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FEBRUARY 1989 LIVEWEIGHT 5 PERCENT BELOW LAST YEAR

The preliminary total of LIVE WEIGHT POULTRY INSPECTED during February 1989 was 2.11 billion pounds, 5 percent below the 2.21 billion pounds inspected a year ago. Inspections included 1.72 billion pounds of young chickens, 69.0 million pounds of mature chickens, 312 million pounds of turkeys and 10.3 million pounds of ducks.

POULTRY CERTIFIED WHOLESOME during February (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 1.54 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the 1.62 billion pounds certified a year ago. Updated totals for January 1989 show that 1.69 billion pounds were certified.

ANTE-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS during February 1989 totaled 9.73 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.46 percent of the live weight inspected compared to 0.43 percent a year ago. POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS, at 41.1 million pounds (N.Y.Dressed Weight), were 2.17 percent of quantities inspected compared with 2.21 percent a year earlier.

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* Inspection Program, Food Safety Inspection Service. Data for February * * *

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POULTRY: SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, FEBRUARY 1989 WITH COMPARISONS

NUMBER INSPECTED	CHICKENS			TURKEY			OTHER : POULTRY	TOTAL : POULTRY	
	: MATURE 1/ :			: FRYER- : ROASTERS :					: DUCKS :
	YOUNG	TOTAL	OLD	YOUNG 2/	OLD	TOTAL			
	THOUSANDS								
JANUARY 1989	439,356	16,135	455,491	114	14,315	147	14,576	1,899	
FEBRUARY 1988	410,645	18,485	429,130	258	15,726	118	16,102	1,957	
FEBRUARY 1989	397,960	14,996	412,956	156	14,596	126	14,878	1,551	
JAN-FEB 1988	820,917	35,883	856,800	499	30,154	279	30,932	3,831	
JAN-FEB 1989	837,316	31,132	868,448	270	28,911	273	29,454	3,450	
POUNDS INSPECTED									
JANUARY 1989	1,914,982	73,860	1,988,842	1,215	316,072	3,586	320,873	12,539	
FEBRUARY 1988	1,778,965	83,964	1,862,929	2,366	331,070	2,832	336,268	13,535	
FEBRUARY 1989	1,718,975	69,017	1,787,992	1,659	307,050	2,975	311,684	10,334	
JAN-FEB 1988	3,584,665	161,693	3,746,358	4,781	647,900	6,498	659,179	26,441	
JAN-FEB 1989	3,633,958	142,878	3,776,836	2,874	623,123	6,562	632,559	22,874	
AVERAGE LIVELWEIGHT									
JANUARY 1989	4.35	4.57	4.36	10.59	22.07	24.26	22.01	6.60	
FEBRUARY 1988	4.33	4.54	4.34	9.15	21.05	23.99	20.88	6.91	
FEBRUARY 1989	4.31	4.60	4.32	10.61	21.03	23.58	20.94	6.66	
JAN-FEB 1988	4.36	4.50	4.37	9.57	21.48	23.21	21.30	6.90	
JAN-FEB 1989	4.34	4.58	4.34	10.60	21.55	23.95	21.47	6.62	

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

FEBRUARY 1988: 4,355
 FEBRUARY 1989: 3,588

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

FEBRUARY 1988: 095
 FEBRUARY 1989: 040.

