

Poultry Slaughter



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Ready-to-Cook Weight Up 7 Percent

Poultry Certified Wholesome during November (ready-to-cook weight), totaled 2.48 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the amount certified in November 1993. Updated totals for October 1994 show that 2.57 billion pounds were certified. The January through November cumulative total of pounds certified, at 27.0 billion pounds, was up 7 percent from the same period the previous year.

The preliminary total Live Weight of Poultry Inspected during November 1994 was 3.36 billion pounds. Inspections included 2.71 billion pounds of young chickens, 63.3 million pounds of mature chickens, 572 million pounds of turkeys, and 10.3 million pounds of ducks.

Young chickens slaughtered during November 1994 averaged 4.70 pounds per bird, up 2 percent from 4.63 pounds per bird a year ago. The average live weight of mature chickens increased 15 percent from 4.57 pounds per bird the previous year to 5.26 pounds. Turkeys slaughtered during November 1994 averaged 22.4 pounds per bird, up 1 percent from November 1993.

Ante-mortem condemnations during November 1994 totaled 9.54 million pounds. Condemnations were 0.28 percent of the live weight inspected, compared with 0.31 percent a year earlier. Post-mortem condemnations, at 51.7 million pounds (N.Y. dressed weight), were 1.71 percent of quantities inspected, compared with 1.63 percent a year earlier.

November 1994 and 1993 both contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays. 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, November 1994 with Comparisons 1/

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature 2/	Total		
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Oct 1994	601,695	12,474	614,169	1,621	-----
Nov 1993	536,850	13,560	550,410	1,738	-----
Nov 1994	577,552	12,047	589,599	1,520	-----
Jan-Nov 1993	6,123,613	160,688	6,284,301	18,694	-----
Jan-Nov 1994	6,487,913	153,793	6,641,705	18,361	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Oct 1994	2,833,201	66,332	2,899,533	10,858	1,793
Nov 1993	2,487,598	62,036	2,549,634	11,827	884
Nov 1994	2,712,840	63,323	2,776,164	10,268	550
Jan-Nov 1993	27,888,831	760,688	28,649,519	125,327	6,319
Jan-Nov 1994	30,033,338	759,785	30,793,123	121,821	5,903
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Oct 1994	4.71	5.32	4.72	6.70	-----
Nov 1993	4.63	4.57	4.63	6.81	-----
Nov 1994	4.70	5.26	4.71	6.75	-----
Jan-Nov 1993	4.55	4.73	4.56	6.70	-----
Jan-Nov 1994	4.63	4.94	4.64	6.63	-----

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young <u>3/</u>	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Head				
Number Inspected					
Oct 1994	21	25,526	190	25,738	-----
Nov 1993	---	26,120	144	26,264	-----
Nov 1994	---	25,439	156	25,595	-----
Jan-Nov 1993	345	253,045	1,984	255,374	-----
Jan-Nov 1994	348	254,937	1,864	257,149	-----
	1,000 Pounds				
Live Weight					
Oct 1994	210	578,247	4,658	583,115	3,495,299
Nov 1993	---	578,421	3,555	581,976	3,144,321
Nov 1994	---	568,013	3,924	571,937	3,358,919
Jan-Nov 1993	3,003	5,604,689	49,637	5,657,329	34,438,494
Jan-Nov 1994	3,386	5,779,585	45,965	5,828,936	36,749,784
	Pounds				
Average Live Weight					
Oct 1994	9.95	22.65	24.45	22.66	-----
Nov 1993	---	22.14	24.61	22.16	-----
Nov 1994	---	22.33	25.15	22.35	-----
Jan-Nov 1993	8.70	22.15	25.02	22.15	-----
Jan-Nov 1994	9.74	22.67	24.66	22.67	-----

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: November 1993: 3,624, November 1994: 4,898.

3/ Of the Young Turkeys inspected, the number reported in thousands as young breeders was: November 1993: 78, November 1994: 93.

