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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 08-May-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 05/08/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/01/04
BRO-FRY	161,957	162,900
LT HENS	1,411	1,378
HVY HENS	1,451	1,451

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 01-May-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	277	0	277
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	228	4	232
SAME WEEK YR AGO	279	3	282
TO-DATE/2004	4,046	53	4,099
TO-DATE/2003	4,939	64	5,003

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
 TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,576	1,385	2,961
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,652	1,254	2,906
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,125	1,212	3,337
TO-DATE/2004	26,103	21,658	47,761
TO-DATE/2003	34,376	22,633	57,009

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 01-May-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	157,894	1,299	1,385	2,684
AVG WT	5.30	3.35	8.24	5.87
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	156,011	1,424	1,250	2,674
SAME WK YR AGO	156,760	1,846	1,209	3,055
AVG WT	5.09	3.54	7.93	5.28
TO-DATE/2004	2,610,991	22,057	21,605	43,662
TO-DATE/2003	2,570,895	29,437	22,569	52,006

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.8 million head or 1.3 which was 99% of estimated fryers available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 24-Apr-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	27,951	20,023	48,392
Avg Weight	3.60	4.80	6.29
% of total /1	29%	21%	50%
Last week	25,491	24,749	44,262
Avg Weight	3.75	4.70	6.44
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%
Same week, yr ago /2	28,712	24,779	44,172
Avg Weight	3.88	4.85	6.01
% of total /1	29%	25%	45%
To date/2004	419,494	350,330	705,710
To date/2003	393,041	368,401	685,400

/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 01-May-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,753	2,524	27	1	4,305
AVG WT	15.97	37.93	26.01	27.03	28.91
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,743	2,527	52	2	4,324
SAME WK YR AGO	1,916	2,925	72	30	4,943
AVG WT	16.06	37.19	24.16	35.70	28.80
TO-DATE/2004	28,806	42,018	754	124	71,702
TO-DATE/2003	29,736	46,163	1,030	274	77,203

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