POULTRY: POUNDS CERTIFIED (READY-TO-COOK WEIGHTS), FEBRUARY 1989 WITH COMPARISONS

NUMBER INSPECTED	CHICKENS			TURKEY			OTHER : POULTRY	TOTAL : POULTRY	
	: MATURE :			: FRYER- : ROASTERS :					: DUCKS :
	YOUNG	TOTAL	OLD	YOUNG 2/	OLD	TOTAL			
	THOUSANDS								
JANUARY 1989	1,290,919	42,238	1,333,157	169	129,163	1,569	130,901	2,651	
FEBRUARY 1988	94,071	3,751	97,822	737	121,274	1,200	123,211	6,452	
FEBRUARY 1989	1,384,990	45,989	1,430,979	906	250,437	2,769	254,112	9,103	
JANUARY 1989	1,201,053	45,466	1,246,519	1,257	121,781	1,861	124,899	2,896	
FEBRUARY 1988	88,649	6,488	95,137	553	141,152	273	141,978	6,780	
FEBRUARY 1989	1,289,702	51,954	1,341,656	1,810	262,933	2,134	266,877	9,676	
JANUARY 1989	1,163,067	38,477	1,201,544	758	132,172	1,596	134,526	2,244	
FEBRUARY 1988	82,989	4,031	87,020	516	112,342	631	113,489	5,169	
FEBRUARY 1989	1,246,056	42,508	1,288,564	1,274	244,514	2,227	248,015	7,413	
JAN-FEB 1988	2,420,683	87,356	2,508,039	2,378	237,295	3,779	243,452	5,480	
JAN-FEB 1989	175,126	12,264	187,390	1,282	276,752	1,129	279,163	13,359	
	2,595,809	99,620	2,695,429	3,660	514,047	4,908	522,615	18,839	
JANUARY 1989	2,453,986	80,715	2,534,701	927	261,336	3,166	265,429	4,896	
FEBRUARY 1988	177,061	7,782	184,843	1,254	233,617	1,832	236,703	11,622	
FEBRUARY 1989	2,631,047	88,497	2,719,544	2,181	494,953	4,998	502,132	16,518	

POULTRY: CONDEMNATIONS OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, FEBRUARY 1989 WITH COMPARISONS

	CHICKENS		TURKEY		DUCKS	TOTAL	OTHER POULTRY	TOTAL POULTRY
	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	OLD				
	ROASTERS	FRYER-	YOUNG	OLD				
ANTE-MORTEM								
1,000 POUNDS (LIVEWEIGHT)								
JANUARY 1989	6,911	7,775	2	1,053	26	1,081	16	8,872
FEBRUARY 1988	7,306	8,415	26	1,206	32	1,264	44	9,723
FEBRUARY 1989	7,303	8,497	5	1,167	49	1,221	10	9,728
JAN-FEB 1988	15,804	18,306	47	2,566	57	2,670	76	21,053
JAN-FEB 1989	14,215	16,273	8	2,221	75	2,304	27	18,605
PERCENT 1/ FEBRUARY 1988	.41	.45	1.11	.36	1.16	.37	.32	.43
FEBRUARY 1989	.42	.47	.30	.38	1.65	.39	.10	.26
POST-MORTEM								
1,000 POUNDS (N.Y. DRESSED)								
JANUARY 1989	35,447	38,775	23	6,408	206	6,637	143	45,558
FEBRUARY 1988	33,655	37,171	38	6,465	160	6,663	153	43,989
FEBRUARY 1989	31,406	34,601	30	6,110	199	6,339	119	41,060
JAN-FEB 1988	71,743	78,534	81	12,700	387	13,168	302	92,009
JAN-FEB 1989	66,854	73,378	54	12,520	406	12,980	263	86,626
PERCENT 2/ FEBRUARY 1988	2.11	2.22	1.85	2.17	6.41	2.21	1.26	2.21
FEBRUARY 1989	2.03	2.16	2.07	2.21	7.60	2.26	1.29	2.17

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.

YOUNG CHICKENS: SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), FEBRUARY 1988 AND 1989

