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LIVE WEIGHT POULTRY INSPECTIONS totaled 1.49 billion pounds during March 1980, up 2 percent from March 1979, and 4 percent above February 1980, according to the Crop Reporting Board.

Inspections included 1.25 billion pounds of young chickens, down 1 percent from March 1979, but up 4 percent from February 1980 and 82.9 million pounds of mature chickens, up 1 percent from a year earlier but 11 percent below February 1980. Turkey inspections totaled 157 million pounds, up 31 percent from March 1979 and 13 percent above February 1980. Duck inspections at 6.78 million pounds declined 8 percent from March 1979 and were virtually unchanged from February 1980.

POULTRY CERTIFIED WHOLESOME totaled 1.08 billion pounds ready-to-cook weight, up 2 percent from March 1979 and 4 percent above February 1980. The March 1980 percentage breakdown was 84 percent chilled and 16 percent frozen.

FURTHER PROCESSED poultry totaled 238 million pounds ready-to-cook weight, up 6 percent from March 1979, but 3 percent below February 1980.

CUT-UP PACKAGED poultry products totaled 418 million pounds ready-to-cook weight, an increase of 5 percent from March 1979 and 15 percent above February 1980.

ANTE-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS during March 1980 were 6.02 million pounds live weight. Percent of quantities inspected equaled 0.40 for both March 1980 and 1979. POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS were 28.8 million pounds (N.Y.D. Weight), 2.15 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 2.11 percent in March 1979.

POULTRY SLAUGHTERED (including that slaughtered in non-federally inspected plants) was 1.08 billion pounds ready-to-cook weight, up 2 percent from March 1979 and 3 percent above February 1980.

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POULTRY: SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, MARCH 1980 WITH COMPARISONS

NUMBER INSPECTED	3/	YOUNG : CHICKENS	MATURE : CHICKENS	TOTAL : CHICKENS	FRYER-ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD TURKEYS	TOTAL TURKEYS	DUCKS	OTHER POULTRY	TOTAL POULTRY
FEBRUARY	1980	304,020	22,045	326,065	741	6,734	69	7,544	1,095	---	---
MARCH	1979	321,418	18,940	340,358	576	6,166	47	6,789	1,182	---	---
MARCH	1980	315,588	18,945	334,533	931	7,924	77	8,932	1,077	---	---
JAN.-MARCH	1979	907,277	53,233	960,510	1,760	16,444	136	18,340	3,474	---	---
JAN.-MARCH	1980	949,931	63,523	1,013,454	2,546	22,706	241	25,493	3,401	---	---
POUNDS INSPECTED	4/	1,193,893	93,702	1,287,595	6,966	130,411	1,500	138,877	6,775	327	1,433,574
FEBRUARY	1980	1,252,802	82,029	1,334,831	5,388	113,372	992	119,752	7,337	218	1,462,138
MARCH	1980	1,245,041	82,948	1,327,989	8,848	146,615	1,555	157,018	6,779	365	1,492,151
JAN.-MARCH	1979	3,541,203	228,547	3,769,750	16,577	326,098	2,778	345,454	21,440	690	4,137,334
JAN.-MARCH	1980	3,759,014	274,048	4,033,062	24,427	445,476	4,951	474,854	21,312	1,139	4,530,367
AVERAGE LIVWEIGHTS	5/	3.93	4.25	3.95	9.40	19.37	21.74	18.41	6.19	---	---
FEBRUARY	1980	3.90	4.33	3.92	9.35	18.39	21.11	17.64	6.21	---	---
MARCH	1980	3.95	4.38	3.97	9.50	18.50	20.19	17.58	6.29	---	---
JAN.-MARCH	1979	3.90	4.29	3.92	9.42	19.83	20.43	18.84	6.17	---	---
JAN.-MARCH	1980	3.96	4.31	3.98	9.60	19.62	20.54	18.63	6.27	---	---

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

FEBRUARY 1980, 3,281; MARCH 1979, 2,993; AND MARCH 1980, 3,129.

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

FEBRUARY 1980, 186; MARCH 1979, 105; AND MARCH 1980, 86.

