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AUGUST 1990 LIVE WEIGHT 4 PERCENT ABOVE LAST YEAR

Kill days for both August 1989 and 1990 include 23 weekdays, and four Saturdays.

The preliminary total of **LIVE WEIGHT POULTRY INSPECTED** during August 1990 was 2.96 billion pounds, 4 percent above the 2.83 billion pounds inspected a year ago. Inspections included 2.31 billion pounds of young chickens, 73.7 million pounds of mature chickens, 561 million pounds of turkeys and 11.6 million pounds of ducks.

POULTRY CERTIFIED WHOLESOME during August (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.18 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the 2.09 billion pounds certified a year ago. Updated totals for July 1990 show that 1.96 billion pounds were certified.

ANTE-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS during August 1990 totaled 12.5 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.42 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.41 percent a year ago. **POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS**, at 48.0 million pounds (N.Y.Dressed Weight), were 1.81 percent of quantities inspected compared with 1.98 percent a year earlier.

* **NOTICE** *
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* The data presented in this report were compiled by the Meat and Poultry *
* Inspection Program, Food Safety Inspection Service. Data for August *
* 1990 include reports available for summary in late September 1990. The *
* degree of incompleteness due to late reports will vary from month to *
* month. *
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POULTRY: SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, AUGUST 1990 WITH COMPARISONS

NUMBER INSPECTED	CHICKENS										TURKEY				TOTAL POULTRY
	MATURE 1/		TOTAL		FRYER- ROASTERS		YOUNG 2/		OLD		DUCKS		OTHER POULTRY		
	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL			
	THOUSANDS														
JULY 1990	491,265	15,038	506,303	341	23,629	180	24,150	1,560							
AUGUST 1989	517,485	14,904	532,389	319	26,230	243	26,792	2,009							
AUGUST 1990	539,695	15,707	555,402	337	26,559	267	27,163	1,814							
JAN-AUG 1989	3,663,107	123,818	3,786,925	1,601	155,663	1,331	158,595	14,692							
JAN-AUG 1990	3,913,263	127,887	4,041,150	2,015	170,641	1,495	174,151	13,991							
POUNDS INSPECTED															
JULY 1990	2,089,218	71,449	2,160,667	3,261	493,855	4,335	501,451	10,070					431	2,672,619	
AUGUST 1989	2,206,522	71,375	2,277,897	3,385	534,394	5,731	543,510	12,746					353	2,834,506	
AUGUST 1990	2,314,255	73,720	2,387,975	3,177	551,087	6,322	560,586	11,643					450	2,960,654	
JAN-AUG 1989	15,817,566	582,551	16,400,117	16,360	3,239,320	31,682	3,287,362	96,412					3,010	19,786,901	
JAN-AUG 1990	17,019,934	601,633	17,621,567	19,512	3,637,927	36,481	3,693,920	91,826					3,028	21,410,341	
AVERAGE LIVELINEWEIGHT															
JULY 1990	4.25	4.75	4.26	9.55	20.89	24.01	20.76	6.45							
AUGUST 1989	4.26	4.78	4.27	10.61	20.37	23.52	20.28	6.34							
AUGUST 1990	4.28	4.69	4.29	9.42	20.74	23.67	20.63	6.41							
JAN-AUG 1989	4.31	4.70	4.33	10.21	20.80	23.79	20.72	6.56							
JAN-AUG 1990	4.34	4.70	4.36	9.68	21.31	24.38	21.21	6.56							

1/ OF THE MATURE CHICKENS INSPECTED, THE NUMBER REPORTED IN THOUSANDS AS HEAVY FOWL (BROILER BREEDING STOCK) WAS: AUGUST 1989: 4,033 AUGUST 1990: 4,220.

2/ OF THE YOUNG TURKEYS INSPECTED, THE NUMBER REPORTED IN THOUSANDS AS YOUNG BANDED BREEDERS WAS: AUGUST 1989: 157 AUGUST 1990: 150.