STATE	NUMBER		POUNDS		AVERAGE		TOTAL POUNDS		POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS		
	INSPECTED	INSPECTED (LIVEWEIGHT)	INSPECTED	INSPECTED (LIVEWEIGHT)	LIVEWEIGHT	INSPECTED/ (LIVEWEIGHT)	CERTIFIED	(READY-TO-COOK WT.)	POUNDS (NYD)	PERCENT 2/	
	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	
UNITED STATES	397,960	1,778,965	1,718,975	4.33	4.31	1,289,702	1,246,056	33,655	31,406	2.11	2.03
ALABAMA	55,534	224,512	220,462	4.04	4.19	163,756	160,971	4,250	3,221	2.11	1.63
ARKANSAS	69,418	290,804	283,234	4.18	4.19	206,539	200,088	5,396	5,396	2.05	2.12
CALIFORNIA	15,325	69,041	52,356	4.50	4.72	50,474	37,872	2,448	2,854	3.95	6.09
DELAWARE	16,639	84,447	82,500	5.07	5.00	62,185	60,009	1,629	1,649	2.15	2.22
FLORIDA	9,126	37,806	36,069	4.14	4.16	27,914	26,887	539	529	1.59	1.63
GEORGIA	55,563	244,970	252,708	4.40	4.36	178,611	185,133	4,012	4,003	1.82	1.76
LOUISIANA	7,664	7,837	30,109	3.92	4.06	22,351	24,006	337	377	1.24	1.32
MARYLAND	13,635	58,198	52,966	4.26	4.27	41,228	37,644	1,152	1,028	2.20	2.16
MISSISSIPPI	26,917	29,111	110,420	4.14	4.14	83,142	90,023	1,491	2,156	1.50	1.99
MISSOURI	10,280	44,900	51,403	4.36	4.51	32,378	35,760	903	1,204	2.27	2.61
NORTH CAROLINA	42,552	39,477	201,502	4.60	4.60	144,860	132,179	4,592	3,055	2.54	1.87
PENNSYLVANIA	8,219	7,491	35,201	3.15	4.21	24,997	22,078	771	765	2.44	2.70
SOUTH CAROLINA	8,547	7,461	34,533	4.04	4.00	23,979	20,987	999	539	3.23	2.01
TENNESSEE	7,529	8,532	32,550	4.22	4.22	24,152	26,358	361	392	1.23	1.21
TEXAS	23,350	21,698	100,502	4.30	4.20	73,928	68,281	1,490	1,685	1.66	2.06
VIRGINIA	20,092	19,478	93,845	4.67	4.35	67,294	60,862	1,894	1,079	2.25	1.41
WASHINGTON	2,108	2,420	11,093	4.62	4.58	7,264	8,169	191	229	2.19	2.33

1/ AVERAGE WEIGHT BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.
 2/ POUNDS CONDEMNED AS PERCENT OF EQUIVALENT N.Y. DRESSED WEIGHT OF QUANTITY INSPECTED. PERCENTAGES BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.
 3/ DATA NOT PUBLISHED TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

YOUNG CHICKENS: NUMBER CONDEMNED POST-MORTEM BY CAUSE, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), FEBRUARY 1989