3/ THOUSANDS 4/ 1,000 POUNDS 5/ POUNDS

POULTRY: POUNDS CERTIFIED (READY-TO-COOK WEIGHTS), MARCH 1980 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

NUMBER INSPECTED	1/	YOUNG : CHICKENS	MATURE : CHICKENS	TOTAL : CHICKENS	FRYER-ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD TURKEYS	TOTAL TURKEYS	DUCKS	OTHER POULTRY	TOTAL POULTRY
FEBRUARY	1980	795,192	48,371	843,563	1,474	33,039	43	34,556	722	32	878,873
FROZEN		72,529	9,173	81,702	3,809	69,910	1,124	74,843	3,923	142	160,610
TOTAL		867,721	57,544	925,265	5,283	102,949	1,167	109,399	4,645	174	1,039,483
MARCH	1979	833,968	44,737	878,705	1,906	29,825	221	31,952	809	24	911,490
FROZEN		71,017	6,057	77,074	2,351	60,113	551	63,015	4,296	91	144,476
TOTAL		904,985	50,794	955,779	4,257	89,938	772	94,967	5,105	115	1,055,966
MARCH	1980	826,888	42,666	869,554	3,248	33,923	501	37,672	613	37	907,876
FROZEN		72,247	8,634	80,881	3,689	81,135	704	85,528	4,058	155	170,622
TOTAL		899,135	51,300	950,435	6,937	115,058	1,205	123,200	4,671	192	1,078,498
JANUARY-MARCH	1979	2,350,083	122,909	2,472,992	5,580	100,715	637	106,932	2,369	69	2,582,363
FROZEN		201,349	17,787	219,136	7,357	155,722	1,483	164,562	12,450	296	396,444
TOTAL		2,551,432	140,696	2,692,128	12,937	256,437	2,120	271,494	14,819	365	2,978,807
JANUARY-MARCH	1980	2,495,103	142,756	2,637,859	7,739	111,699	1,011	120,448	2,159	129	2,760,595
FROZEN		226,930	26,260	253,190	11,095	239,306	2,820	253,222	12,518	478	519,407
TOTAL		2,722,033	169,016	2,891,049	18,834	351,005	3,831	373,670	14,677	607	3,280,002

1/ 1,000 POUNDS

POULTRY: CONDEMNATIONS OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, MARCH 1980 WITH COMPARISONS. 3/

	: YOUNG : MATURE :		: TOTAL : FRYER- : YOUNG :		: OLD : TOTAL :		: OTHER : TOTAL :	
	: CHICKENS :	: CHICKENS :	: CHICKENS :	: ROASTERS:	: TURKEYS :	: TURKEYS :	: DUCKS :	: POULTRY: POULTRY :
ANTE-MORTEM								
1,000 POUNDS (LIVEWEIGHT):								
MAR 1979:	4,647	978	5,625	15	303	8	326	9
MAR 1980:	4,524	1,039	5,563	46	397	10	453	7
JAN.-MAR 1979:	16,531	3,450	19,981	97	1,153	16	1,266	23
JAN.-MAR 1980:	13,985	3,587	17,572	122	1,286	39	1,447	23
PERCENT 1/								
MAR 1979:	.37	1.19	.42	.27	.26	.80	.27	.12
MAR 1980:	.36	1.25	.41	.52	.27	.63	.28	.10
POST-MORTEM								
1,000 LBS. (N.Y. DRESSED):								
MAR 1979:	22,032	3,043	25,075	80	2,404	58	2,542	131
MAR 1980:	22,449	2,971	25,420	145	3,062	61	3,268	124
JAN.-MAR 1979:	67,356	9,067	76,423	315	7,663	148	8,126	446
JAN.-MAR 1980:	70,920	10,009	80,929	467	8,960	227	9,654	435
PERCENT 2/								
MAR 1979:	1.96	4.17	2.09	1.66	2.36	6.55	2.36	1.99
MAR 1980:	2.01	4.03	2.13	1.82	2.32	4.41	2.32	2.04

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.  
 3/ DASHES MEAN LESS THAN 500 HEAD OR 500 POUNDS.

POULTRY: INSPECTED FOR FURTHER PROCESSING AND CUT-UP UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION--MARCH 1980, WITH COMPARISONS

