

# Poultry Slaughter



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## Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 7 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during June (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.48 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the 2.31 billion pounds certified in 1992. Updated totals for May 1993 show that 2.21 billion pounds were certified. The January through June cumulative total of pounds certified, at 13.6 billion pounds, was up 5 percent from the same period the previous year.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during June 1993 was 3.36 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.70 billion pounds of young chickens, 78.2 million pounds of mature chickens, 565 million pounds of turkeys, and 12.4 million pounds of ducks.

Young chickens slaughtered during June 1993 averaged 4.55 pounds per bird, an increase of 1 percent from the 4.50 pounds a year ago. The average live weight of mature chickens was up 3 percent from the previous year at 4.98 pounds per bird. Turkeys slaughtered during June 1993 averaged 22.3 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from June 1992.

Ante-mortem condemnations during June 1993 totaled 12.1 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.36 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.34 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 46.7 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.55 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.64 percent a year earlier.

June 1993 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays, the same as June last year. Each weekday represents approximately 5 percent of the month's total.

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight  
by Type, United States, June 1993 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature <u>2/</u>	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
May 1993	533,590	14,460	548,050	1,515	-----
Jun 1992	556,340	15,195	571,535	1,559	-----
Jun 1993	594,506	15,683	610,189	1,857	-----
Jan-Jun 1992	3,176,271	93,722	3,269,993	8,850	-----
Jan-Jun 1993	3,298,764	87,971	3,386,736	9,735	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
May 1993	2,454,869	70,332	2,525,201	10,254	317
Jun 1992	2,504,660	73,182	2,577,842	10,440	418
Jun 1993	2,704,537	78,162	2,782,699	12,418	341
Jan-Jun 1992	14,350,889	437,110	14,787,998	59,066	2,157
Jan-Jun 1993	15,113,253	417,855	15,531,108	65,839	2,003
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
May 1993	4.60	4.86	4.61	6.77	-----
Jun 1992	4.50	4.82	4.51	6.70	-----
Jun 1993	4.55	4.98	4.56	6.69	-----
Jan-Jun 1992	4.52	4.66	4.52	6.67	-----
Jan-Jun 1993	4.58	4.75	4.59	6.76	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight  
by Type, United States, June 1993 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
May 1993	35	21,063	141	21,239	-----
Jun 1992	137	24,767	182	25,086	-----
Jun 1993	57	25,087	234	25,377	-----
Jan-Jun 1992	641	128,710	1,107	130,458	-----
Jan-Jun 1993	146	127,101	1,022	128,269	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
May 1993	332	472,983	3,703	477,019	3,012,790
Jun 1992	1,268	543,446	4,697	549,411	3,138,111
Jun 1993	470	558,528	5,765	564,763	3,360,220
Jan-Jun 1992	6,097	2,814,811	28,570	2,849,478	17,698,700
Jan-Jun 1993	1,270	2,855,551	25,901	2,882,722	18,481,671
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
May 1993	9.38	22.46	26.29	22.46	-----
Jun 1992	9.28	21.94	25.74	21.90	-----
Jun 1993	8.30	22.26	24.66	22.25	-----
Jan-Jun 1992	9.51	21.87	25.81	21.84	-----
Jan-Jun 1993	8.70	22.47	25.35	22.47	-----

1/ Federally inspected only. Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Of the Mature Chickens inspected, the number reported in thousands as heavy fowl (broiler breeding stock) was: June 1992: 4,599, June 1993: 5,446.

3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: June 1992: 185. June 1993: 119.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type.  
 United States, June 1993 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
May 1993					
Chilled	1,653,201	41,456	1,694,657	2,031	31
Frozen	130,997	2,297	133,295	5,245	167
Total	1,784,198	43,753	1,827,952	7,276	198
Jun 1992					
Chilled	1,704,998	42,587	1,747,585	2,216	35
Frozen	119,722	2,641	122,363	5,213	221
Total	1,824,719	45,228	1,869,947	7,430	256
Jun 1993					
Chilled	1,836,707	45,235	1,881,941	2,628	25
Frozen	140,342	3,353	143,694	6,322	188
Total	1,977,048	48,587	2,025,636	8,950	213
Jan-Jun 1992					
Chilled	9,679,239	253,608	9,932,847	13,921	247
Frozen	739,647	15,094	754,741	28,206	1,069
Total	10,418,886	268,703	10,687,588	42,127	1,316
Jan-Jun 1993					
Chilled	10,156,024	245,564	10,401,589	14,236	217
Frozen	831,938	13,482	845,420	32,270	1,062
Total	10,987,962	259,046	11,247,009	46,506	1,279

