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MARCH POULTRY SLAUGHTER

The preliminary total of **LIVE WEIGHT POULTRY INSPECTED** during March 1991 was 2.58 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.08 billion pounds of young chickens, 65.6 million pounds of mature chickens, 418 million pounds of turkeys and 10.9 million pounds of ducks.

Data for 1991 are not comparable with 1990. A power outage caused computer problems which resulted in the loss of the 1990 revised data.

POULTRY CERTIFIED WHOLESOME during March (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 1.89 billion pounds. Updated totals for February 1991 show that 1.85 billion pounds were certified.

ANTE-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS during March 1991 totaled 8.89 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.34 percent of the live weight inspected, compared to 0.32 percent a year ago. **POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS**, at 48.1 million pounds (N.Y. Dressed Weight), were 2.07 percent of quantities inspected compared with 1.94 percent a year earlier.

* **NOTICE** *
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* 1990 revisions are not included in this report due to a power outage *
* that caused computer problems. They will be included in the next *
* publication. *
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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 March *
* 1991 include reports available for summary in late April 1991. The *
* degree of incompleteness due to late reports will vary from month to *
* month. *
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* The next issue of this report will be published June 5, 1991. *

POULTRY: POUNDS CERTIFIED (READY-TO-COOK WEIGHTS), MARCH 1991 WITH COMPARISONS

	CHICKENS				TURKEY				OTHER POULTRY	TOTAL POULTRY	
	MATURE		FRYER-ROASTERS		YOUNG		OLD				DUCKS
	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL			
THOUSANDS											
FEB 1991	1,373,655	1,411,978	1,297	162,338	2,273	165,908	2,415	008	1,580,309		
CHILLED FROZEN	110,145	112,406	540	154,945	598	156,083	5,428	122	274,039		
TOTAL	1,483,800	1,524,384	1,837	317,283	2,871	321,991	7,843	130	1,854,348		
MAR 1990	1,475,708	1,518,021	1,108	192,359	1,673	195,140	2,587	013	1,715,761		
CHILLED FROZEN	131,766	135,186	332	170,161	917	171,410	6,211	129	312,936		
TOTAL	1,607,474	1,653,207	1,440	362,520	2,590	366,550	8,798	142	2,028,697		
MAR 1991	1,399,431	1,438,011	829	163,278	3,274	167,381	2,368	015	1,607,775		
CHILLED FROZEN	109,765	111,678	414	161,526	729	162,669	5,444	141	279,932		
TOTAL	1,509,196	1,549,689	1,243	324,804	4,003	330,050	7,812	156	1,887,707		
JAN-MAR 1990	4,135,759	4,257,147	3,010	510,313	7,168	520,491	7,741	047	4,785,426		
CHILLED FROZEN	359,003	370,961	2,052	457,840	2,979	462,871	16,233	334	850,399		
TOTAL	4,494,762	4,628,108	5,062	968,153	10,147	983,362	23,974	381	5,635,825		
JAN-MAR 1991	4,324,489	4,441,891	2,879	508,162	8,654	519,695	7,488	039	4,969,113		
CHILLED FROZEN	356,153	362,675	1,522	497,068	2,430	501,020	16,922	431	881,048		
TOTAL	4,680,642	4,804,566	4,401	1,005,230	11,084	1,020,715	24,410	470	5,850,161		

POULTRY: SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, MARCH 1991 WITH COMPARISONS