STATE	TUBER- : LEU- : SEPTI- : AIRSAC- : SYNO- : :		CULOSIS: KOSIS : CEMIA : CULTIS : VITIS : TUMORS : BRUISES: CADAVER: INATION: SCALD : OTHER : TOTAL								
	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS
UNITED STATES	246,917	1,719,710	1,842,622	40,005	206,395	66,737	189,629	209,281	24,845	603,403	5,149,544
ALABAMA	19,673	158,275	138,716	6,299	35,185	7,439	27,333	22,330	2,663	69,600	487,513
ARKANSAS	65,125	269,365	412,015	10,132	34,047	11,429	27,908	34,892	2,939	127,812	995,664
CALIFORNIA	9,396	165,666	122,662	2,415	9,183	669	5,893	2,580	1,973	5,520	325,957
DELAWARE	8,680	110,397	77,072	236	6,964	5,147	8,795	6,817	501	26,658	251,267
FLORIDA	1,071	28,328	33,055	1,213	3,971	1,227	3,141	3,308	788	14,501	90,603
GEORGIA	67,019	198,604	199,518	1,585	30,731	9,474	28,635	24,194	3,491	44,108	607,359
LOUISIANA	953	24,950	15,571	560	2,167	2,263	2,827	3,274	139	17,154	69,858
MARYLAND	16,050	67,236	73,417	172	2,699	2,327	6,084	5,933	487	8,141	182,546
MISSISSIPPI	3,668	73,007	244,882	1,420	12,512	4,253	9,765	12,986	3,145	59,086	424,724
MISSOURI	16,118	60,622	88,932	5,462	5,319	1,665	6,479	6,750	235	18,729	210,311
NORTH CAROLINA	20,435	183,482	134,306	74	28,456	4,527	15,705	19,569	2,103	55,410	464,067
PENNSYLVANIA	1,702	44,603	51,740	138	3,202	2,804	3,004	18,361	61	17,632	143,247
SOUTH CAROLINA	917	34,415	35,641	326	6,084	1,835	10,264	7,311	1,144	18,791	116,728
TENNESSEE	3,465	32,070	23,829	337	3,494	1,210	5,931	5,578	---	8,127	84,041
TEXAS	2,809	83,570	73,493	2,927	9,379	2,335	13,056	9,887	2,285	55,722	255,463
VIRGINIA	5,875	87,488	56,393	117	5,264	2,436	6,332	7,746	1,434	9,538	182,623
WASHINGTON	64	18,366	2,547	426	914	258	577	185	27	11,075	34,439

MATURE CHICKENS: SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), FEBRUARY 1988 AND 1989

STATE	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989
	NUMBER	INSPECTED	POUNDS	INSPECTED (LIVEWEIGHT)	AVERAGE LIVEWEIGHT/INSPECTED	TOTAL POUNDS CERTIFIED (READY-TO-COOK WT.)	POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS	PERCENT 2/	THOUSANDS	POUNDS	THOUSANDS	PERCENT
UNITED STATES	18,485	14,996	83,964	69,017	4.54	4.60	51,954	42,508	3,516	3,195	4.71	5.23
CALIFORNIA	1,752	1,243	6,771	4,848	3.86	3.89	3,980	2,777	274	284	4.56	6.59
GEORGIA	3,853	3,824	19,835	20,779	5.14	5.43	12,351	12,952	646	873	3.67	4.74

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

MATURE CHICKENS: NUMBER CONDEMNED POST-MORTEM BY CAUSE, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), FEBRUARY 1989

STATE	TUBER-	CULOSIS:	LEU-	KOSIS	SEPTI-	CEMIA	AIRSAC-	SYNO-	VITIS	CULTIS	TUMORS	BRUISES:	CADAVER:	INATON:	SCALD:	OTHER:	TOTAL
	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS	WHOLE NUMBERS
UNITED STATES	5	6,791	239,523	13,492	1,365	113,799	21,671	37,580	115,940	5,002	66,605	621,773					
CALIFORNIA	---	289	53,799	261	---	12,020	869	1,221	2,182	---	3,673	74,314					
GEORGIA	---	303	60,888	433	43	20,876	6,501	15,640	27,920	2,582	---	135,186					

YOUNG TURKEYS (MATURE): SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), FEBRUARY 1988 AND 1989

STATE	NUMBER		POUNDS		AVERAGE		TOTAL POUNDS		POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS			
	INSPECTED	INSPECTED	(LIVENEIGHT)	(LIVENEIGHT)	INSPECTED/1	LIVEWEIGHT/	CERTIFIED	(READY-TO-COOK WT.)	POUNDS (NYD)	PERCENT 2/		
1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	
UNITED STATES	15,726	14,596	331,070	307,050	21.05	21.03	262,933	244,514	6,465	6,110	2.17	2.21
CALIFORNIA	1,689	1,610	37,370	35,498	22.11	22.04	30,234	28,868	706	617	2.10	1.93
IOWA	766	855	19,309	20,602	25.18	24.08	14,899	15,965	530	687	3.07	3.73
MINNESOTA	1,839	1,732	35,822	33,597	19.47	19.39	28,229	26,400	1,095	987	3.42	3.28
MISSOURI	1,234	1,147	24,654	22,563	19.96	19.65	19,952	18,100	444	359	2.01	1.77
NORTH CAROLINA	3,497	2,969	65,536	55,809	18.73	18.79	53,017	45,331	814	622	1.38	1.24
PENNSYLVANIA	439	344	8,558	6,939	19.48	20.16	6,759	5,486	190	133	2.48	2.14
VIRGINIA	1,953	1,721	36,833	33,255	18.85	19.32	28,760	26,155	433	502	1.31	1.68