POULTRY: POUNDS CERTIFIED (READY-TO-COOK WEIGHTS), AUGUST 1990 WITH COMPARISONS

NUMBER INSPECTED	CHICKENS										TURKEY				TOTAL POULTRY
	MATURE 1/		TOTAL		FRYER- ROASTERS		YOUNG 2/		OLD		DUCKS		OTHER POULTRY		
	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL			
	THOUSANDS														
JULY 1990	1,401,662	40,259	1,441,921	1,764	171,081	2,240	175,085	2,065					058	1,619,129	
AUGUST 1989	1,516,620	43,683	1,560,303	2,597	389,839	3,306	395,742	7,160					234	1,963,439	
AUGUST 1990	1,493,415	40,013	1,533,428	1,425	182,601	3,340	187,366	2,640					052	1,723,486	
JAN-AUG 1989	11,398,885	327,581	11,726,466	6,948	1,225,936	16,982	1,249,866	20,515					300	12,294,114	
JAN-AUG 1990	12,350,758	367,156	12,717,914	15,220	2,880,667	27,989	2,923,876	64,926					1,601	14,525,972	

POULTRY: CONDEMNATIONS OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, AUGUST 1990 WITH COMPARISONS

	CHICKENS				TURKEY				DOCKS	OTHER POULTRY	TOTAL POULTRY
	YOUNG		MATURE		YOUNG		OLD				
	PERCENT	QUANTITY	PERCENT	QUANTITY	PERCENT	QUANTITY	PERCENT	QUANTITY			
ANTE-MORTEM											
1,000 POUNDS (LIVWEIGHT)											
JULY 1990	8,123	988	9,111	4	2,060	49	2,113	16		11,240	
AUGUST 1989	8,324	1,002	9,326	6	2,217	65	2,288	19		11,633	
AUGUST 1990	8,938	1,038	9,976	5	2,401	75	2,481	27	1	12,485	
JAN-AUG 1989	56,918	7,736	64,654	47	11,876	383	12,306	127	5	77,092	
JAN-AUG 1990	56,516	7,861	64,377	48	12,072	385	12,505	135	10	77,027	
PERCENT 1/ AUGUST 1989	.37	1.40	.40	.18	.41	1.14	.42	.15	.27	.41	
AUGUST 1990	.38	1.40	.41	.16	.43	1.18	.44	.23	.55	.42	
POST-MORTEM											
1,000 POUNDS (N.Y. DRESSED)											
JULY 1990	32,183	3,232	35,415	35	8,580	199	8,814	113	3	44,345	
AUGUST 1989	36,101	2,979	39,080	53	10,888	279	11,220	151	1	50,452	
AUGUST 1990	34,246	3,243	37,489	34	10,111	284	10,429	127	2	48,047	
JAN-AUG 1989	260,301	25,569	285,870	276	60,936	1,801	63,013	1,128	27	350,038	
JAN-AUG 1990	266,861	27,194	294,055	234	66,265	1,880	68,379	1,067	32	363,533	
PERCENT 2/ AUGUST 1989	1.82	4.70	1.91	1.77	2.27	5.48	2.30	1.32	.91	1.98	
AUGUST 1990	1.65	4.95	1.75	1.23	2.04	5.06	2.07	1.22	1.04	1.81	

1/ POUNDS CONDEMNED AS PERCENT OF POUNDS (LIVWEIGHT) 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), AUGUST 1989 AND 1990

STATE	NUMBER INSPECTED	POUNDS INSPECTED (LIVWEIGHT)	AVERAGE LIVWEIGHT INSPECTED/1 (LIVWEIGHT)	TOTAL POUNDS CERTIFIED	POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS			
					POUNDS (NYD)	PERCENT 2/		
1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	
UNITED STATES	539,695	2,206,522	4.26	1,604,176	36,101	34,246	1.82	1.65
ALABAMA	71,986	293,070	4.07	216,366	3,812	4,986	1.45	1.75
ARKANSAS	87,124	356,070	4.08	251,859	6,287	4,910	1.96	1.49
CALIFORNIA	21,348	20,549	4.63	72,238	2,766	2,221	3.11	2.57
DELAWARE	19,820	20,504	4.80	68,767	1,468	1,531	1.71	1.69
FLORIDA	11,300	10,804	4.18	34,164	790	649	1.87	1.70
GEORGIA	70,747	303,747	4.29	223,521	4,159	3,241	1.52	1.13
LOUISIANA	9,683	10,441	4.06	27,776	443	561	1.25	1.52
MARYLAND	16,303	17,733	4.20	48,883	903	959	1.46	1.42
MISSISSIPPI	35,061	39,931	4.13	107,356	2,858	2,880	2.19	1.98
MISSOURI	12,885	16,295	3.99	36,798	1,490	1,326	3.22	2.20
NORTH CAROLINA	50,103	48,914	4.69	170,967	4,137	3,335	1.96	1.65
PENNSYLVANIA	9,277	8,561	4.27	28,492	774	695	2.17	1.96
SOUTH CAROLINA	11,054	10,751	3.98	30,979	697	608	1.77	1.53
TENNESSEE	11,078	10,721	4.28	35,322	684	517	1.61	1.23
TEXAS	29,805	34,219	4.23	95,448	1,745	2,753	1.54	2.09
VIRGINIA	24,869	25,170	4.39	79,541	1,213	1,051	1.23	1.04
WASHINGTON	3,100	3,018	4.49	10,399	252	212	2.02	1.72