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,  
 United States, June 1993 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
May 1993					
Chilled	---	163,574	2,002	165,576	1,862,295
Frozen	251	212,079	824	213,154	351,861
Total	251	375,653	2,826	378,730	2,214,156
Jun 1992					
Chilled	481	177,878	1,957	180,316	1,930,152
Frozen	528	252,594	1,537	254,660	382,456
Total	1,009	430,472	3,494	434,975	2,312,608
Jun 1993					
Chilled	---	185,835	2,645	188,480	2,073,075
Frozen	349	255,386	1,618	257,353	407,556
Total	349	441,221	4,263	445,832	2,480,631
Jan-Jun 1992					
Chilled	1,426	1,037,341	14,967	1,053,734	11,000,750
Frozen	3,377	1,186,841	6,315	1,196,532	1,980,548
Total	4,803	2,224,182	21,282	2,250,266	12,981,298
Jan-Jun 1993					
Chilled	---	1,030,610	14,027	1,044,637	11,460,678
Frozen	945	1,224,923	5,590	1,231,459	2,110,211
Total	945	2,255,533	19,617	2,276,096	13,570,889

1/ Ready-to-cook weights. Totals may not add due to rounding.

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations  
by Type, United States, June 1993 with Comparisons <sup>1/</sup>

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
May 1993	6,596	800	7,396	6	1
Jun 1992	7,864	1,129	8,993	8	1
Jun 1993	9,167	1,277	10,444	8	1
Jan-Jun 1992	44,868	6,313	51,181	47	8
Jan-Jun 1993	46,537	5,693	52,230	50	8
Percent <sup>2/</sup>					
Jun 1992	0.31	1.54	0.35	0.08	0.24
Jun 1993	0.34	1.63	0.38	0.07	0.35
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
May 1993	31,645	3,070	34,715	179	2
Jun 1992	34,065	3,269	37,333	128	4
Jun 1993	33,324	3,378	36,702	199	3
Jan-Jun 1992	225,967	20,823	246,790	870	20
Jan-Jun 1993	205,596	19,266	224,862	1,139	19
Percent <sup>3/</sup>					
Jun 1992	1.51	4.96	1.61	1.36	0.95
Jun 1993	1.37	4.80	1.47	1.78	0.99

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations  
by Type, United States, June 1993 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
May 1993	1	967	24	991	8,394
Jun 1992	1	1,604	61	1,666	10,668
Jun 1993	1	1,624	68	1,692	12,146
Jan-Jun 1992	25	7,640	294	7,959	59,195
Jan-Jun 1993	2	7,774	252	8,028	60,315
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Jun 1992	0.11	0.30	1.29	0.30	0.34
Jun 1993	0.12	0.29	1.18	0.30	0.36
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
May 1993	3	8,539	221	8,763	43,659
Jun 1992	18	8,592	323	8,934	46,399
Jun 1993	5	9,436	399	9,840	46,743
Jan-Jun 1992	64	48,341	1,851	50,255	297,934
Jan-Jun 1993	15	52,559	1,717	54,291	280,311
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Jun 1992	1.61	1.76	7.65	1.81	1.64
Jun 1993	1.24	1.88	7.69	1.94	1.55

1/ Federally inspected only. Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Pounds condemned as percent of pounds (live weight) inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Pounds condemned as percent of pounds N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight.  
Selected States and United States, June 1992-93

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <sup>1/</sup>	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	----- 1,000 -----		----- 1,000 Pounds -----		--- Pounds ---	
AL	77,042	77,531	335,546	341,323	4.36	4.40
AR	88,565	97,126	385,562	429,203	4.35	4.42
CA	18,792	20,107	94,200	103,711	5.01	5.16
DE	21,754	23,399	112,555	120,425	5.17	5.15
FL	11,727	12,094	49,101	51,158	4.19	4.23
GA	74,667	77,957	335,908	355,190	4.50	4.56
LA	11,691	13,684	51,155	58,743	4.38	4.29
MD	17,265	18,075	77,816	81,354	4.51	4.50
MS	38,876	44,880	165,239	200,867	4.25	4.48
MO	17,714	17,076	74,803	71,971	4.22	4.21
NC	49,298	52,668	253,843	268,244	5.15	5.09
PA	8,335	8,394	40,952	40,726	4.91	4.85
SC	13,668	16,854	51,975	65,283	3.80	3.87
TN	12,046	13,442	55,159	58,943	4.58	4.39
TX	33,168	33,828	145,617	150,710	4.39	4.46
VA	29,606	30,435	135,343	141,405	4.57	4.65
WA	3,026	3,334	13,543	16,366	4.48	4.91
US	556,340	594,506	2,504,660	2,704,537	4.50	4.55

<sup>1/</sup> Average weight based on unrounded data.



Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,  
Selected States and United States, June 1992-93

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-- Percent --			
AL	243,764	250,082	4,452	4,936	1.47	1.61
AR	273,372	308,506	4,486	4,892	1.29	1.27
CA	68,855	75,857	1,742	1,498	2.05	1.60
DE	82,430	87,394	1,657	1,584	1.64	1.46
FL	34,937	36,838	845	487	1.91	1.06
GA	248,495	261,461	3,935	4,017	1.30	1.26
LA	37,684	43,855	935	720	2.03	1.36
MD	55,055	57,447	967	1,031	1.38	1.41
MS	126,273	153,344	2,234	2,467	1.50	1.36
MO	54,027	52,409	1,100	787	1.63	1.22
NC	185,403	197,638	3,073	3,073	1.34	1.27
PA	29,154	28,610	623	646	1.69	1.76
SC	37,989	47,198	618	814	1.32	1.38
TN	39,935	42,205	517	543	1.04	1.02
TX	109,422	114,531	2,740	1,711	2.09	1.26
VA	98,575	102,238	1,496	1,151	1.23	0.90
WA	10,055	12,143	236	380	1.94	2.58
US	1,824,719	1,977,048	34,065	33,324	1.51	1.37

1/ Ready-to-cook weights.

2/ Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,  
Selected States and United States, June 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	---	192,441	92,948	4,821	29,389
AR	---	15,613	316,644	95,732	15,374	13,419
CA	---	6,787	78,282	6,549	2,441	12,234
DE	---	47,180	83,280	29,453	---	---
FL	---	---	18,024	14,243	---	3,972
GA	---	20,534	160,714	75,102	1,290	25,682
LA	---	---	34,976	10,243	---	3,811
MD	---	40,636	73,444	15,059	---	---
MS	---	8,175	111,198	58,186	1,683	11,048
MO	---	10,491	49,010	11,738	2,215	3,258
NC	---	24,083	112,866	35,655	113	33,170
PA	---	1,673	32,349	6,831	---	4,794
SC	---	1,772	23,719	51,404	249	10,420
TN	---	---	49,480	---	1,006	---
TX	---	1,791	104,233	39,987	1,132	6,317
VA	---	15,624	63,892	17,639	191	---
WA	---	---	23,244	914	---	---
US	---	222,885	1,673,219	601,767	40,989	218,797
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	19,206	31,088	61,548	11,723	122,246	565,410
AR	18,531	29,720	69,775	6,443	101,594	682,845
CA	973	5,955	3,212	890	---	117,323
DE	4,163	12,422	15,767	---	15,372	207,637
FL	1,716	3,133	7,471	---	---	48,559
GA	14,631	30,073	27,490	8,166	83,254	446,936
LA	2,515	4,945	7,574	---	---	64,064
MD	2,198	8,248	15,099	321	11,037	166,042
MS	8,419	25,904	31,776	5,306	55,929	317,624
MO	1,878	2,510	9,294	800	22,551	113,745
NC	4,790	25,750	27,260	8,848	78,636	351,171
PA	1,874	2,023	---	---	11,558	61,102
SC	3,467	15,883	---	2,075	26,162	135,151
TN	2,967	8,522	---	---	12,126	74,101
TX	2,353	11,477	11,626	1,691	5,082	185,689
VA	3,344	12,405	24,332	3,319	24,616	165,362
WA	371	984	408	---	15,193	41,114
US	105,012	243,656	392,977	61,700	730,886	4,291,888

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,  
Selected States and United States, June 1992-93

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <u>1/</u>	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	3,554	2,922	20,526	18,595	5.77	6.36
US	15,195	15,683	73,182	78,162	4.82	4.98

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,  
Selected States and United States, June 1992-93

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	13,020	11,854	726	521	3.93	3.12
US	45,228	48,587	3,269	3,378	4.96	4.80

1/ Ready-to-cook weights.

