

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Inspected Up 9 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during December (ready-to-cook) weight, totaled 1.98 billion pounds, 9 percent above the amount certified in 1990. Updated totals for November 1991 show that 1.96 billion pounds were certified.

December 1991 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. December 1990 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during December 1991 was 2.70 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.19 billion pounds of young chickens, 68.2 million pounds of mature chickens, 438 million pounds of turkeys, and 9.50 million pounds of ducks.

Ante-mortem condemnations during December 1991 totaled 9.24 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.34 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.39 percent a year earlier.

Post-mortem condemnations, at 50.4 million pounds (N.Y.Dressed Weight), were 2.07 percent of quantities inspected compared with 1.89 percent a year earlier.

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Poultry: Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, December 1991 with Comparisons

	Chickens				Turkey				Total Poultry
	Young		Total		Young		Total		
	Mature	1/	Total	2/	Old	Total	Ducks	Other Poultry	
Thousands									
Number Inspected	459,651	12,834	472,485	129	24,368	238	24,735	1,303	---
Nov 1991	446,035	12,540	458,575	126	18,909	132	19,167	1,785	---
Dec 1991	483,504	14,575	498,079	131	19,912	170	20,213	1,452	---
Jan-Dec 1990	5,841,346	181,104	6,022,450	2,695	266,344	2,160	271,199	20,913	---
Jan-Dec 1991	6,132,213	172,793	6,305,006	2,573	272,984	2,394	277,951	20,065	---
Pounds Inspected	2,068,041	59,455	2,127,496	1,269	521,397	7,065	529,731	8,633	1,039
Nov 1991	1,977,337	58,209	2,035,540	1,399	411,835	3,501	416,735	11,778	784
Dec 1991	2,185,359	68,183	2,253,542	1,280	432,607	4,449	438,336	9,500	433
Jan-Dec 1990	25,549,696	853,151	26,402,847	26,324	5,684,400	52,895	5,763,619	137,433	9,885
Jan-Dec 1991	27,125,384	816,313	27,941,697	25,554	5,824,072	60,797	5,910,423	131,042	6,196
Pounds									
Average Live Weight	4.49	4.63	4.50	9.80	21.39	29.62	21.41	6.62	---
Nov 1991	4.43	4.64	4.43	11.01	21.77	26.38	21.73	6.59	---
Dec 1991	4.51	4.67	4.52	9.71	21.72	26.04	21.68	6.54	---
Jan-Dec 1990	4.37	4.71	4.38	9.76	21.34	24.47	21.25	6.57	---
Jan-Dec 1991	4.42	4.72	4.43	9.92	21.33	25.38	21.26	6.53	---

1/ Of the mature chickens inspected, the number reported in thousands as heavy fow (broiler breeding stock) was:

December 1990: 3,246, December 1991: 3,884.

2/ Of the young turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young banded breeders was:

December 1990: 042, December 1991: 081.

Poultry: Pounds Certified (Ready-to-Cook Weights), December 1991 with Comparisons

	Chickens				Turkey				Total Poultry
	Young		Total		Young		Total		
	Mature	1/	Total	2/	Old	Total	Ducks	Other Poultry	
Thousands									
Nov 1991	1,375,578	34,381	1,409,959	357	205,310	2,158	207,625	2,334	101
Chilled	120,737	2,092	122,829	651	206,788	3,288	210,727	3,864	518
Frozen	1,496,315	36,473	1,532,788	1,008	412,098	5,446	418,552	6,198	619
Dec 1990	1,319,140	33,285	1,352,425	688	157,434	1,556	159,678	2,948	030
Chilled	117,871	1,782	119,653	409	167,397	1,124	168,930	5,507	417
Frozen	1,437,011	35,067	1,472,078	1,097	324,831	2,680	328,608	8,455	447
Dec 1991	1,460,645	40,326	1,500,971	321	165,424	2,546	168,291	2,896	028
Chilled	122,277	1,711	123,988	685	176,338	831	177,854	3,914	219
Frozen	1,582,922	42,037	1,624,959	1,006	341,762	3,377	346,145	6,810	247
Jan-Dec 1990	17,102,611	479,183	17,581,794	12,837	2,109,450	28,128	2,150,415	30,585	2,327
Chilled	1,451,900	41,310	1,493,210	7,692	2,390,333	12,461	2,410,486	66,678	4,070
Frozen	18,554,511	520,493	19,075,004	20,529	4,499,783	40,589	4,560,901	97,263	6,397
Jan-Dec 1991	18,249,686	471,999	18,721,685	6,854	2,095,179	33,024	2,135,057	28,255	347
Chilled	1,442,569	32,277	1,474,846	13,048	2,510,645	13,582	2,537,275	65,677	3,274
Frozen	19,692,255	504,276	20,196,531	19,902	4,605,824	46,606	4,672,332	93,932	3,561
Total									