	: YOUNG CHICKENS :		: MATURE CHICKENS :		: TURKEYS :		: OTHER POULTRY 2/ :		: TOTAL POULTRY :	
	: FURTHER : CUT-UP :	: FURTHER : CUT-UP :	: FURTHER : CUT-UP :	: FURTHER : CUT-UP :	: FURTHER : CUT-UP :	: FURTHER : CUT-UP :	: FURTHER : CUT-UP :	: FURTHER : CUT-UP :	: FURTHER : CUT-UP :	: FURTHER : CUT-UP :
	: PROCESSED :	: PROCESSED :	: PROCESSED :	: PROCESSED :	: PROCESSED :	: PROCESSED :	: PROCESSED :	: PROCESSED :	: PROCESSED :	: PROCESSED :
POUNDS USED READY-TO-COOK WEIGHT										
FEB 1980	91,193	316,471	47,953	283	30,730	61,692	47,813	14,196	78	245,764
MAR 1979	89,968	355,715	46,011	581	20,653	58,097	40,503	10,553	151	225,282
MAR 1980	93,160	370,772	34,163	157	31,347	65,930	47,296	13,602	90	238,202
JAN.-MAR 1979	241,819	979,837	131,689	1,640	50,285	159,851	116,577	31,614	345	615,258
JAN.-MAR 1980	268,755	1,057,076	124,540	697	90,463	188,695	150,887	44,128	266	716,579
LBS CONDEMNED READY-TO-COOK WEIGHT										
FEB 1980	590	1,640	108	1	95	266	66	66	859	1,907
MAR 1979	662	1,589	42	1	73	259	31	31	808	1,819
MAR 1980	790	1,922	67	1	93	214	24	24	974	2,137
JAN.-MAR 1979	1,668	4,738	122	3	196	746	106	106	2,092	5,488
JAN.-MAR 1980	1,969	6,426	395	5	266	736	139	139	2,769	7,167

1/ WHOLE CARCASS TURKEYS WHICH HAVE BEEN INJECTED, BASTED, MARINATED, SMOKED, BBQ'D, ETC., AND PACKAGED AS SUCH.  
 2/ POULTRY PARTS AND FAT USED IN FURTHER PROCESSING THAT CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED BY CLASS ARE INCLUDED IN "OTHER POULTRY".

YOUNG CHICKENS: SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES AND SELECTED STATES, MARCH 1979 AND 1980

STATE	NUMBER		POUNDS		AVERAGE		TOTAL POUNDS		POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS			
	INSPECTED	1980	INSPECTED	1980	LIVWEIGHT	INSPECTED/LIVWEIGHT	READY-TO-COOK WT.	1980	1979	1980	1979	PERCENT 2/
	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980
U. S.	321,418	315,588	1,252,802	1,245,041	3.90	3.95	904,985	899,135	22,032	22,449	1.96	2.01
ALABAMA	36,103	36,077	135,145	135,154	3.74	3.75	98,496	97,870	2,153	2,239	1.77	1.84
ARKANSAS	50,319	49,936	186,389	186,389	3.59	3.73	127,534	131,578	3,449	3,684	2.13	2.20
CALIFORNIA	11,627	11,887	49,014	53,561	4.22	4.51	35,607	39,007	1,617	1,617	3.43	3.36
DELAWARE	12,018	12,353	51,304	56,575	4.27	4.58	37,622	41,243	846	1,121	1.84	2.21
GEORGIA	46,318	44,662	178,062	169,222	3.84	3.79	130,697	124,210	2,830	2,706	1.77	1.78
INDIANA	1,284	1,284	4,856	4,856	3.84	3.84	3,581	3,581	95	95	2.19	2.19
LOUISIANA	7,797	6,309	30,637	24,736	3.93	3.92	21,538	17,463	465	426	1.69	1.92
MAINE	7,436	5,740	31,081	24,792	4.18	4.32	22,792	18,070	663	508	2.38	2.28
MARYLAND	15,145	12,733	61,361	51,327	4.05	4.03	44,061	37,294	1,011	1,027	1.83	2.23
MISSISSIPPI	22,907	22,681	89,582	89,395	3.91	3.94	65,206	64,652	1,582	1,534	1.98	1.91
MISSOURI	5,055	5,650	19,586	21,495	3.88	3.80	14,273	15,648	469	541	2.66	2.80
NORTH CAROLINA	31,221	30,916	127,600	126,664	4.09	4.10	92,106	92,529	1,904	1,967	1.66	1.73
PENNSYLVANIA	8,802	8,253	35,572	33,489	4.04	4.06	25,332	23,377	846	823	2.65	2.74
SOUTH CAROLINA	4,852	4,880	17,297	18,631	3.56	3.82	11,981	12,596	303	363	1.95	2.18
TENNESSEE	6,038	7,426	22,330	27,342	3.70	3.68	16,584	19,705	300	443	1.49	1.81
TEXAS	21,009	21,103	81,544	83,791	3.88	3.87	59,970	60,956	1,567	1,292	2.14	1.72
VIRGINIA	15,953	14,975	66,268	64,168	4.15	4.28	47,765	46,157	738	846	1.24	1.47
WASHINGTON	1,407	1,482	5,976	6,236	4.25	4.21	4,418	4,627	156	147	2.92	2.63

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.  
 3/ DATA FOR ONLY 1 YEAR PUBLISHED IN ORDER TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

