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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Oct-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 10/16/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/09/04
BRO-FRY	168,084	171,763
LT HENS	1,336	1,379
HVY HENS	1,521	1,521

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 09-Oct-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	185	8	193
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	410	0	410
SAME WEEK YR AGO	141	0	141
TO-DATE/2004	9,641	99	9,740
TO-DATE/2003	9,517	133	9,650

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,455	1,520	2,975
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,826	1,573	3,399
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,404	1,443	2,847
TO-DATE/2004	64,215	54,101	118,316
TO-DATE/2003	68,654	56,551	125,205

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 09-Oct-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	161,676	1,270	1,512	2,782
AVG WT	5.40	3.37	8.07	5.92
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	162,066	1,416	1,573	2,989
SAME WK YR AGO	156,092	1,263	1,443	2,706
AVG WT	5.14	3.40	8.06	5.88
TO-DATE/2004	6,268,698	54,574	54,002	108,576
TO-DATE/2003	6,170,823	59,137	56,418	115,555

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 163.6 million head or 1.5 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 02-Oct-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	21,323	20,623	51,158
Avg Weight	3.69	4.67	6.60
% of total /1	23%	22%	55%
Last week	23,198	20,845	50,155
Avg Weight	3.75	4.74	6.42
% of total /1	25%	22%	53%
Same week, yr ago /2	17,670	18,235	35,284
Avg Weight	3.81	4.73	6.50
% of total /1	25%	26%	50%
To date/2004	1,021,132	836,134	1,786,834
To date/2003	908,097	927,603	1,743,630

/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 09-Oct-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,698	2,663	46	3	4,410
AVG WT	15.89	36.11	25.24	41.94	28.22
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,650	2,615	58	3	4,326
SAME WK YR AGO	1,848	2,869	88	10	4,815
AVG WT	15.80	34.86	23.92	26.55	27.33
TO-DATE/2004	69,037	102,179	2,080	292	173,588
TO-DATE/2003	75,185	109,393	2,559	554	187,691

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