

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 8 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during October (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.56 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the amount certified in October 1993. Updated totals for September 1994 show that 2.58 billion pounds were certified. The January through October cumulative total of pounds certified, at 24.5 billion pounds, was up 7 percent from the same period the previous year.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during October 1994 was 3.47 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.82 billion pounds of young chickens, 66.3 million pounds of mature chickens, 576 million pounds of turkeys, and 10.9 million pounds of ducks.

Young chickens slaughtered during October 1994 averaged 4.71 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from 4.63 pounds per bird a year ago. The average live weight of mature chickens increased 11 percent from 4.80 pounds per bird the previous year to 5.32 pounds. Turkeys slaughtered during October 1994 averaged 22.6 pounds per bird, up 3 percent from October 1993.

Ante-mortem condemnations during October 1994 totaled 9.66 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.28 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.30 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 52.6 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.68 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.59 percent a year earlier.

October 1994 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays, the same as October 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, October 1994 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Sep 1994	612,359	13,174	625,533	1,577	-----
Oct 1993	553,628	14,699	568,327	1,777	-----
Oct 1994	598,775	12,474	611,249	1,620	-----
Jan-Oct 1993	5,586,763	147,128	5,733,891	16,956	-----
Jan-Oct 1994	5,907,975	141,746	6,049,721	16,839	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Sep 1994	2,848,323	69,531	2,917,854	10,298	830
Oct 1993	2,563,053	70,597	2,633,650	12,118	1,663
Oct 1994	2,818,816	66,331	2,885,146	10,851	1,792
Jan-Oct 1993	25,401,233	698,652	26,099,885	113,499	5,435
Jan-Oct 1994	27,310,004	696,460	28,006,464	111,547	5,352
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Sep 1994	4.65	5.28	4.66	6.53	-----
Oct 1993	4.63	4.80	4.63	6.82	-----
Oct 1994	4.71	5.32	4.72	6.70	-----
Jan-Oct 1993	4.55	4.75	4.55	6.69	-----
Jan-Oct 1994	4.62	4.91	4.63	6.62	-----

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Sep 1994	31	25,141	181	25,353	-----
Oct 1993	4	25,685	168	25,858	-----
Oct 1994	21	25,271	190	25,483	-----
Jan-Oct 1993	345	226,925	1,840	229,110	-----
Jan-Oct 1994	348	229,244	1,708	231,299	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Sep 1994	300	564,261	4,554	569,115	3,498,097
Oct 1993	42	564,350	4,175	568,568	3,215,998
Oct 1994	210	571,313	4,658	576,181	3,473,971
Jan-Oct 1993	3,003	5,026,267	46,083	5,075,353	31,294,172
Jan-Oct 1994	3,386	5,204,638	42,041	5,250,065	33,373,428
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Sep 1994	9.57	22.44	25.19	22.45	-----
Oct 1993	9.43	21.97	24.81	21.99	-----
Oct 1994	9.95	22.61	24.45	22.61	-----
Jan-Oct 1993	8.70	22.15	25.05	22.15	-----
Jan-Oct 1994	9.74	22.70	24.61	22.70	-----

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: October 1993: 4,662, October 1994: 5,299.

3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: October 1993: 128, October 1994: 102.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Sep 1994					
Chilled	1,910,038	40,207	1,950,245	2,182	30
Frozen	169,232	2,807	172,040	5,216	466
Total	2,079,270	43,014	2,122,285	7,398	496
Oct 1993					
Chilled	1,728,091	41,811	1,769,902	2,609	82
Frozen	143,893	2,360	146,252	5,981	944
Total	1,871,983	44,171	1,916,154	8,590	1,027
Oct 1994					
Chilled	1,879,624	38,111	1,917,735	2,403	215
Frozen	172,810	2,495	175,305	5,300	930
Total	2,052,434	40,606	2,093,040	7,703	1,145
Jan-Oct 1993					
Chilled	17,103,228	410,034	17,513,262	24,585	427
Frozen	1,387,325	22,659	1,409,984	56,212	2,960
Total	18,490,553	432,693	18,923,246	80,796	3,387
Jan-Oct 1994					
Chilled	18,276,003	399,280	18,675,283	24,292	711
Frozen	1,602,870	26,178	1,629,049	55,842	2,684
Total	19,878,873	425,459	20,304,331	80,134	3,394

