

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 6 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during September (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.55 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the amount certified in September 1993. Updated totals for August 1994 show that 2.75 billion pounds were certified. The January through September cumulative total of pounds certified, at 21.9 billion pounds, was up 6 percent from the same period the previous year.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during September 1994 was 3.46 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.83 billion pounds of young chickens, 69.5 million pounds of mature chickens, 551 million pounds of turkeys, and 10.3 million pounds of ducks.

Young chickens slaughtered during September 1994 averaged 4.65 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from 4.53 pounds per bird a year ago. The average live weight of mature chickens increased 9 percent from 4.86 pounds per bird the previous year to 5.28 pounds. Turkeys slaughtered during September 1994 averaged 22.4 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from September 1993.

Ante-mortem condemnations during September 1994 totaled 11.1 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.32 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.34 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 53.9 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.73 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.64 percent a year earlier.

September 1994 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays, the same as September 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, September 1994 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature <u>2/</u>	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Aug 1994	662,135	13,882	676,017	1,782	-----
Sep 1993	579,618	15,068	594,685	1,849	-----
Sep 1994	609,179	13,174	622,352	1,569	-----
Jan-Sep 1993	5,033,135	132,429	5,165,564	15,179	-----
Jan-Sep 1994	5,304,842	129,271	5,434,114	15,211	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Aug 1994	3,032,727	70,929	3,103,656	11,597	443
Sep 1993	2,623,699	73,293	2,696,992	12,380	701
Sep 1994	2,832,724	69,528	2,902,252	10,250	821
Jan-Sep 1993	22,838,180	628,055	23,466,236	101,381	3,772
Jan-Sep 1994	24,470,195	630,127	25,100,322	100,647	3,551
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Aug 1994	4.58	5.11	4.59	6.51	-----
Sep 1993	4.53	4.86	4.54	6.70	-----
Sep 1994	4.65	5.28	4.66	6.53	-----
Jan-Sep 1993	4.54	4.74	4.54	6.68	-----
Jan-Sep 1994	4.61	4.87	4.62	6.62	-----

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Poultry Slaughter: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight
by Type, United States, September 1994 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Aug 1994	117	27,665	225	28,007	-----
Sep 1993	39	25,170	223	25,432	-----
Sep 1994	31	24,379	153	24,563	-----
Jan-Sep 1993	341	201,240	1,671	203,252	-----
Jan-Sep 1994	327	203,211	1,490	205,027	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Aug 1994	1,219	607,787	5,552	614,559	3,730,254
Sep 1993	349	545,921	5,494	551,764	3,261,837
Sep 1994	300	547,118	3,770	551,189	3,464,512
Jan-Sep 1993	2,961	4,461,917	41,907	4,506,785	28,078,174
Jan-Sep 1994	3,176	4,616,183	36,599	4,655,958	29,860,479
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Aug 1994	10.41	21.97	24.68	21.94	-----
Sep 1993	8.96	21.69	24.64	21.70	-----
Sep 1994	9.57	22.44	24.65	22.44	-----
Jan-Sep 1993	8.69	22.17	25.08	22.17	-----
Jan-Sep 1994	9.72	22.72	24.57	22.71	-----

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: September 1993: 4,954, September 1994: 5,691.

3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: September 1993: 93, September 1994: 87.

Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type,
 United States, September 1994 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Aug 1994					
Chilled	2,034,473	39,918	2,074,391	2,206	81
Frozen	176,207	3,170	179,377	6,162	209
Total	2,210,680	43,088	2,253,768	8,368	290
Sep 1993					
Chilled	1,771,095	43,246	1,814,341	2,654	11
Frozen	143,785	2,472	146,258	6,253	412
Total	1,914,881	45,718	1,960,598	8,907	424
Sep 1994					
Chilled	1,900,167	40,206	1,940,372	2,187	24
Frozen	166,913	2,807	169,721	5,199	466
Total	2,067,080	43,013	2,110,093	7,386	489
Jan-Sep 1993					
Chilled	15,375,137	368,223	15,743,360	21,975	345
Frozen	1,243,432	20,299	1,263,731	50,231	2,015
Total	16,618,569	388,522	17,007,092	72,207	2,360
Jan-Sep 1994					
Chilled	16,383,132	361,167	16,744,299	21,894	489
Frozen	1,427,390	23,683	1,451,074	50,525	1,753
Total	17,810,522	384,851	18,195,373	72,419	2,242

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Poultry Slaughter: Chilled and Frozen, Pounds Certified by Type.
 United States, September 1994 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Aug 1994					
Chilled	225	216,139	2,158	218,523	2,295,201
Frozen	723	262,414	1,938	265,075	450,823
Total	948	478,554	4,096	483,598	2,746,024
Sep 1993					
Chilled	---	184,385	2,646	187,031	2,004,037
Frozen	259	247,080	1,600	248,939	401,863
Total	259	431,466	4,246	435,970	2,405,899
Sep 1994					
Chilled	---	199,740	1,373	201,113	2,143,696
Frozen	225	230,973	1,449	232,648	408,033
Total	225	430,713	2,822	433,761	2,551,729
Jan-Sep 1993					
Chilled	---	1,568,447	21,111	1,589,558	17,355,238
Frozen	2,207	1,956,809	10,597	1,969,613	3,285,591
Total	2,207	3,525,256	31,708	3,559,171	20,640,829
Jan-Sep 1994					
Chilled	225	1,723,403	15,708	1,739,336	18,506,018
Frozen	2,178	1,914,547	11,687	1,928,412	3,431,764
Total	2,403	3,637,950	27,395	3,667,748	21,937,782