Poultry: Condemnations of Poultry Slaughtered under Federal Inspection, December 1991 with Comparisons

	Chickens			Turkey			Ducks	Other Poultry	Total Poultry		
	Young	Mature	Total	Fryers	Roasters	Young				Old	Total
Ante-Mortem											
Nov 1991	7,336	845	8,181	4	1,562	62	1,628	8	9,821		
Dec 1990	7,575	780	8,355	2	1,274	26	1,302	19	9,680		
Dec 1991	6,872	926	7,798	8	1,385	37	1,430	8	9,236		
Jan-Dec 1990	84,382	10,864	95,246	61	18,365	518	18,944	210	114,430		
Jan-Dec 1991	95,037	11,784	106,821	94	19,895	537	20,526	165	127,547		
Percent <u>1/</u>											
Dec 1990	.38	1.34	.41	.14	.30	.74	.31	.16	.62		
Dec 1991	.31	1.35	.34	.64	.32	.84	.32	.08	.29		
Post-Mortem											
	1,000 Pounds (N.Y. Dressed)										
Nov 1991	32,957	3,032	35,989	10	10,388	264	10,662	133	46,795		
Dec 1990	31,690	2,743	34,433	19	7,090	179	7,288	166	41,897		
Dec 1991	38,117	3,253	41,370	10	8,585	234	8,829	161	50,361		
Jan-Dec 1990	396,315	38,543	434,858	314	103,574	2,673	106,561	1,652	543,160		
Jan-Dec 1991	433,117	37,757	470,874	340	107,281	3,230	110,851	1,807	583,589		
Percent <u>2/</u>											
Dec 1990	1.78	5.30	1.88	1.59	1.91	5.75	1.95	1.57	1.79		
Dec 1991	1.94	5.37	2.04	.99	2.21	5.91	2.24	1.89	1.00		

1/ Pounds condemned as percent of pounds (live weight) 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), December 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	483,504	1,977,331	2,185,359	4.43	4.51	1,437,011	1,582,922	31,690	38,117	1.78	1.94
AL	66,444	265,282	286,533	4.31	4.29	194,258	207,975	4,252	4,288	1.78	1.66
AR	74,014	319,398	342,827	4.31	4.41	225,226	242,889	4,663	4,834	1.62	1.57
CA	15,769	78,444	88,731	4.97	5.25	57,596	62,295	2,653	5,839	3.77	7.34
DE	17,097	18,062	86,926	5.08	5.23	62,980	69,329	1,714	1,267	2.19	1.49
FL	9,296	11,442	38,299	4.11	4.35	27,486	36,063	706	1,242	2.05	2.77
GA	61,964	274,479	301,413	4.42	4.50	204,162	223,171	3,011	3,385	1.22	1.25
LA	8,688	8,459	35,146	4.04	4.24	26,173	26,064	749	3,749	1.66	2.32
MD	14,699	15,075	63,865	4.34	4.43	45,338	47,313	966	696	1.69	1.15
MS	32,452	36,422	136,010	4.19	4.34	101,036	118,921	2,161	3,270	1.77	2.30
MO	13,711	15,961	56,402	4.11	4.18	41,417	48,363	1,191	1,032	2.35	1.72
NC	40,720	40,186	197,675	4.85	5.07	143,670	147,132	2,797	2,811	1.57	1.53
PA	7,107	7,762	34,206	4.81	5.01	24,501	27,090	676	891	2.20	2.55
SC	8,187	10,282	33,841	4.13	4.03	24,085	29,701	407	491	1.34	1.32
TN	9,689	9,899	42,723	4.40	4.54	30,654	32,861	483	573	1.26	1.42
TX	26,433	30,029	115,322	4.36	4.46	84,876	99,279	2,398	3,335	2.32	2.77
VA	21,436	23,976	97,723	4.55	4.50	70,308	78,357	1,126	1,047	1.28	1.08
WA	2,179	2,332	10,346	4.74	4.76	7,704	8,535	197	252	2.14	2.47