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

YOUNG TURKEYS (MATURE): NUMBER CONDEMNED POST-MORTEM BY CAUSE, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), FEBRUARY 1989

STATE	LEU-		SEPTI-		AIRSAC-		SYNO-		TUMORS		BRUISES		CADAVER		INATON		SCALD		OTHER		TOTAL
	TUBER-	CULOSIS	LEU-	KOSTIS	SEPTI-	CEMIA	AIRSAC-	CULITIS	SYNO-	VITIS	TUMORS	BRUISES	CADAVER	INATON	SCALD	OTHER	SCALD	OTHER			
UNITED STATES	---	136	115,066	31,367	12,695	208	1,390	4,678	9,596	1,073	6,124	182,333	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CALIFORNIA	---	---	17,615	836	365	20	47	292	409	3	493	20,080	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
IOWA	---	---	7,047	6,900	2,895	69	31	86	190	---	428	17,646	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MINNESOTA	---	---	19,103	9,989	5,042	15	329	1,163	3,042	660	2,298	41,641	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
MISSOURI	---	---	9,656	1,969	422	---	92	296	774	44	28	13,281	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
NORTH CAROLINA	---	---	8,677	450	---	---	148	1,202	1,994	104	47	12,622	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
PENNSYLVANIA	---	---	3,528	443	---	---	14	---	95	---	120	4,200	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
VIRGINIA	---	---	10,870	424	22	7	30	779	110	87	475	12,804	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

FRYER-ROASTER TURKEYS: SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), FEBRUARY 1988 AND 1989

STATE	NUMBER INSPECTED		POUNDS INSPECTED (LIVEWEIGHT)		AVERAGE LIVEWEIGHT INSPECTED/ (LIVEWEIGHT)		TOTAL POUNDS CERTIFIED		POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS		
	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	
UNITED STATES	258	156	2,366	1,659	9.15	10.61	1,810	38	30	1.85	2.07

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

FRYER-ROASTER TURKEYS: NUMBER CONDEMNED POST-MORTEM BY CAUSE, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), FEBRUARY 1989

STATE	TUBER- CULOSIS	LEU- KOSIS	SEPTI- CEMIA	AIRSAC- CULITIS	SYNO- VITIS	TUMORS	BRUISES	CADAVER	INATION	SCALD	OTHER	TOTAL
UNITED STATES	---	---	1,219	---	---	43	173	433	---	---	---	1,868

OLD TURKEYS (BREEDERS): SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), FEBRUARY 1988 AND 1989

STATE	NUMBER INSPECTED		POUNDS INSPECTED (LIVEWEIGHT)		AVERAGE LIVEWEIGHT INSPECTED/ (LIVEWEIGHT)		TOTAL POUNDS CERTIFIED		POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS			
	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989	1988	1989		
UNITED STATES	118	126	2,832	2,975	23.99	23.58	2,134	2,227	160	199	6.41	7.60

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

OLD TURKEYS (BREEDERS): NUMBER CONDEMNED POST-MORTEM BY CAUSE, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), FEBRUARY 1989

STATE	TUBER- CULOSIS	LEU- KOSIS	SEPTI- CEMIA	AIRSAC- CULITIS	SYNO- VITIS	TUMORS	BRUISES	CADAVER	INATION	SCALD	OTHER	TOTAL
UNITED STATES	---	---	4,145	1,241	32	74	44	52	287	---	51	5,926

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, about 5 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.