YOUNG CHICKENS: NUMBER CONDEMNED POST-MORTEM BY CAUSE, UNITED STATES AND SELECTED STATES, MARCH 1980

STATE	TUBERCULOSIS	LEUROSIS	LEUCOSIS	NO.	SEPTICEMIA	NO.	SERTICEMIA	NO.	AIRSAC	NO.	SYNOVITIS	NO.	VITIS	NO.	TUMORS	NO.	BRAUISES	NO.	CADAVERE	NO.	INATION	NO.	SCALD	NO.	OTHER	NO.	TOTAL		
																												NO.	NO.
U. S.	463,255	1,516,874	1,098,769	44,491	87,458	100,814	167,908	277,408	48,616	172,079	3,977,672	417,114	678,005	289,902	190,176	516,092	23,421	62,335	57,993	170,337	240,356	87,695	360,207	152,664	69,708	95,891	237,370	137,953	17,341
ALABAMA	70,800	154,860	90,376	4,987	11,674	11,784	19,513	29,604	5,004	18,512	417,114	678,005	289,902	190,176	516,092	23,421	62,335	57,993	170,337	240,356	87,695	360,207	152,664	69,708	95,891	237,370	137,953	17,341	
ARKANSAS	67,303	265,648	208,838	9,222	18,015	15,783	29,952	39,115	6,197	17,932	678,005	289,902	190,176	516,092	23,421	62,335	57,993	170,337	240,356	87,695	360,207	152,664	69,708	95,891	237,370	137,953	17,341		
CALIFORNIA	9,481	113,088	129,098	11,188	2,912	2,089	6,892	6,565	1,287	7,302	678,005	289,902	190,176	516,092	23,421	62,335	57,993	170,337	240,356	87,695	360,207	152,664	69,708	95,891	237,370	137,953	17,341		
DELAWARE	54,449	44,461	63,894	441	3,941	2,531	5,094	7,837	2,262	5,366	190,176	516,092	23,421	62,335	57,993	170,337	240,356	87,695	360,207	152,664	69,708	95,891	237,370	137,953	17,341				
GEORGIA	11,892	220,306	167,458	3,372	13,036	11,462	26,681	42,763	5,782	13,340	516,092	23,421	62,335	57,993	170,337	240,356	87,695	360,207	152,664	69,708	95,891	237,370	137,953	17,341					
INDIANA	4,625	7,369	6,171	16	267	345	1,199	2,873	654	102	23,421	62,335	57,993	170,337	240,356	87,695	360,207	152,664	69,708	95,891	237,370	137,953	17,341						
LOUISIANA	1,488	29,246	8,113	323	2,790	1,741	5,140	5,700	1,613	6,181	62,335	57,993	170,337	240,356	87,695	360,207	152,664	69,708	95,891	237,370	137,953	17,341							
MAINE	16,493	16,323	11,825	876	735	1,232	2,276	3,722	1,239	3,272	57,993	170,337	240,356	87,695	360,207	152,664	69,708	95,891	237,370	137,953	17,341								
MARYLAND	43,387	47,370	52,905	753	2,910	1,452	3,823	7,406	902	9,429	170,337	240,356	87,695	360,207	152,664	69,708	95,891	237,370	137,953	17,341									
MISSISSIPPI	30,559	94,776	62,141	1,724	2,924	8,773	8,735	21,546	4,293	5,085	240,356	87,695	360,207	152,664	69,708	95,891	237,370	137,953	17,341										
MISSOURI	12,697	28,711	31,137	1,552	2,924	3,131	841	6,783	1,125	384	87,695	360,207	152,664	69,708	95,891	237,370	137,953	17,341											
NORTH CAROLINA	23,718	172,484	88,606	1,060	9,267	8,999	18,761	20,702	5,858	10,752	360,207	152,664	69,708	95,891	237,370	137,953	17,341												
PENNSYLVANIA	23,843	33,699	43,546	437	1,244	2,504	4,687	27,520	308	14,886	152,664	69,708	95,891	237,370	137,953	17,341													
SOUTH CAROLINA	7,398	23,864	17,795	573	2,167	3,835	3,474	4,033	2,285	4,284	69,708	95,891	237,370	137,953	17,341														
TENNESSEE	7,149	39,808	24,552	831	1,829	2,958	3,703	6,699	502	11,860	95,891	237,370	137,953	17,341															
TEXAS	28,197	95,703	41,755	2,692	3,500	9,756	16,643	21,608	4,616	12,900	237,370	137,953	17,341																
VIRGINIA	38,143	48,207	28,947	209	4,366	1,670	3,340	5,164	2,505	5,402	137,953	17,341																	
WASHINGTON	1,137	10,995	2,409	582	117	717	556	353	291	184	17,341																		