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

Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, September 1994 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Aug 1994	10,838	1,118	11,956	12	2
Sep 1993	8,671	1,066	9,737	9	5
Sep 1994	8,851	1,029	9,880	10	5
Jan-Sep 1993	77,104	9,521	86,625	101	18
Jan-Sep 1994	84,575	11,827	96,401	114	22
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Sep 1993	0.33	1.45	0.36	0.08	0.72
Sep 1994	0.31	1.48	0.34	0.10	0.67
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Aug 1994	42,880	3,314	46,194	192	13
Sep 1993	34,085	3,047	37,133	185	6
Sep 1994	39,850	3,297	43,147	165	8
Jan-Sep 1993	307,521	28,082	335,603	1,671	36
Jan-Sep 1994	349,097	29,113	378,210	1,657	48
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Sep 1993	1.44	4.62	1.53	1.66	0.96
Sep 1994	1.56	5.27	1.65	1.79	1.12

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Poultry Slaughter: Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Condemnations
by Type, United States, September 1994 with Comparisons 1/ (continued)

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Aug 1994	2	1,668	56	1,726	13,696
Sep 1993	1	1,245	53	1,299	11,050
Sep 1994	1	1,222	18	1,240	11,135
Jan-Sep 1993	5	12,391	406	12,803	99,547
Jan-Sep 1994	7	12,418	295	12,721	109,258
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Sep 1993	0.25	0.23	0.96	0.24	0.34
Sep 1994	0.20	0.22	0.47	0.22	0.32
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Aug 1994	16	11,884	406	12,307	58,706
Sep 1993	4	10,468	294	10,765	48,089
Sep 1994	4	10,342	256	10,602	53,923
Jan-Sep 1993	35	82,970	2,640	85,644	422,954
Jan-Sep 1994	44	90,885	2,633	93,562	473,477
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Sep 1993	1.20	2.13	5.94	2.17	1.64
Sep 1994	1.37	2.10	7.55	2.14	1.73

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, September 1993-94

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected ^{1/}	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	-----	1,000	-----	1,000 Pounds	-----	Pounds
AL	77,380	75,577	345,430	348,946	4.46	4.62
AR	95,433	94,292	418,836	425,028	4.39	4.51
CA	19,558	18,365	98,846	90,882	5.05	4.95
DE	23,388	24,095	118,448	130,026	5.06	5.40
FL	12,092	12,744	50,755	54,978	4.20	4.31
GA	77,377	84,541	354,382	396,046	4.58	4.68
LA	13,005	13,161	54,395	59,023	4.18	4.48
MD	17,387	17,982	78,617	83,466	4.52	4.64
MS	44,305	51,793	197,512	232,819	4.46	4.50
MO	17,483	18,656	73,933	81,965	4.23	4.39
NC	50,880	53,302	253,517	271,527	4.98	5.09
PA	7,635	7,753	37,665	39,160	4.93	5.05
SC	16,868	17,452	67,808	71,246	4.02	4.08
TN	12,042	12,267	51,736	56,279	4.30	4.59
TX	31,721	36,497	137,750	163,866	4.34	4.49
VA	28,779	30,759	130,257	145,327	4.53	4.72
WA	2,990	2,883	14,464	14,743	4.84	5.11
US	579,618	609,179	2,623,699	2,832,724	4.53	4.65

^{1/} Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, September 1993-94

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-- Percent --			
AL	251,050	254,037	5,568	6,234	1.79	1.98
AR	298,759	302,114	4,987	5,626	1.32	1.47
CA	72,774	66,584	1,972	1,781	2.22	2.18
DE	87,012	94,926	1,257	1,702	1.18	1.45
FL	36,726	39,657	603	537	1.32	1.08
GA	261,199	291,082	4,332	5,496	1.36	1.54
LA	41,002	43,230	708	718	1.45	1.35
MD	54,400	59,850	873	883	1.23	1.18
MS	150,263	175,801	2,329	3,176	1.31	1.52
MO	54,554	58,811	899	1,000	1.35	1.36
NC	187,222	202,251	2,891	3,384	1.27	1.38
PA	26,767	27,393	612	706	1.80	2.00
SC	49,250	52,410	926	953	1.52	1.49
TN	35,474	39,957	576	548	1.24	1.08
TX	104,686	123,658	1,868	1,910	1.51	1.30
VA	94,177	104,730	970	1,436	0.83	1.10
WA	10,737	10,994	289	359	2.22	2.70
US	1,914,881	2,067,080	34,085	39,850	1.44	1.56