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
1,000 Pounds					
Oct 1994					
Chilled	1,889,747	38,112	1,927,859	2,403	215
Frozen	173,152	2,495	175,647	5,300	930
Total	2,062,899	40,607	2,103,506	7,703	1,145
Nov 1993					
Chilled	1,663,545	36,453	1,699,998	2,833	68
Frozen	146,662	1,609	148,271	5,646	494
Total	1,810,207	38,062	1,848,269	8,479	562
Nov 1994					
Chilled	1,808,709	37,445	1,846,154	2,841	63
Frozen	169,175	1,553	170,727	4,532	281
Total	1,977,884	38,997	2,016,882	7,374	344
Jan-Nov 1993					
Chilled	18,766,773	446,488	19,213,260	27,418	495
Frozen	1,533,987	24,268	1,558,255	61,857	3,454
Total	20,300,760	470,755	20,771,515	89,275	3,949
Jan-Nov 1994					
Chilled	20,088,736	436,726	20,525,462	27,134	774
Frozen	1,769,666	27,731	1,797,397	60,374	2,964
Total	21,858,402	464,457	22,322,859	87,508	3,739

See footnotes at end of table.

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
1,000 Pounds					
Oct 1994					
Chilled	---	212,824	1,992	214,817	2,145,294
Frozen	155	242,586	1,514	244,255	426,133
Total	155	455,410	3,507	459,072	2,571,427
Nov 1993					
Chilled	---	218,022	1,713	219,735	1,922,634
Frozen	---	241,174	897	242,071	396,482
Total	---	459,196	2,609	461,806	2,319,116
Nov 1994					
Chilled	---	229,919	1,878	231,797	2,080,856
Frozen	---	220,365	1,071	221,436	396,977
Total	---	450,285	2,949	453,233	2,477,833
Jan-Nov 1993					
Chilled	---	1,979,887	25,036	2,004,923	21,246,096
Frozen	2,238	2,452,814	12,376	2,467,428	4,090,994
Total	2,238	4,432,701	37,412	4,472,351	25,337,090
Jan-Nov 1994					
Chilled	225	2,174,215	19,905	2,194,346	22,747,715
Frozen	2,334	2,382,800	14,552	2,399,685	4,260,421
Total	2,559	4,557,015	34,457	4,594,031	27,008,137

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

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

	Chickens			Ducks	Other Poultry
	Young	Mature	Total		
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Oct 1994	7,780	762	8,542	10	10
Nov 1993	7,667	774	8,441	10	6
Nov 1994	7,650	682	8,332	9	2
Jan-Nov 1993	91,901	11,473	103,374	119	33
Jan-Nov 1994	100,038	13,271	113,309	132	34
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Nov 1993	0.31	1.25	0.33	0.08	0.69
Nov 1994	0.28	1.08	0.30	0.08	0.33
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Oct 1994	38,669	3,154	41,823	184	52
Nov 1993	33,053	2,707	35,761	202	14
Nov 1994	38,010	3,203	41,213	180	9
Jan-Nov 1993	372,791	33,789	406,580	2,075	69
Jan-Nov 1994	425,277	35,470	460,747	2,022	109
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Nov 1993	1.48	4.85	1.56	1.90	1.74
Nov 1994	1.56	5.62	1.65	1.95	1.88

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

	Turkeys				Total Poultry
	Fryer- Roasters	Young	Old	Total Turkeys	
	1,000 Pounds				
Ante-Mortem (Live Weight)					
Oct 1994	1	1,121	32	1,153	9,714
Nov 1993	0	1,145	32	1,176	9,633
Nov 1994	0	1,162	35	1,196	9,539
Jan-Nov 1993	6	14,714	478	15,197	118,724
Jan-Nov 1994	8	14,843	369	15,220	128,694
Percent <u>2/</u>					
Nov 1993	0.00	0.20	0.89	0.20	0.31
Nov 1994	0.00	0.20	0.88	0.21	0.28
	1,000 Pounds				
Post-Mortem (N.Y. Dressed Weight)					
Oct 1994	3	10,754	303	11,060	53,118
Nov 1993	0	10,009	212	10,221	46,198
Nov 1994	0	10,059	254	10,314	51,716
Jan-Nov 1993	35	103,164	3,131	106,329	515,053
Jan-Nov 1994	46	112,148	3,221	115,416	578,294
Percent <u>3/</u>					
Nov 1993	0.00	1.92	6.62	1.95	1.63
Nov 1994	0.00	1.97	7.20	2.00	1.71

