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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 29-May-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 05/29/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/22/04
BRO-FRY	162,401	162,971
LT HENS	1,480	1,458
HVY HENS	1,456	1,439

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 22-May-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	334	0	334
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	310	8	318
SAME WEEK YR AGO	58	0	58
TO-DATE/2004	4,853	61	4,914
TO-DATE/2003	5,306	64	5,370

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,806	1,365	3,171
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,720	1,222	2,942
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,682	1,463	3,145
TO-DATE/2004	31,120	25,599	56,719
TO-DATE/2003	39,446	26,773	66,219

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 22-May-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	159,896	1,472	1,365	2,837
AVG WT	5.20	3.31	8.10	5.61
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	158,470	1,410	1,214	2,624
SAME WK YR AGO	159,049	1,624	1,463	3,087
AVG WT	5.01	3.45	8.26	5.73
TO-DATE/2004	3,086,458	26,267	25,538	51,805
TO-DATE/2003	3,041,064	34,140	26,709	60,849

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.8 million head or 0.5 which was 100% of estimated fryers available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 15-May-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	26,923	20,134	49,612
Avg Weight	3.64	4.68	6.33
% of total /1	28%	21%	51%
Last week	28,848	22,792	53,122
Avg Weight	3.72	4.73	6.38
% of total /1	28%	22%	51%
Same week, yr ago /2	30,155	22,403	52,665
Avg Weight	3.78	4.81	6.06
% of total /1	29%	21%	50%
To date/2004	499,811	415,840	856,944
To date/2003	472,371	444,369	839,449

/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 22-May-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,802	2,567	27	2	4,398
AVG WT	16.02	37.23	23.34	53.84	28.46
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,807	2,612	34	2	4,455
SAME WK YR AGO	2,024	2,784	39	12	4,859
AVG WT	15.89	36.69	25.41	27.11	27.91
TO-DATE/2004	34,366	49,643	876	141	85,026
TO-DATE/2003	36,003	54,720	1,262	301	92,286

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