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, September 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AL	---	---	222,851	163,573	7,564	14,450
AR	---	8,069	295,130	125,477	12,043	11,376
CA	---	3,180	96,583	13,472	1,985	10,248
DE	---	6,090	100,106	20,415	---	---
FL	---	1,594	18,884	10,889	---	---
GA	---	5,884	179,098	93,561	3,641	18,347
LA	---	637	42,579	14,074	1,561	4,071
MD	---	---	57,553	8,597	---	---
MS	---	2,431	141,174	84,054	1,589	9,525
MO	---	4,646	52,904	18,300	2,567	2,065
NC	---	4,543	114,144	58,119	---	42,281
PA	---	1,485	27,939	9,699	---	---
SC	---	1,710	24,964	53,284	---	6,879
TN	---	513	45,377	---	---	1,779
TX	---	740	123,561	37,168	784	2,919
VA	---	3,516	78,112	23,374	92	---
WA	---	519	---	977	---	1,081
US	---	82,750	1,795,124	773,943	48,268	176,826
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
AL	18,481	36,630	77,032	14,816	189,100	744,497
AR	17,190	24,167	68,203	4,760	166,759	733,174
CA	857	---	2,628	863	68,860	198,676
DE	4,342	18,792	19,115	6,372	---	175,232
FL	2,211	5,648	7,540	1,297	31,112	79,175
GA	18,045	35,082	60,724	15,850	152,624	582,856
LA	3,250	2,594	7,589	40	18,686	95,081
MD	2,210	6,622	15,838	841	7,459	99,120
MS	8,433	21,010	44,630	3,491	137,909	454,246
MO	1,768	5,223	20,040	1,215	28,871	137,599
NC	6,003	25,231	35,319	4,499	101,545	391,684
PA	2,268	2,552	---	---	---	43,943
SC	3,182	19,605	13,993	2,089	32,286	157,992
TN	1,929	6,039	6,675	1,178	24,879	88,369
TX	1,523	7,695	9,941	1,138	8,560	194,029
VA	3,731	10,035	33,598	---	46,143	198,601
WA	341	805	---	1,023	12,605	17,351
US	103,758	251,584	479,563	66,149	1,149,705	4,927,670

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, September 1993-94

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected ^{1/}	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 -----		----- 1,000 Pounds -----		----- Percent -----	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	15,068	13,174	73,293	69,528	4.86	5.28

^{1/} Average weight based on unrounded data.

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, September 1993-94

State	Total Certified ^{1/}		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ^{2/}			
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		----- Percent -----			
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	45,718	43,013	3,047	3,297	4.62	5.27

^{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, September 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	2,926	190,741	7,237	1,231	86,299
State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	35,185	39,707	136,400	4,795	43,427	547,948

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, September 1993-94

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected ^{1/}	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	2,115	2,147	41,502	44,211	19.63	20.59
CA	2,143	1,870	46,675	38,333	21.78	20.49
IA	1,303	1,361	33,455	36,400	25.67	26.75
MN	4,266	3,884	81,293	78,124	19.06	20.11
MO	1,774	1,668	38,030	39,015	21.44	23.38
NC	4,485	4,280	98,285	96,581	21.92	22.57
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	3,130	3,223	58,602	61,085	18.73	18.95
US	25,170	24,379	545,921	547,118	21.69	22.44

^{1/} Average weight based on unrounded data.

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, September 1993-94

State	Total Certified ^{1/}		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1,000 Pounds		N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ^{2/}	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	33,503	35,571	880	978	2.36	2.46
CA	37,787	31,020	698	582	1.66	1.69
IA	25,867	28,396	648	760	2.15	2.32
MN	65,589	62,349	1,432	1,505	1.96	2.14
MO	30,056	30,378	1,130	1,195	3.30	3.40
NC	77,668	74,921	1,951	1,714	2.21	1.97
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	45,782	47,913	915	965	1.74	1.76
US	431,466	430,713	10,468	10,342	2.13	2.10

^{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, September 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AR	---	---	11,346	---	---	---
CA	---	---	8,854	---	---	---
IA	---	---	4,240	2,118	---	---
MN	---	---	21,857	3,530	1,154	---
MO	---	---	15,530	6,804	---	---
NC	---	133	12,104	---	---	15
PA	---	---	---	478	---	---
VA	---	---	9,178	---	---	---
US	---	641	113,295	27,815	8,151	172
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
AR	---	734	---	---	---	12,080
CA	8	---	510	---	---	9,372
IA	44	75	281	---	216	6,974
MN	229	1,887	2,401	---	---	31,058
MO	---	---	---	---	---	22,334
NC	306	1,738	2,366	---	820	17,482
PA	---	---	151	---	---	629
VA	37	1,166	398	---	1,139	11,918
US	1,367	9,207	11,751	1,630	9,890	183,919

Old Turkeys (Breeders) Slaughtered: Number Condemned Post-Mortem by Cause,
 United States, September 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	---	3,156	663	---	143
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	16	139	239	38	586	4,980

Poultry Slaughter Estimates

Data Sources: Primary data for commercial poultry slaughter estimates are obtained from the Poultry Inspection-Daily Summary forms (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 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. 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 revisions 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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