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), December 1991

State	Tuber- culositis		Leu- kosis		Septi- cemia		Airsac- culitis		Syno- vitis		Tumors		Bruises		Cadaver inaction		Contam- scald		Over- Other		Total																																																
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991																																																	
US	121,930	1,793,368	1,528,717	36,184	262,349	80,386	192,483	281,263	43,071	153,542	5,493,293	9,454	130,207	631,777	4,007	100,022	706,326	1,747	374,479	774,218	183,297	115,733	424,197	6,647	49,472	146,652	209	9,711	113,577	1,717	108,332	558,153	8,771	67,638	323,111	5,911	67,638	323,111	1,149	26,421	139,571	1,998	8,844	97,042	9,007	4,259	22,737	110,537	7,331	7,082	1,748	82,273	487,473	7,331	7,082	1,748	82,273	487,473	8,277	15,014	2,635	13,477	172,459	289	426	171	86	13,381	32,711
AL	4,910	215,961	154,576	5,818	38,708	11,504	23,525	37,114	9,454	130,207	631,777	4,007	100,022	706,326	1,747	374,479	774,218	183,297	115,733	424,197	6,647	49,472	146,652	209	9,711	113,577	1,717	108,332	558,153	8,771	67,638	323,111	5,911	67,638	323,111	1,149	26,421	139,571	1,998	8,844	97,042	9,007	4,259	22,737	110,537	7,331	7,082	1,748	82,273	487,473	8,277	15,014	2,635	13,477	172,459	289	426	171	86	13,381	32,711								
AR	10,849	278,136	198,458	9,757	22,572	15,476	25,907	41,142	4,007	100,022	706,326	1,747	374,479	774,218	183,297	115,733	424,197	6,647	49,472	146,652	209	9,711	113,577	1,717	108,332	558,153	8,771	67,638	323,111	5,911	67,638	323,111	1,149	26,421	139,571	1,998	8,844	97,042	9,007	4,259	22,737	110,537	7,331	7,082	1,748	82,273	487,473	8,277	15,014	2,635	13,477	172,459	289	426	171	86	13,381	32,711											
CA	27,921	208,960	128,004	2,569	12,375	635	14,419	3,109	1,182	19,205	183,297	1,747	374,479	774,218	183,297	115,733	424,197	6,647	49,472	146,652	209	9,711	113,577	1,717	108,332	558,153	8,771	67,638	323,111	5,911	67,638	323,111	1,149	26,421	139,571	1,998	8,844	97,042	9,007	4,259	22,737	110,537	7,331	7,082	1,748	82,273	487,473	8,277	15,014	2,635	13,477	172,459	289	426	171	86	13,381	32,711											
DE	2,856	85,849	43,825	165	10,676	3,762	5,778	9,999	1,182	19,205	183,297	1,747	374,479	774,218	183,297	115,733	424,197	6,647	49,472	146,652	209	9,711	113,577	1,717	108,332	558,153	8,771	67,638	323,111	5,911	67,638	323,111	1,149	26,421	139,571	1,998	8,844	97,042	9,007	4,259	22,737	110,537	7,331	7,082	1,748	82,273	487,473	8,277	15,014	2,635	13,477	172,459	289	426	171	86	13,381	32,711											
FL	2,613	29,884	23,283	1,802	7,666	2,607	3,605	9,999	1,182	19,205	183,297	1,747	374,479	774,218	183,297	115,733	424,197	6,647	49,472	146,652	209	9,711	113,577	1,717	108,332	558,153	8,771	67,638	323,111	5,911	67,638	323,111	1,149	26,421	139,571	1,998	8,844	97,042	9,007	4,259	22,737	110,537	7,331	7,082	1,748	82,273	487,473	8,277	15,014	2,635	13,477	172,459	289	426	171	86	13,381	32,711											
GA	4,546	142,227	120,942	1,331	47,325	8,607	19,952	23,155	6,647	49,472	146,652	2,607	3,605	9,999	1,182	19,205	183,297	1,747	374,479	774,218	183,297	115,733	424,197	6,647	49,472	146,652	209	9,711	113,577	1,717	108,332	558,153	8,771	67,638	323,111	5,911	67,638	323,111	1,149	26,421	139,571	1,998	8,844	97,042	9,007	4,259	22,737	110,537	7,331	7,082	1,748	82,273	487,473	8,277	15,014	2,635	13,477	172,459	289	426	171	86	13,381	32,711					
LA	414	30,244	66,358	1,623	2,480	1,904	2,681	2,759	6,647	49,472	146,652	2,607	3,605	9,999	1,182	19,205	183,297	1,747	374,479	774,218	183,297	115,733	424,197	6,647	49,472	146,652	209	9,711	113,577	1,717	108,332	558,153	8,771	67,638	323,111	5,911	67,638	323,111	1,149	26,421	139,571	1,998	8,844	97,042	9,007	4,259	22,737	110,537	7,331	7,082	1,748	82,273	487,473	8,277	15,014	2,635	13,477	172,459	289	426	171	86	13,381	32,711					
MD	1,430	59,548	17,202	170	5,250	1,944	5,132	12,981	2,607	3,605	9,999	1,182	19,205	183,297	1,747	374,479	774,218	183,297	115,733	424,197	6,647	49,472	146,652	209	9,711	113,577	1,717	108,332	558,153	8,771	67,638	323,111	5,911	67,638	323,111	1,149	26,421	139,571	1,998	8,844	97,042	9,007	4,259	22,737	110,537	7,331	7,082	1,748	82,273	487,473	8,277	15,014	2,635	13,477	172,459	289	426	171	86	13,381	32,711								
MS	5,106	103,796	283,182	1,366	13,314	6,340	11,994	23,006	1,182	19,205	183,297	1,747	374,479	774,218	183,297	115,733	424,197	6,647	49,472	146,652	209	9,711	113,577	1,717	108,332	558,153	8,771	67,638	323,111	5,911	67,638	323,111	1,149	26,421	139,571	1,998	8,844	97,042	9,007	4,259	22,737	110,537	7,331	7,082	1,748	82,273	487,473	8,277	15,014	2,635	13,477	172,459	289	426	171	86	13,381	32,711											
MO	9,342	58,360	46,459	2,679	10,166	2,785	3,350	11,391	1,182	19,205	183,297	1,747	374,479	774,218	183,297	115,733	424,197	6,647	49,472	146,652	209	9,711	113,577	1,717	108,332	558,153	8,771	67,638	323,111	5,911	67,638	323,111	1,149	26,421	139,571	1,998	8,844	97,042	9,007	4,259	22,737	110,537	7,331	7,082	1,748	82,273	487,473	8,277	15,014	2,635	13,477	172,459	289	426	171	86	13,381	32,711											
NC	2,970	105,445	64,283	146	40,245	3,924	17,062	15,487	1,182	19,205	183,297	1,747	374,479	774,218	183,297	115,733	424,197	6,647	49,472	146,652	209	9,711	113,577	1,717	108,332	558,153	8,771	67,638	323,111	5,911	67,638	323,111	1,149	26,421	139,571	1,998	8,844	97,042	9,007	4,259	22,737	110,537	7,331	7,082	1,748	82,273	487,473	8,277	15,014	2,635	13,477	172,459	289	426	171	86	13,381	32,711											
PA	22,001	41,459	29,373	338	6,127	1,877	2,849	7,977	1,182	19,205	183,297	1,747	374,479	774,218	183,297	115,733	424,197	6,647	49,472	146,652	209	9,711	113,577	1,717	108,332	558,153	8,771	67,638	323,111	5,911																																							