	CHICKENS				TURKEY				OTHER POULTRY	TOTAL POULTRY	
	MATURE 1/		FRYER-ROASTERS		YOUNG 2/		OLD				DUCKS
	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL	YOUNG	TOTAL			
THOUSANDS											
FEB 1991	463,929	13,911	477,840	242	18,652	152	19,046	1,649	---	---	
MAR 1990	505,516	15,785	521,301	211	21,203	134	21,548	1,890	---	---	
MAR 1991	469,944	13,981	483,925	172	19,623	203	19,998	1,617	---	---	
JAN-MAR 1990	1,412,480	45,696	1,458,176	655	56,019	529	57,203	5,141	---	---	
JAN-MAR 1991	1,458,630	42,951	1,501,581	584	58,779	578	59,941	5,154	---	---	
POUNDS INSPECTED											
FEB 1991	2,048,239	55,699	2,113,938	2,358	403,159	3,770	409,287	11,045	249	2,534,519	
MAR 1990	2,211,674	74,444	2,286,118	1,861	457,397	3,517	462,775	12,630	241	2,761,764	
MAR 1991	2,081,903	65,601	2,147,504	1,610	411,232	5,263	418,105	10,922	290	2,576,821	
JAN-MAR 1990	6,200,698	216,722	6,417,420	6,506	1,220,576	13,171	1,240,253	34,206	669	7,692,548	
JAN-MAR 1991	6,458,083	201,785	6,659,868	5,669	1,273,520	14,597	1,293,786	34,582	867	7,989,103	
AVERAGE LIVEMEIGHT											
FEB 1991	4.41	4.72	4.42	9.71	21.61	24.71	21.48	6.69	---	---	
MAR 1990	4.37	4.71	4.38	8.82	21.57	26.06	21.47	6.68	---	---	
MAR 1991	4.43	4.69	4.43	9.35	20.95	25.86	20.90	6.75	---	---	
JAN-MAR 1990	4.38	4.74	4.40	9.93	21.78	24.86	21.68	6.65	---	---	
JAN-MAR 1991	4.42	4.69	4.43	9.70	21.66	25.25	21.58	6.70	---	---	

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

MARCH 1990: 4,199, MARCH 1991: 3,813.

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

MARCH 1990: 156, MARCH 1991: 150.

POULTRY: CONDEMNATIONS OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, MARCH 1991 WITH COMPARISONS

	CHICKENS			TURKEY		DUCKS	OTHER POULTRY	TOTAL POULTRY
	YOUNG	MATURE	TOTAL	FRYER-ROASTERS	YOUNG			

ANTE-MORTEM

		1,000 POUNDS (LIVE WEIGHT)										
FEB	1991	7,285	775	8,060	7	1,327	31	1,365	14			9,439
MAR	1990	6,682	850	7,532	7	1,263	48	1,318	18			8,868
MAR	1991	6,730	840	7,570	3	1,267	41	1,311	10		1	8,892
JAN-MAR	1990	19,234	2,633	21,867	23	3,751	134	3,908	42		1	25,818
JAN-MAR	1991	22,771	2,721	25,492	19	4,169	141	4,329	40		4	29,865
PERCENT 1/												
MAR	1990	.30	1.14	.32	.37	.27	1.38	.28	.14		.23	.32
MAR	1991	.32	1.28	.35	.20	.30	.79	.31	.09		.53	.34

POST-MORTEM

		1,000 POUNDS (N.Y. DRESSED)										
FEB	1991	36,589	3,027	39,616	30	7,312	216	7,558	145		2	47,321
MAR	1990	35,536	3,315	38,851	29	8,876	201	9,106	141		1	48,099
MAR	1991	36,552	3,104	39,656	20	7,939	311	8,270	127		1	48,054
JAN-MAR	1990	102,634	9,826	112,460	86	24,694	686	25,466	406		6	138,338
JAN-MAR	1991	115,935	9,398	125,333	79	24,067	871	25,017	476		7	150,833
PERCENT 2/												
MAR	1990	1.79	5.00	1.89	1.79	2.16	6.47	2.19	1.24		1.61	1.94
MAR	1991	1.95	5.32	2.05	1.50	2.15	6.63	2.20	1.29		.95	2.07

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.

MATURE CHICKENS: SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), MARCH 1990 AND 1991

STATE	NUMBER INSPECTED		POUNDS INSPECTED (LIVE WEIGHT)		AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT INSPECTED/ (LIVE WEIGHT)		TOTAL POUNDS CERTIFIED (READY-TO-COOK WT.)		POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS			
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991		
US	15,785	13,981	74,444	65,601	4.71	4.69	45,733	40,493	3,315	3,104	5.00	5.32
CA	1,483	1,314	6,137	5,486	4.13	4.17	3,630	3,132	267	345	4.88	7.14
GA	3,556	3,055	20,329	17,034	5.71	5.57	12,847	10,585	799	641	4.43	4.25

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), MARCH 1991

STATE	TUBER- : CULOSIS		LEU- : KOSIS		SEPTI- : CEMIA		AIRSAC- : CULITIS		SYNO- : VITIS		TUMORS : BRUISES		CADAVER: INATION		CONTAM- : OVER- :		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	
US	---	2,648	271,629	10,834	925	120,564	25,643	25,030	92,213	3,043	25,748	578,277	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CA	---	14	43,703	329	---	10,438	410	906	472	32	2,938	59,242	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	266	60,986	190	---	22,659	9,037	8,104	13,566	512	1,114	116,434	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