YOUNG TURKEYS (MATURE): SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, UNITED STATES AND SELECTED STATES, MARCH 1979 AND 1980

STATE	NUMBER		POUNDS		AVERAGE		TOTAL POUNDS		POST-MORTEM CONDEMNATIONS			
	INSPECTED	INSPECTED	LIVEWEIGHT	LIVEWEIGHT	INSPECTED	INSPECTED	CERTIFIED	CERTIFIED	READY-TO-COOK (WT.)	PERCENT 2/		
	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980		
U. S.	6,166	7,924	113,372	146,615	18.39	18.50	89,938	115,058	2,404	3,062	2.36	2.32
ARKANSAS	619	826	11,060	14,759	17.86	17.88	8,718	11,789	275	252	2.76	1.89
CALIFORNIA	525	720	10,243	13,389	19.50	18.59	8,223	10,766	134	207	1.45	1.72
INDIANA	276	250	5,286	5,226	19.13	20.91	4,139	4,015	192	176	4.05	3.76
IOWA	318	---	7,415	---	23.31	---	5,682	---	185	---	2.78	---
MINNESOTA	613	719	10,893	14,376	17.77	19.99	8,583	11,248	393	561	4.02	4.35
MISSOURI	627	792	12,021	14,274	19.16	18.03	9,513	10,815	249	314	2.30	2.45
NORTH CAROLINA	1,137	1,093	18,487	17,530	16.26	16.03	15,006	14,289	382	314	2.30	1.99
PENNSYLVANIA	169	436	3,120	6,802	18.44	15.62	2,419	5,495	56	99	2.01	1.61
TEXAS	364	590	6,259	10,617	17.20	17.99	4,822	8,134	111	115	1.96	1.20
VIRGINIA	1,111	1,215	19,442	21,152	17.50	17.41	15,645	16,368	217	348	1.24	1.83

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.

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YOUNG TURKEYS (MATURE): NUMBER CONDEMNED POST-MORTEM BY CAUSE, UNITED STATES AND SELECTED STATES, MARCH 1980

STATE	TUBERCULOSIS		LEUKOSIS		SEPTICEMIA		AIRSAC		SYNDROMES		TUMORS		BRUISES		CADAVER		CONTAMINATION		OVERSCALE		OTHER		TOTAL NO.
	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	
U. S.	---	946	60,003	25,866	6,118	130	1,425	3,947	5,465	1,274	3,391	108,565	8,143	7,704	4,198	23,014	12,993	10,198	4,046	3,950	11,658		
ARKANSAS	---	1	3,886	1,722	130	11	158	245	743	464	783	8,143	7,704	4,198	23,014	12,993	10,198	4,046	3,950	11,658			
CALIFORNIA	---	763	5,474	706	251	25	60	151	261	10	3	7,704	4,198	23,014	12,993	10,198	4,046	3,950	11,658				
INDIANA	---	---	1,828	836	587	---	28	126	219	5	569	4,198	23,014	12,993	10,198	4,046	3,950	11,658					
MINNESOTA	---	69	10,770	7,063	3,229	5	290	145	1,022	203	218	23,014	12,993	10,198	4,046	3,950	11,658						
MISSOURI	---	---	8,910	1,975	91	2	95	585	587	353	395	12,993	10,198	4,046	3,950	11,658							
NORTH CAROLINA	---	95	5,428	3,213	121	4	137	200	810	10	180	10,198	4,046	3,950	11,658								
PENNSYLVANIA	---	---	2,297	421	46	1	38	941	118	11	173	4,046	3,950	11,658									
TEXAS	---	4	2,452	218	232	3	83	206	637	1	114	3,950	11,658										
VIRGINIA	---	4	8,680	765	249	14	139	931	376	51	449	11,658											



TOTAL POULTRY SLAUGHTERED (READY-TO-COOK  
WEIGHTS) MARCH 1980 WITH COMPARISONS

MONTH AND YEAR	INSPECTED	OTHER <u>1/</u>	TOTAL
	MILLION POUNDS		
FEB 1980	1,040	7	1,047
MAR 1979	1,056	7	1,063
MAR 1980	1,078	3	1,081
JAN - MAR 1979	2,979	19	2,998
JAN - MAR 1980	3,280	18	3,298

1/ EXCLUDES DUCKS AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY.

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Definitions

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-roasters turkeys - Young immature birds, usually under 16 weeks of age.

Young turkeys (mature) - Young birds grown to a matured market age, usually 5 to 7 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.

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