Mature Chickens: Slaughtered under Federal Inspection, United States Total and Selected State(s), December 1990 and 1991

State	Number Inspected		Average Live Weight		Total Pounds Inspected		Post-Mortem Condemnation	
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991
US	12,540	14,575	4.64	4.67	35,067	42,037	2,743	3,253
CA	1,220	965	3.91	4.31	2,552	2,384	214	302
GA	3,073	3,744	5.55	5.10	10,695	11,711	687	784

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), December 1991

State	Whole Numbers										
	Tuber- culosis	Leu- kosis	Septi- cemia	Airsac- culitis	Syno- vitis	Tumors	Bruises	Cadaver inaction	Contam- ination	Over- scald	Other
US	---	3,082	305,971	8,708	1,178	139,901	32,832	35,726	112,481	2,654	40,131
CA	---	55	33,540	---	---	19,164	193	647	360	---	7,346
GA	---	634	95,387	---	12	32,693	16,106	10,384	17,205	216	9,265

Young Turkeys (Mature): Slaughtered under Federal Inspection, United States Total and Selected State(s), December 1990 and 1991

State	Number Inspected		Pounds Inspected (Live Weight)		Average Live Weight		Total Pounds Certified		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991		
US	18,909	19,912	411,835	432,607	21.77	21.72	324,831	341,762	7,090	8,585	1.91	2.21
AR	1,178	1,243	26,642	28,233	22.61	22.69	21,674	22,622	608	790	2.54	3.12
CA	2,196	2,229	48,502	50,627	22.07	22.71	38,342	40,376	894	790	2.05	1.74
IA	994	1,023	26,891	27,898	27.05	27.26	20,719	21,569	715	668	2.97	2.67
MN	2,567	2,835	47,381	52,140	18.45	18.39	38,067	41,066	970	1,833	2.28	3.93
MO	1,417	1,472	30,236	31,766	21.32	21.57	24,186	25,288	502	737	1.85	2.58
NC	3,442	3,576	67,428	68,779	19.58	19.22	53,726	54,542	835	1,067	1.38	1.73
PA	711	709	14,049	14,047	19.74	19.80	11,402	11,382	180	206	1.43	1.64
TX 3/	2,248	2,507	41,272	45,745	18.35	18.24	30,813	35,829	627	695	1.70	1.69
VA												