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 CHICKENS: NUMBER CONDEMNED POST-MORTEM BY CAUSE, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), AUGUST 1990

STATE	TUBER- CULOSIS	LEU- KOSIS	SEPTI- CEMIA	AIRSAC- CULITIS	SYNO- VITIS	TUMORS	BRUISES	CADAVER	INMATION	CONVAM- OVER-	OTHER		
											SCALD	TOTAL	
WHOLE NUMBERS													
1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
UNITED STATES	46,727	1,886,030	1,164,609	57,616	160,360	114,468	224,821	318,001	50,633	987,629	5,010,894	7,060	148,068
ALABAMA	9,742	221,044	132,252	14,427	27,978	16,060	36,719	45,946	7,060	148,068	659,296	5,052	109,728
ARKANSAS	4,501	279,069	215,855	12,677	14,815	17,696	25,199	41,071	5,835	50,960	336,555	3,783	24,219
CALIFORNIA	5,152	188,356	55,176	1,759	9,378	5,670	16,166	15,877	815	24,998	121,757	6,019	41,450
DELAWARE	1,756	115,510	53,642	344	4,336	2,458	3,165	9,513	—	40,596	109,163	1,348	10,995
FLORIDA	1,135	37,706	35,928	3,772	2,267	2,458	26,462	19,984	369	57,093	213,136	2,566	160,535
GEORGIA	4,734	143,147	63,655	1,440	23,166	15,267	6,390	5,400	15,214	3,110	101,496	430,237	93
LOUISIANA	269	35,686	17,990	1,361	2,784	3,167	3,415	3,895	—	40,596	109,163	1,348	10,995
MARYLAND	1,260	93,101	29,032	185	2,324	3,071	6,636	12,133	1,348	10,995	160,085	2,566	160,535
MISSISSIPPI	911	96,440	231,906	2,420	8,358	11,757	15,765	30,828	2,566	160,535	561,486	3,110	101,496
MISSOURI	2,469	60,296	57,625	5,503	5,777	3,390	5,400	19,510	3,110	101,496	430,237	93	11,066
NORTH CAROLINA	3,228	147,846	89,628	92	25,383	6,385	23,559	29,510	3,110	101,496	430,237	93	11,066
PENNSYLVANIA	1,572	39,203	7,954	172	5,849	4,208	2,976	9,232	93	11,066	82,325	1,433	18,516
SOUTH CAROLINA	712	22,587	19,646	153	3,894	2,995	7,436	9,044	1,405	15,053	92,793	1,405	15,053
TENNESSEE	1,993	42,409	6,797	319	3,173	2,541	5,809	13,294	5,304	98,286	432,916	5,304	98,286
TEXAS	1,783	183,397	92,999	4,721	7,528	5,050	15,203	18,645	3,218	13,514	143,067	3,218	13,514
VIRGINIA	2,428	72,381	21,403	69	4,963	3,563	7,118	14,410	302	9,536	25,245	302	9,536
WASHINGTON	—	11,076	2,142	300	787	266	564	272	—	—	—	—	—

MATURE CHICKENS: SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), AUGUST 1989 AND 1990

STATE	NUMBER INSPECTED		POUNDS INSPECTED (LIVWEIGHT)		AVERAGE LIVWEIGHT		TOTAL POUNDS CERTIFIED		POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS	
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990
UNITED STATES	14,904	15,707	71,375	73,720	4.78	4.69	44,332	45,001	2,979	3,243
CALIFORNIA	1,059	1,022	4,432	4,205	4.18	4.11	2,622	2,277	205	160
GEORGIA	3,250	3,736	19,376	20,988	5.96	5.61	12,049	12,783	680	890

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), AUGUST 1990

STATE	TUBER- : CULOSIS		LEU- : KOSIS		SEPTI- : CEMIA		AIRSAC- : CULTITIS		SYNO- : VITIS		TUMORS : BRUISES		CADAVER: INATION:		CONTAM- : OVER- :		TOTAL
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	
UNITED STATES	---	---	4,365	225,331	13,243	890	138,596	29,189	36,938	93,373	5,025	45,918	592,868				
CALIFORNIA	---	---	132	20,339	120	107	12,288	163	210	480	---	1,871	35,710				
GEORGIA	---	---	208	64,790	96	357	32,220	8,803	16,145	17,333	1,467	11,379	152,798				

