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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 09-Oct-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 10/09/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/02/04
BRO-FRY	171,763	164,429
LT HENS	1,379	1,429
HVY HENS	1,521	1,501

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

WEEK ENDING 02-Oct-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	410	0	410
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	256	0	256
SAME WEEK YR AGO	266	0	266
TO-DATE/2004	9,456	91	9,547
TO-DATE/2003	9,376	133	9,509

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,826	1,573	3,399
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,779	1,316	3,095
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,612	1,444	3,056
TO-DATE/2004	62,760	52,581	115,341
TO-DATE/2003	67,250	55,108	122,358

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 02-Oct-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	162,066	1,416	1,573	2,989
AVG WT	5.35	3.44	8.12	5.90
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	161,724	1,523	1,316	2,839
SAME WK YR AGO	158,247	1,346	1,444	2,790
AVG WT	4.99	3.56	8.10	5.91
TO-DATE/2004	6,107,022	53,304	52,490	105,794
TO-DATE/2003	6,014,731	57,874	54,975	112,849

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 164.0 million head or 0.9 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 25-Sep-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	23,198	20,845	50,155
Avg Weight	3.75	4.74	6.42
% of total /1	25%	22%	53%
Last week	23,946	18,462	50,900
Avg Weight	3.72	4.71	6.32
% of total /1	26%	20%	55%
Same week, yr ago /2	18,785	26,724	33,161
Avg Weight	3.60	4.56	6.04
% of total /1	24%	34%	42%
To date/2004	999,809	815,511	1,735,676
To date/2003	890,427	909,368	1,708,346

/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 02-Oct-04  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,650	2,615	58	3	4,326
AVG WT	15.61	35.73	23.28	46.31	27.90
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,580	2,652	63	5	4,300
SAME WK YR AGO	1,929	2,743	78	10	4,760
AVG WT	15.53	34.43	23.96	27.19	26.58
TO-DATE/2004	67,339	99,516	2,034	289	169,178
TO-DATE/2003	73,337	106,524	2,471	544	182,876

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