	215,390	16,357	231,747	1,632	270,770	1,190	273,592	16,524	387
MARCH 1984	3,052,420	112,716	3,165,136	1,984	426,644	3,605	432,293	19,034	443
MARCH 1985	3,003,069	130,229	3,133,298	2,310	193,253	3,390	199,453	6,036	003
JAN-MAR 1984	211,517	15,352	226,869	1,781	276,839	1,461	282,081	14,997	329
JAN-MAR 1985	3,214,586	145,381	3,360,167	4,591	472,092	4,851	481,534	21,033	332

POULTRY: CONDEMNATIONS OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, MARCH 1985 WITH COMPARISONS

	TURKEY										
	CHICKENS					DUCKS					TOTAL
	YOUNG	MATURE	TOTAL	FRYER-ROASTERS	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL	DUCKS	OTHER POULTRY	TOTAL	
ANTE-MORTEM											
1,000 POUNDS (LIVEWEIGHT)											
FEBRUARY 1985	5,637	1,191	6,828	4	528	5	637	9		7,474	
MARCH 1984	4,462	823	5,285	2	439	15	506	10		5,801	
MARCH 1985	4,132	788	4,920	4	505	9	518	12		5,450	
JAN-MAR 1984	14,115	2,360	16,475	6	1,665	26	1,697	31	3	19,006	
JAN-MAR 1985	16,054	3,500	19,554	29	1,707	35	1,771	40	1	21,366	
PERCENT 1/											
MARCH 1984	.30	1.29	.34	.26	.25	.97	.25	.11	.30	.33	
MARCH 1985	.28	1.06	.31	.17	.23	.46	.23	.12	.26	.30	
POST-MORTEM											
1,000 POUNDS (N.Y. DRESSED)											
FEBRUARY 1985	22,791	2,732	25,523	35	3,531	65	3,631	134	1	29,289	
MARCH 1984	19,410	2,243	21,653	36	3,310	94	3,440	134	1	25,228	
MARCH 1985	21,676	2,488	24,164	33	3,824	89	3,943	130	1	28,238	
JAN-MAR 1984	57,560	6,250	63,810	65	9,090	219	9,374	365	9	73,578	
JAN-MAR 1985	69,586	8,729	78,317	90	10,649	250	10,989	429	7	89,742	
PERCENT 2/											
MARCH 1984	1.47	3.97	1.58	5.12	1.89	6.58	1.94	1.59	1.30	1.62	
MARCH 1985	1.64	3.86	1.74	1.50	1.97	4.48	1.99	1.55	1.22	1.77	

1/ POUNDS CONDEMNED AS PERCENT OF POUNDS (LIVEWEIGHT) INSPECTED. PERCENTAGE BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.  
 2/ POUNDS CONDEMNED AS PERCENT OF EQUIVALENT N.Y. DRESSED WEIGHT OF QUANTITY INSPECTED. PERCENTAGES BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.

POULTRY: FURTHER PROCESSED AND CUT-UP (READY-TO-COOK) UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, MARCH 1985 WITH COMPARISONS

	TURKEYS										
	CHICKENS					DUCKS					TOTAL
	YOUNG	MATURE	TOTAL	WHOLE	CUT-UP	FURTHER PROCESSED	WHOLE	CUT-UP	FURTHER PROCESSED	TOTAL	
READY-TO-COOK WEIGHT											
POUNDS USED											
FEBRUARY 1985	172,012	512,431	43,073	534	29,556	78,836	53,385	28,264	614	351,741	
MARCH 1984	185,864	560,909	47,998	372	34,654	99,217	80,284	31,191	1,332	398,924	
MARCH 1985	172,804	491,589	47,401	1,477	30,609	86,854	59,178	28,399	565	366,067	
JAN-MAR 1984	530,538	1,596,882	137,511	1,427	87,804	276,573	217,438	93,977	2,918	1,426,403	
JAN-MAR 1985	531,844	1,577,851	139,571	4,741	97,864	259,636	170,285	91,041	1,927	1,119,156	
POUNDS CONDEMNED											
FEBRUARY 1985	2,057	3,191	66	---	9	187	452	692	1	3,010	
MARCH 1984	1,616	3,519	117	---	14	100	104	124	---	1,971	
MARCH 1985	2,195	3,121	89	---	6	192	357	269	11	2,751	
JAN-MAR 1984	4,567	9,064	295	---	25	374	367	1,257	1	6,538	
JAN-MAR 1985	6,373	11,166	275	3	26	541	1,270	1,035	16	8,250	

1/ POULTRY PARTS AND FATS USED IN FURTHER PROCESSING THAT CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED BY CLASS ARE INCLUDED IN 'OTHER POULTRY'.  
 2/ WHOLE CARCASS TURKEYS WHICH HAVE BEEN INJECTED, BASTED, MARINATED, SMOKED, BARBECUED, ETC., AND PACKED AS SUCH.

DEFINITIONS USED TO REPORT FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER

Young chickens - Commercially grown broilers-fryers and other young immature birds such as roasters and capons.

Mature chickens - Fowl from breeder and market egg flocks and stags and cocks.

Fryer-roaster turkeys - Young immature birds, usually under 16 weeks of age.

Young turkeys (mature) - Young birds grown to a matured market age, usually 5 to 7 months.

Old turkeys (breeders) - Fully matured birds held for egg production, usually over 15 months of age.

Ducks - Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

Other poultry - Includes all other ready-to-cook products which bear the U.S.D.A. Inspected for Wholesomeness legend.

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\* The data presented in this report were compiled from reports collected \*  
\* by the Meat and Poultry Inspection Program, Food Safety Inspection \*  
\* Service. Data for March 1985 include reports available for summary in \*  
\* late April 1985. The degree of incompleteness due to late reports will \*  
\* vary from month to month, especially for further processed and cut-up \*  
\* data items. Accumulated year-to-date totals and previous month's data \*  
\* will include late reports received since previous summary. \*  
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