2/ Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,  
Selected States and United States, June 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	28	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	12,600
US	---	4,075	226,601	10,850	818	105,157
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	111	---	---	863	1,002
GA	---	---	---	---	323	12,923
US	22,529	37,311	158,358	5,144	38,862	609,705

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, June 1992-93

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <u>1/</u>	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	2,182	2,121	44,331	42,747	20.32	20.15
CA	1,618	1,735	35,355	38,201	21.85	22.02
IA	1,226	1,300	32,672	36,068	26.65	27.75
MN	3,874	4,342	73,205	84,033	18.90	19.36
MO	1,905	1,802	39,033	41,028	20.49	22.77
NC	4,683	4,450	102,490	98,789	21.89	22.20
PA	660	772	13,528	13,602	20.49	17.61
VA	3,042	3,099	58,700	58,890	19.29	19.00
US	24,767	25,087	543,446	558,528	21.94	22.26

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, June 1992-93

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1992	1993	1992	1993	1992	1993
AR	36,069	34,451	719	841	1.80	2.19
CA	28,597	30,759	489	520	1.54	1.51
IA	25,410	28,098	623	640	2.12	1.97
MN	58,689	67,079	1,404	1,595	2.13	2.11
MO	31,069	31,948	723	1,057	2.06	2.86
NC	80,795	78,115	1,254	1,335	1.36	1.50
PA	10,655	10,642	307	259	2.52	2.12
VA	45,939	46,197	903	744	1.71	1.40
US	430,472	441,221	8,592	9,436	1.76	1.88

1/ Ready-to-cook weights.

2/ Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,  
Selected States and United States, June 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AR	---	---	7,291	---	---	---
CA	---	---	8,494	---	---	---
IA	---	---	---	1,949	---	---
MN	---	---	21,702	4,020	1,479	32
MO	---	---	18,005	1,470	---	---
NC	---	---	---	---	---	16
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	---	---	4,733	301	---	---
US	---	25	106,504	15,171	8,127	287
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
AR	---	585	1,497	---	---	9,373
CA	---	447	335	---	---	9,276
IA	38	---	---	---	---	1,987
MN	---	2,416	---	---	---	29,649
MO	230	---	---	---	---	19,705
NC	398	1,925	1,848	286	---	4,473
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	19	979	116	35	622	6,805
US	1,931	10,652	11,880	2,756	13,827	171,160

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,  
United States, June 1993

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
			Number			
US	---	---	5,202	2,012	36	100
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
			Number			
US	90	243	301	132	1,210	9,326

## Poultry Slaughter Estimates

**Data Sources:** Primary data for commercial poultry slaughter estimates are obtained from the Poultry Inspection Form (FSIS 6000-21) completed by inspectors of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), USDA. This form provides 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 form collects 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. Annual totals of poultry slaughtered under State-administered Non-Federal Inspection (NFI) are published in the April release.

**Revision Policy:** Revisions are generally the result of late reports received by FSIS from plants and are usually less than one-half of 1 percent of the preliminary totals. Revisions for the previous month and year-to-date totals are published in each monthly release. Final data are published in the annual summary released in April and reflect any late reports or corrections which occurred after the monthly revision were published.

**Procedures and Reliability:** Plant inspectors submit forms (FSIS 6000-21) weekly summarizing the plant's 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 and reported data are allocated to the appropriate month as it enters the database.

A NASS computer program provides a review of current data with historical data for each plant. An edit provides checks for the detection of errors such as invalid plant information, duplication, and erroneous data. The program also generates a missing reports listing for a telephone follow-up. Data are summarized weekly and accumulated to a monthly total for this release.

Major slaughter plants with missing reports are adjusted prior to publication to assure that all plants slaughtering a significant portion of a specific class are accounted for each week. Estimates for missing weeks are made only after verifying that the plant was in operation. Adjustments are based on either the previous week's information or a week determined to be similar to the one missing. Late reports replace imputed data as they become available. While there will continue to be a varying degree of incompleteness from month to month, it is expected to have only a minimal impact on the final totals.

Poultry slaughter estimates are based on a census of operating plants and, therefore, have no sampling error. However, they may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors are minimized through strict quality controls in the edit and summarization process, and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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.



**Definitions Used To Report Federally Inspected Slaughter:**

**Ante-Mortem Condemnations** - Birds condemned prior to their entry into the slaughter plant.

**Certified Ready-to-Cook** - The weight of poultry certified wholesome by inspection after post-mortem condemnation pounds are removed. Ready-to-cook represents poultry meat ready for the marketing channel.

**Ducks** - Includes all ducks regardless of age and weight.

**Fryer-Roaster Turkeys** - Young immature birds, usually under 16 weeks of age.

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

**New York Dressed Weight** - Carcass weight after only feathers and blood are removed. This weight is approximately 90% of live weight.

**Old Turkeys (Breeders)** - Fully matured birds held for egg production, usually over 15 months of age.

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

**Post-Mortem Condemnations** - Carcasses or parts condemned by the inspector because of disease or mishandling and removed from the slaughter line and destroyed.

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

**Young Turkeys (Mature)** - Young birds grown to a matured market age, about 5 months.

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