YOUNG TURKEYS (MATURE): SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), MARCH 1990 AND 1991

STATE	NUMBER INSPECTED		POUNDS INSPECTED (LIVE WEIGHT)		AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT INSPECTED/ (LIVE WEIGHT)		TOTAL POUNDS CERTIFIED (READY-TO-COOK WT.)		POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS			
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991		
US	19,623	19,623	457,397	411,232	21.57	20.95	362,520	324,804	8,876	7,939	2.16	2.15
AR	1,667	2,009	33,501	38,237	20.09	19.02	26,901	30,769	551	952	1.83	2.77
CA	2,417	1,780	54,749	39,389	22.64	22.11	44,060	31,327	1,315	853	2.67	2.41
IA	868	896	24,024	24,275	27.66	27.08	18,542	18,765	748	710	3.48	3.27
MN	3,107	2,692	57,894	50,244	18.62	18.66	46,180	39,978	1,347	1,162	2.59	2.58
MO	1,626	1,644	35,736	33,307	21.96	20.25	29,051	26,713	750	748	2.33	2.51
NC	3,876	3,855	77,509	75,112	19.99	19.48	62,032	59,609	1,007	939	1.44	1.39
PA	499	600	9,868	10,327	19.75	17.19	7,778	8,160	169	128	1.92	1.38
VA	2,639	2,349	49,250	44,178	18.65	18.80	38,697	33,761	697	661	1.57	1.66

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), MARCH 1991

STATE	LEU- TUBER- CULOSIS		SEPTI- KOSIS		AIRSAC- CULITIS		SYNO- VITIS		TUMORS		BRUISES		CADAVER		INMATION		SCALD		OTHER		TOTAL
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	
US	590	107,317	32,243	12,127	153	1,522	5,204	7,001	1,075	5,644	172,876										
AR	---	11,709	6,273	3,215	7	291	540	1,400	---	1,646	25,081										
CA	---	17,087	157	60	12	44	95	182	---	196	17,833										
IA	---	6,010	7,204	3,230	18	34	---	212	---	181	16,889										
MN	7	20,222	7,597	3,569	27	489	1,255	1,438	336	1,173	36,113										
MO	---	12,110	2,486	---	---	154	401	1,037	---	---	16,188										
NC	---	7,392	1,463	---	---	240	699	1,209	110	360	11,473										
PA	105	2,408	785	76	---	39	---	702	---	---	4,115										
VA	---	7,457	329	---	---	44	1,353	146	84	654	10,067										

FRYER-ROASTER TURKEYS: SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), MARCH 1990 AND 1991

STATE	NUMBER INSPECTED		POUNDS INSPECTED (LIVE WEIGHT)		AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT : INSPECTED/		TOTAL POUNDS CERTIFIED (READY-TO-COOK WT.)		POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS			
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991		
US	211	172	1,861	1,610	8.82	9.35	1,440	1,243	29	20	1.79	1.50

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), MARCH 1991

STATE	LEU- : TUBER- : CULOSIS:		SEPTI- : AIRSAC- : CEMIA :		SYNO- : VITIS : CULITIS :		TUMORS : BRUISES : CADAVER:		CONTAM- : INATTON:		OVER- : SCALD :		TOTAL
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	
US	---	---	601	66	---	---	33	116	221	---	147	1,184	

OLD TURKEYS (BREEDERS): SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES TOTAL AND SELECTED STATE(S), MARCH 1990 AND 1991

STATE	NUMBER INSPECTED		POUNDS INSPECTED (LIVE WEIGHT)		AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT : INSPECTED/		TOTAL POUNDS CERTIFIED (READY-TO-COOK WT.)		POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS			
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991		
US	134	203	3,517	5,263	26.06	25.86	2,590	4,003	201	311	6.47	6.63

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), MARCH 1991

STATE	LEU- : TUBER- : CULOSIS:		SEPTI- : AIRSAC- : CEMIA :		SYNO- : VITIS : CULITIS :		TUMORS : BRUISES : CADAVER:		CONTAM- : INATTON:		OVER- : SCALD :		TOTAL
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	
US	---	---	3,900	1,375	13	64	61	75	215	---	451	6,154	

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.