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Sep 1994					
Chilled	---	207,808	1,700	209,509	2,161,966
Frozen	225	236,275	1,729	238,230	415,952
Total	225	444,084	3,429	447,738	2,577,918
Oct 1993					
Chilled	---	193,418	2,212	195,631	1,968,224
Frozen	31	254,831	882	255,744	408,922
Total	31	448,249	3,095	451,375	2,377,146
Oct 1994					
Chilled	---	212,535	1,992	214,527	2,134,880
Frozen	155	237,447	1,514	239,117	420,652
Total	155	449,982	3,507	453,644	2,555,533
Jan-Oct 1993					
Chilled	---	1,761,865	23,323	1,785,188	19,323,462
Frozen	2,238	2,211,640	11,479	2,225,357	3,694,513
Total	2,238	3,973,505	34,802	4,010,545	23,017,974
Jan-Oct 1994					
Chilled	225	1,944,007	18,027	1,962,259	20,662,545
Frozen	2,334	2,157,296	13,481	2,173,111	3,860,685
Total	2,559	4,101,302	31,508	4,135,370	24,523,230

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

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Sep 1994	8,899	1,029	9,928	10	6
Oct 1993	7,131	1,178	8,308	9	9
Oct 1994	7,732	762	8,494	10	10
Jan-Oct 1993	84,234	10,699	94,933	109	27
Jan-Oct 1994	92,358	12,589	104,947	123	32
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Oct 1993	0.28	1.67	0.32	0.07	0.55
Oct 1994	0.27	1.15	0.29	0.09	0.53
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Sep 1994	40,150	3,297	43,447	167	9
Oct 1993	32,217	3,000	35,217	202	19
Oct 1994	38,313	3,154	41,467	184	52
Jan-Oct 1993	339,738	31,082	370,820	1,873	55
Jan-Oct 1994	387,754	32,267	420,021	1,842	100
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Oct 1993	1.40	4.72	1.49	1.85	1.26
Oct 1994	1.51	5.28	1.60	1.88	3.19

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Sep 1994	1	1,364	25	1,390	11,334
Oct 1993	---	1,178	40	1,218	9,544
Oct 1994	1	1,110	32	1,142	9,656
Jan-Oct 1993	6	13,569	446	14,021	109,090
Jan-Oct 1994	8	13,671	334	14,013	119,115
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Oct 1993	0.24	0.21	0.96	0.21	0.30
Oct 1994	0.24	0.19	0.68	0.20	0.28
1,000 Pounds					
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Sep 1994	4	10,792	288	11,083	54,706
Oct 1993	---	10,184	279	10,464	45,902
Oct 1994	3	10,578	303	10,883	52,585
Jan-Oct 1993	35	93,155	2,919	96,108	468,856
Jan-Oct 1994	46	101,912	2,967	104,926	526,889
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Oct 1993	0.79	2.01	7.44	2.04	1.59
Oct 1994	1.37	2.06	7.22	2.10	1.68

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, October 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	73,384	75,525	336,296	356,177	4.58	4.72
AR	89,703	92,921	401,526	424,554	4.48	4.57
CA	16,302	18,071	78,918	92,905	4.84	5.14
DE	21,982	23,042	115,695	123,021	5.26	5.34
FL	11,715	12,273	50,614	52,676	4.32	4.29
GA	74,962	82,181	354,340	396,311	4.73	4.82
LA	13,418	13,217	59,793	60,356	4.46	4.57
MD	16,671	17,423	76,466	80,919	4.59	4.64
MS	43,011	51,377	200,325	237,755	4.66	4.63
MO	16,255	18,196	69,286	78,478	4.26	4.31
NC	49,283	51,940	250,176	268,367	5.08	5.17
PA	7,741	8,003	37,976	39,934	4.91	4.99
SC	16,360	17,699	66,448	71,507	4.06	4.04
TN	11,682	12,725	51,674	58,427	4.42	4.59
TX	30,639	34,649	138,716	148,965	4.53	4.30
VA	27,881	29,306	128,336	138,982	4.60	4.74
WA	2,817	2,968	13,392	15,431	4.75	5.20
US	553,628	598,775	2,563,053	2,818,816	4.63	4.71

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

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, October 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	246,396	261,551	5,147	5,518	1.70	1.72
AR	286,881	300,130	4,496	5,066	1.24	1.33
CA	57,470	67,264	1,601	1,831	2.25	2.19
DE	84,752	89,826	1,287	1,779	1.24	1.61
FL	36,823	37,159	383	491	0.84	1.04
GA	258,747	290,740	4,428	5,932	1.39	1.66
LA	44,311	43,683	660	747	1.23	1.38
MD	52,827	57,361	1,120	923	1.63	1.27
MS	152,333	180,596	2,149	2,782	1.19	1.30
MO	50,973	57,246	759	905	1.22	1.28
NC	185,533	200,119	2,922	3,625	1.30	1.50
PA	27,280	28,169	682	864	2.00	2.40
SC	48,604	52,200	882	941	1.48	1.46
TN	35,733	41,259	542	626	1.17	1.19
TX	104,838	112,281	1,538	1,678	1.23	1.25
VA	92,764	99,901	963	1,522	0.83	1.22
WA	9,931	11,088	262	388	2.18	2.80
US	1,871,983	2,052,434	32,217	38,313	1.40	1.51