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), December 1991

State	Tuber- culosis		Leu- kosis		Septi- cemia		Airsac- culitis		Syno- vitis		Tumors		Bruises		Cadaver: ination		Contam- scald		Over- Other		Total
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	
US	523	118,097	36,881	8,216	201	1,581	5,632	7,854	1,316	15,024	195,325										
AR		9,085	3,211	534		173	194	1,493		2,176	16,866										
CA	39	16,003	477	229	16	27	203	413	497	138	18,042										
IA		4,514	4,655	2,909		22		232		252	12,584										
MN	4	27,315	14,360	2,390	26	498	1,084	1,398	452	7,020	54,547										
MO		10,969	5,371		12	123	918	916			18,309										
NC	320	10,780	2,405		21	328	1,035	1,984	42	1,621	18,536										
PA		3,645	1,177	164		63	143	191		189	5,572										
TX		9,858	444			22	1,020	143	56	1,456	12,999										
VA																					

Fryer-Roaster Turkeys: Slaughtered under Federal Inspection, United States Total and Selected State(s), December 1990 and 1991

State	Numbered Inspected		Pounds Inspected (Live Weight)		Average Live Weight Inspected ^{1/} (Ready-to-Cook Wt.)		Total Pounds Certified		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991		
US	126	131	1,399	1,280	11.01	9.71	1,097	1,006	19	10	1.59	.99

^{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), December 1991

State	Tuber- culosis	Leu- kosis	Septi- cemia	Airsac- culitis	Syno- vitis	Tumors	Bruises	Cadaver: inaction	Contam- ination	Over- scald	Other	Total
US	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	0

Whole Numbers

Old Turkeys (Breeders): Slaughtered under Federal Inspection, United States Total and Selected State(s), December 1990 and 1991

State	Numbered Inspected		Pounds Inspected (Live Weight)		Average Live Weight Inspected ^{1/} (Ready-to-Cook Wt.)		Total Pounds Certified		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991	1990	1991		
US	132	170	3,501	4,449	26.38	26.04	2,680	3,377	179	234	5.75	5.91

^{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), December 1991

State	Tuber- culosis	Leu- kosis	Septi- cemia	Airsac- culitis	Syno- vitis	Tumors	Bruises	Cadaver: inaction	Contam- ination	Over- scald	Other	Total
US	---	---	2,549	1,580	53	48	26	86	243	---	558	5,143

Whole Numbers

Data Sources: Primary data for the commercial poultry slaughter data are obtained from the Poultry Inspection Form (FSIS 6000-21) completed by Inspectors from the Food, Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA, which provide actual counts of birds slaughtered in Federally Inspected (FI) plants. Over 99 percent of the total U.S. slaughter for any species is under FI. The FSIS 6000-21 forms collect number of head slaughtered daily under FI by species and class as well as condemnations and total live and dressed weights. Approximately 350 plants in the U.S. are operated under Federal Inspection.

Update Policy: Updated data are generally the result of late reports received. Updates for the previous month and the year-to-date totals are noted in each monthly release and are usually within 1 1/2 percent of the preliminary totals. Final data are generally published in the May report.

Procedures: Plant inspectors submit weekly forms (FSIS 6000-21) summarizing the plants activity. When inconsistencies in the data are detected, the reports are returned to the inspectors for correction. Inspectors correct or validate the report and resubmit it. The reports cover weekly activities through Saturday night. The reported data is allocated to the appropriate month as it enters the database.

Each month the data are summarized by FSIS into the form published by NASS in the Poultry Slaughter report. The summary includes all data available at that time. No allowances are made for missing reports. The degree of incompleteness can vary from month to month.

Generally, no State data are published if less than three plants operate for a species in a State, or if one plant has 60 percent or more of the total head for that species. These data are included in the U.S. totals.

Annually, monthly summaries are rerun for the calendar year and tables are published in the May Poultry Slaughter report showing recap data by month for selected items.

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.

The next "Poultry Slaughter" report will be released on March 5, 1992 at 3:00 p.m. ET.