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, November 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	71,000	70,119	324,186	326,709	4.57	4.66
AR	88,330	90,040	393,334	414,544	4.45	4.60
CA	14,328	17,515	71,340	87,239	4.98	4.98
DE	20,879	21,600	109,829	117,510	5.26	5.44
FL	12,025	12,006	52,348	52,656	4.35	4.39
GA	72,553	78,178	347,644	372,700	4.79	4.77
LA	11,877	12,567	53,235	57,292	4.48	4.56
MD	15,463	16,490	71,734	76,615	4.64	4.65
MS	41,500	51,395	190,798	237,400	4.60	4.62
MO	16,416	18,422	69,751	80,193	4.25	4.35
NC	47,573	49,637	242,561	254,595	5.10	5.13
PA	7,528	7,641	35,939	38,566	4.77	5.05
SC	16,223	18,948	65,231	76,173	4.02	4.02
TN	11,209	11,622	49,089	52,929	4.38	4.55
TX	30,549	33,468	139,356	149,809	4.56	4.48
VA	26,551	28,153	124,461	135,187	4.69	4.80
WA	2,636	2,662	12,892	13,483	4.89	5.07
US	536,850	577,552	2,487,598	2,712,840	4.63	4.70

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

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

State	Total		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	Certified <u>1/</u>		N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <u>2/</u>	
	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994
----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-- Percent --				
AL	236,721	242,669	5,149	5,316	1.76	1.81
AR	279,986	293,994	4,746	5,236	1.34	1.40
CA	52,073	63,094	1,215	2,141	1.89	2.73
DE	78,962	85,301	1,462	1,666	1.48	1.58
FL	36,561	37,791	430	488	0.91	1.03
GA	251,662	273,407	4,864	5,337	1.55	1.59
LA	39,775	41,775	688	760	1.44	1.47
MD	50,470	54,035	831	922	1.29	1.34
MS	146,647	180,495	2,343	2,697	1.36	1.26
MO	50,642	57,898	1,043	929	1.66	1.29
NC	178,607	187,215	2,733	3,558	1.25	1.55
PA	25,843	27,122	691	940	2.14	2.71
SC	47,318	55,286	844	1,015	1.44	1.48
TN	34,690	37,985	566	544	1.28	1.14
TX	105,040	112,919	1,547	1,837	1.23	1.36
VA	90,120	97,290	997	1,524	0.89	1.25
WA	9,518	9,963	278	314	2.39	2.59
US	1,810,207	1,977,884	33,053	38,010	1.48	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, November 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AL	---	6,456	201,862	137,334	5,703	15,077
AR	---	9,771	316,980	169,938	7,773	13,223
CA	---	6,146	100,111	18,493	1,149	13,503
DE	---	10,193	93,319	35,829	---	---
FL	---	---	19,363	11,325	---	---
GA	---	10,647	164,516	136,418	4,239	16,276
LA	---	955	43,043	21,339	910	3,612
MD	---	7,176	63,132	15,199	---	---
MS	---	2,849	117,358	58,885	1,085	10,841
MO	---	7,542	64,251	20,267	1,797	2,482
NC	---	13,973	123,044	59,061	165	42,649
PA	---	2,891	37,255	31,703	---	3,742
SC	---	3,032	34,045	---	---	8,030
TN	---	---	44,226	11,375	---	2,092
TX	---	1,186	126,190	52,964	428	3,436
VA	---	4,445	82,312	37,977	87	---
WA	---	---	19,852	---	---	---
US	---	99,348	1,815,094	911,497	35,701	185,198
Number						
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
AL	13,101	35,523	67,234	9,305	127,176	618,771
AR	14,895	26,358	63,373	3,822	142,220	768,353
CA	579	7,345	2,329	---	116,489	266,144
DE	3,957	8,531	16,753	3,764	---	172,346
FL	1,672	4,831	7,031	---	32,855	77,077
GA	13,866	28,881	53,238	10,129	165,467	603,677
LA	2,369	2,720	8,295	---	25,576	108,819
MD	1,902	7,758	---	376	11,152	106,695
MS	6,745	20,240	37,575	1,606	118,412	375,596
MO	2,217	5,669	9,925	921	22,637	137,708
NC	5,066	25,554	27,588	2,901	150,783	450,784
PA	2,133	2,494	---	199	22,030	102,447
SC	2,903	15,310	12,871	1,577	32,868	110,636
TN	2,041	12,316	7,263	1,253	---	80,566
TX	1,447	7,772	9,034	853	7,859	211,169
VA	3,578	10,930	25,743	---	---	165,072
WA	350	1,141	351	---	11,123	32,817
US	87,151	238,087	418,330	44,413	1,214,031	5,048,850

