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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Jan-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/31/04	01/24/04
BRO-FRY	157,658	151,364
LT HENS	1,389	1,573
HVY HENS	1,299	1,268

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 17-Jan-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	346	0	346
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	343	0	343
SAME WEEK YR AGO	350	8	358
TO-DATE/2004	689	0	689
TO-DATE/2003	775	15	790

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,872	1,278	3,150
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
Last Week	1,601	1,312	2,913
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,191	1,513	3,704
TO-DATE/2004	3,473	1,590	5,063
TO-DATE/2003	4,352	2,933	7,285

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 24-Jan-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	309	18	327
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	346	0	346
SAME WEEK YR AGO	416	0	416
TO-DATE/2004	998	18	1,016
TO-DATE/2003	1,191	15	1,206

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,738	1,246	2,984
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
Last Week	1,872	1,278	3,150
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,162	1,292	3,454
TO-DATE/2004	5,211	3,836	9,047
TO-DATE/2003	5,514	4,225	9,739

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 24-Jan-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	147,528	1,429	1,228	2,657
AVG WT	5.24	3.41	7.94	5.50
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	157,478	1,526	1,278	2,804
SAME WK YR AGO	144,124	1,746	1,292	3,038
AVG WT	5.17	3.41	7.89	5.30
TO-DATE/2004	463,841	4,213	3,818	8,031
TO-DATE/2003	449,815	5,323	4,210	9,533

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 149.3 million head or 8.1 million head more than or 95% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 17-Jan-2004**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE (B) RETAIL (C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN 4.21-5.25 LBS 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	20,621	18,011	36,688
Avg Weight	3.76	4.78	6.16
% of total /1	27%	24%	49%
Last week	19,626	20,313	39,884
Avg Weight	3.70	4.71	6.40
% of total /1	25%	25%	50%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,410	21,325	42,892
Avg Weight	3.66	4.76	6.17
% of total /1	28%	24%	48%
To date/2004	40,247	38,324	76,572
To date/2003	36,419	36,349	68,078

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 24-Jan-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,736	2,454	25	6	4,221
AVG WT	15.54	37.33	23.92	39.94	28.29
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,730	2,563	47	6	4,346
SAME WK YR AGO	1,512	2,504	55	10	4,081
AVG WT	15.44	37.60	25.00	30.73	29.20
TO-DATE/2004	5,125	7,420	139	17	12,701
TO-DATE/2003	5,003	7,794	200	38	13,035

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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