YOUNG TURKEYS (MATURE): SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), AUGUST 1989 AND 1990

STATE	NUMBER		POUNDS		AVERAGE		TOTAL POUNDS		POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS			
	INSPECTED	INSPECTED	(LIVWEIGHT)	INSPECTED	LIVWEIGHT	CERTIFIED	(READY-TO-COOK WT.)	FOUNDS (NYD)	PERCENT 2/			
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990		
UNITED STATES	26,230	26,598	534,394	552,166	20.37	20.75	423,349	436,506	10,888	10,132	2.27	2.04
ARKANSAS	2,025	2,187	39,619	41,548	19.55	18.99	32,077	33,780	686	1,034	1.93	2.78
CALIFORNIA	3,046	2,737	66,417	61,179	21.80	22.34	53,483	48,555	1,618	1,430	2.71	2.61
IOWA	1,646	1,390	38,514	34,122	23.38	24.54	30,465	25,944	819	765	2.37	2.50
MINNESOTA	4,690	4,426	86,659	83,319	18.47	18.82	69,171	66,402	2,034	1,590	2.62	2.12
MISSOURI	1,743	1,723	33,736	35,566	19.35	20.64	26,887	27,424	787	1,000	2.60	2.48
NORTH CAROLINA	4,182	4,636	75,975	90,234	18.16	19.46	60,902	72,133	248	236	1.46	1.36
PENNSYLVANIA	576	663	11,092	12,851	19.23	19.37	8,564	9,940	635	754	2.49	2.05
VIRGINIA	2,581	2,867	49,617	52,649	19.22	18.36	38,096	41,344	1,011	1,101	1.42	1.60

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.

YOUNG TURKEYS (MATURE): NUMBER CONDEMNED POST-MORTEM BY CAUSE, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), AUGUST 1990

STATE	TUBER-		CULOSIS:		LEU-		KOSIS:		SEPTI-		CEMLA:		AIRSAC-		VITIS:		TUMORS:		BRUISES:		CADAVER:		INMATION:		CONTRAM-:		OVER-		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	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	114	162,957	37,635	20,109	744	1,519	6,814	8,520	1,889	10,984	251,285	11,560	9,216	1,015	902	104	372	185	203	96	51	178	346	526	424	278	278	3,974	27,610	42,039	19,981	49,923	24,876	19,102	6,218	13,503			
ARKANSAS	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---			
CALIFORNIA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
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MISSOURI	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
NORTH CAROLINA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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VIRGINIA	15	9,235	1,203	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	

FRYER-ROASTER TURKEYS: SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), AUGUST 1989 AND 1990

STATE	NUMBER INSPECTED		POUNDS INSPECTED (LIVWEIGHT)		AVERAGE LIVWEIGHT		TOTAL POUNDS CERTIFIED		POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS			
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990		
UNITED STATES	319	337	3,385	3,177	10.61	9.42	2,614	2,480	53	34	1.77	1.23

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), AUGUST 1990

STATE	LEU- : TUBER- : CULOSIS:		SEPTI- : CEMIA :		AIRSAC- : CULTITIS :		SYNO- : VITIS :		TUMORS : BRUISES:		CADAVER: INACTION:		CONVAM- : OVER- :		SCALD : OTHER :		TOTAL
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	
UNITED STATES	---	---	585	18	32	---	177	318	---	113	---	1,243	---	---	---	---	---

OLD TURKEYS (BREEDERS): SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), AUGUST 1989 AND 1990

STATE	NUMBER INSPECTED		POUNDS INSPECTED (LIVWEIGHT)		AVERAGE LIVWEIGHT		TOTAL POUNDS CERTIFIED		POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS			
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990		
UNITED STATES	243	270	5,731	6,384	23.52	23.64	4,382	4,996	279	284	5.48	5.02

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), AUGUST 1990

STATE	LEU- : TUBER- : CULOSIS:		SEPTI- : CEMIA :		AIRSAC- : CULTITIS :		SYNO- : VITIS :		TUMORS : BRUISES:		CADAVER: INACTION:		CONVAM- : OVER- :		SCALD : OTHER :		TOTAL
	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	1989	1990	
UNITED STATES	---	6	3,413	1,381	27	68	21	154	198	---	389	---	---	---	---	---	5,657

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.