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, November 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	13,560	12,047	62,036	63,323	4.57	5.26

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

Mature Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, November 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	38,062	38,997	2,707	3,203	4.85	5.62

^{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, November 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	---	2,456	173,939	9,075	778	81,225
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
CA	---	---	---	---	---	---
GA	---	---	---	---	---	---
US	25,468	26,947	136,937	3,828	50,554	511,207

Young Turkeys (Mature) Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight, Selected States and United States, November 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	2,161	2,225	45,435	45,723	21.03	20.55
CA	2,652	2,355	55,166	48,013	20.80	20.39
IA	1,221	1,213	33,323	34,377	27.29	28.34
MN	3,841	3,755	74,939	75,006	19.51	19.98
MO	1,745	1,770	37,453	40,900	21.46	23.10
NC	4,251	4,222	93,570	94,758	22.01	22.45
PA	973	989	19,739	18,756	20.28	18.97
VA	3,713	3,422	71,152	62,109	19.16	18.15
US	26,120	25,439	578,421	568,013	22.14	22.33

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

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

State	Total Certified ^{1/}		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	1993	1994	N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ^{2/}	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				-- Percent --	
AR	36,631	36,698	818	918	2.00	2.23
CA	44,828	38,955	711	519	1.43	1.20
IA	25,838	26,777	681	779	2.27	2.52
MN	59,980	59,892	1,493	1,445	2.21	2.14
MO	29,317	32,261	925	1,129	2.75	3.07
NC	73,961	74,545	1,587	1,527	1.88	1.79
PA	15,738	15,203	350	259	1.97	1.53
VA	55,704	48,983	987	960	1.54	1.72
US	459,196	450,285	10,009	10,059	1.92	1.97

^{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, November 1994

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
Number						
AR	---	---	12,479	---	---	8
CA	---	---	9,112	231	---	---
IA	---	---	5,411	2,159	---	---
MN	---	---	20,545	3,340	874	---
MO	---	---	13,951	---	---	33
NC	---	---	13,207	---	---	7
PA	---	---	3,878	935	---	---
VA	---	---	10,461	505	---	---
US	---	866	120,308	18,813	8,238	244

State	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
Number						
AR	---	---	1,617	---	---	14,104
CA	45	---	727	45	---	10,160
IA	31	69	436	---	466	8,572
MN	282	2,063	2,329	78	---	29,511
MO	71	---	1,143	---	---	15,198
NC	423	1,452	2,615	---	919	18,623
PA	87	---	225	33	232	5,390
VA	29	1,096	346	69	---	12,506
US	1,563	10,211	11,851	1,747	13,362	187,203

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

State	Tuber- culosis	Leukosis	Septicemia	Airsac- culitis	Synovitis	Tumors
	Number					
US	---	---	2,204	669	27	129
	Bruises	Cadaver	Contam- ination	Overscald	Other	Total
	Number					
US	22	140	226	---	824	4,241

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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