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, October 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AL	---	9,097	209,902	121,344	6,602	15,101
AR	---	8,174	300,284	138,336	7,692	13,454
CA	---	4,826	102,900	17,551	1,825	12,754
DE	---	5,316	90,624	29,577	---	---
FL	---	---	19,462	10,106	---	---
GA	---	11,008	175,676	149,817	3,714	17,975
LA	---	759	39,832	17,689	1,025	4,152
MD	---	6,916	57,567	10,834	---	---
MS	---	2,575	113,440	62,670	1,157	10,468
MO	---	6,855	59,427	19,404	2,004	2,096
NC	---	9,843	128,011	55,292	---	39,715
PA	---	---	36,732	19,913	---	4,119
SC	---	2,561	27,109	---	---	6,864
TN	---	831	47,851	13,234	---	1,952
TX	---	796	106,035	41,312	375	3,170
VA	---	4,260	81,906	32,100	128	---
WA	---	---	23,986	---	---	---
US	---	99,556	1,776,946	829,281	39,965	181,599
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
AL	15,030	37,712	69,683	9,930	155,745	650,146
AR	14,237	25,118	64,446	3,322	145,099	720,162
CA	731	6,404	2,586	866	42,809	193,252
DE	3,621	11,833	15,614	---	---	156,585
FL	1,542	4,242	6,719	---	29,101	71,172
GA	15,210	34,303	61,013	8,423	177,233	654,372
LA	2,806	2,509	8,058	---	22,863	99,693
MD	1,906	6,183	---	---	7,416	90,822
MS	6,713	20,686	40,863	1,498	133,492	393,562
MO	1,903	5,200	11,823	535	26,472	135,719
NC	5,125	25,807	29,208	5,228	145,684	443,913
PA	2,081	2,713	---	1,086	23,264	89,908
SC	2,800	16,540	12,141	1,211	31,943	101,169
TN	2,199	11,510	9,124	---	25,467	112,168
TX	1,316	7,016	8,328	733	6,118	175,199
VA	3,808	10,358	42,817	2,005	56,957	234,339
WA	442	669	447	102	13,462	39,108
US	89,118	244,225	461,250	54,360	1,170,199	4,946,499

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, October 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 ---	
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	14,699	12,474	70,597	66,331	4.80	5.32

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

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, October 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	44,171	40,606	3,000	3,154	4.72	5.28

^{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, October 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	2,504	179,837	6,352	659	78,131
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	---	232	---	579	811
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	29,529	29,355	144,813	2,346	56,701	530,227

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

State	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <u>1/</u>	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 -----		---- 1,000 Pounds ----		--- Pounds ---	
AR	2,190	2,136	44,578	44,469	20.35	20.82
CA	2,228	2,376	45,924	49,506	20.61	20.83
IA	1,244	1,306	32,003	35,450	25.72	27.15
MN	4,263	3,921	83,735	82,193	19.64	20.96
MO	1,785	1,815	39,223	42,523	21.97	23.43
NC	4,472	4,278	98,692	96,029	22.07	22.45
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	3,243	3,375	61,566	63,331	18.99	18.76
US	25,685	25,271	564,350	571,313	21.97	22.61

1/ Average weight based on unrounded data.

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

State	Total Certified <u>1/</u>		Post-Mortem Condemns			
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
AR	36,090	35,627	778	998	1.94	2.49
CA	37,869	39,616	595	636	1.44	1.43
IA	25,094	27,570	630	776	2.19	2.43
MN	66,865	64,782	1,711	1,928	2.27	2.61
MO	30,901	33,505	937	1,105	2.65	2.89
NC	77,906	75,666	1,688	1,596	1.90	1.85
PA	---	---	---	---	---	---
VA	48,412	49,570	901	943	1.63	1.65
US	448,249	449,982	10,184	10,578	2.01	2.06

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 Condemed Post-Mortem by Cause,
Selected States and United States, October 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
AR	---	---	12,427	---	---	---
CA	---	55	9,297	565	---	---
IA	---	---	5,109	1,959	---	---
MN	---	---	23,734	6,738	1,094	---
MO	---	---	16,802	4,167	---	---
NC	---	---	14,406	---	---	4
PA	---	---	3,186	748	---	---
VA	---	---	9,641	504	---	---
US	---	256	120,572	23,530	8,929	141

	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
AR	---	849	1,602	---	---	14,878
CA	38	---	825	62	---	10,842
IA	48	---	321	---	---	7,437
MN	265	2,071	2,452	346	---	36,700
MO	63	---	1,205	974	---	23,211
NC	360	1,914	2,387	229	709	20,009
PA	---	---	186	---	260	4,380
VA	26	1,239	---	---	1,299	12,709
US	1,579	9,975	11,324	2,665	11,738	190,709

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	---	3,719	759	43	77
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	37	74	214	---	1,126	6,049

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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