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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Jul-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 07/24/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/17/04
BRO-FRY	162,850	163,768
LT HENS	1,522	1,590
HVY HENS	1,455	1,506

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 17-Jul-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	301	8	309
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	215	11	226
SAME WEEK YR AGO	366	8	374
TO-DATE/2004	6,663	91	6,754
TO-DATE/2003	7,323	104	7,427

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,915	1,428	3,343
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,576	1,240	2,816
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,507	1,650	3,157
TO-DATE/2004	44,335	36,506	80,841
TO-DATE/2003	52,325	38,625	90,950

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 17-Jul-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	161,060	1,614	1,420	3,034
AVG WT	5.13	3.33	8.12	5.57
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	145,999	1,361	1,229	2,590
SAME WK YR AGO	157,206	1,141	1,642	2,783
AVG WT	5.14	3.62	8.11	6.27
TO-DATE/2004	4,339,384	37,672	36,415	74,087
TO-DATE/2003	4,283,074	45,002	38,521	83,523

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 163.0 million head or 2.2 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 10-Jul-04

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

Head	23,868	19,585	38,386
Avg Weight	3.60	4.73	6.33
% of total /1	29%	24%	47%
Last week	29,306	21,281	41,199
Avg Weight	3.63	4.81	6.27
% of total /1	32%	23%	45%
Same week, yr ago /2	18,022	17,412	31,731
Avg Weight	3.89	4.81	6.14
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%
To date/2004	716,679	582,453	1,210,979
To date/2003	664,013	619,755	1,234,528

/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 17-Jul-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,872	2,757	59	18	4,706
AVG WT	15.83	35.60	25.51	27.39	27.59
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,535	2,236	63	4	3,838
SAME WK YR AGO	2,010	2,723	71	27	4,831
AVG WT	15.74	35.73	24.82	30.36	27.22
TO-DATE/2004	48,011	70,380	1,285	195	119,871
TO-DATE/2003	51,645	76,419	1,742	421	130,227

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