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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 27-NOV-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | CURRENT WEEK 11/27/04 | PREVIOUS WEEK 11/20/04 |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| BRO-FRY | 129,389 | 161,742 |
| LT HENS | 829 | 1,472 |
| HVY HENS | 737 | 1,456 |

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

| | WEEK ENDING 20-NOV-04 (THOUSAND HEAD) | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|--------|
| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
| HEAD | 249 | 8 | 257 |
| HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS | | | |
| LAST WEEK | 160 | 3 | 163 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 34 | 0 | 34 |
| TO-DATE/2004 | 11,068 | 137 | 11,205 |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 10,093 | 137 | 10,230 |

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

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|---------|
| HEAD | 1,629 | 1,509 | 3,138 |
| HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS | | | |
| LAST WEEK | 1,676 | 1,537 | 3,213 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 1,131 | 1,427 | 2,558 |
| TO-DATE/2004 | 74,237 | 63,107 | 137,344 |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 76,105 | 65,186 | 141,291 |

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 20-NOV-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Head | 156,060 | 1,380 | 1,501 | 2,881 |
| Avg Wt | 5.28 | 3.42 | 8.01 | 5.81 |
| Head sltr comparisons | | | | |
| Last week | 161,965 | 1,516 | 1,534 | 3,050 |
| Same wk yr ago | 151,254 | 1,097 | 1,427 | 2,524 |
| Avg Wt | 5.25 | 3.36 | 8.22 | 6.11 |
| To-date/2004 | 7,230,431 | 63,169 | 62,970 | 126,139 |
| To-date/2003 | 7,111,231 | 66,012 | 65,049 | 131,061 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.0 million head or 3.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 13-Nov-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 | 25,919 | 20,132 | 44,675 |
| Avg Weight | 3.77 | 4.71 | 6.46 |
| % of total /1 | 29% | 22% | 49% |
| Last week | 27,901 | 18,669 | 52,801 |
| Avg Weight | 3.75 | 4.75 | 6.35 |
| % of total /1 | 28% | 19% | 53% |
| Same week, yr ago /2 | 28,162 | 29,689 | 47,181 |
| Avg Weight | 3.72 | 4.78 | 6.27 |
| % of total /1 | 27% | 28% | 45% |
| To date/2004 | 1,172,418 | 961,843 | 2,077,709 |
| To date/2003 | 1,056,659 | 1,088,667 | 2,010,686 |

/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 20-NOV-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

| | YOUNG (B) | | YOUNG | OLD | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|
| | HENS | TOMS | BREEDERS | BREEDERS | |
| Head | 1,840 | 2,803 | 32 | 1 | 4,676 |
| Avg Wt | 15.80 | 35.98 | 24.37 | 29.87 | 27.96 |
| Head sltr comparisons | | | | | |
| Last week | 2,403 | 2,885 | 48 | 2 | 5,338 |
| Same wk yr ago | 2,076 | 3,087 | 37 | 0 | 5,200 |
| Avg Wt | 15.49 | 33.59 | 29.64 | 0.00 | 26.34 |
| To-date/2004 | 81,098 | 118,848 | 2,396 | 314 | 202,656 |
| To-date/2003 | 88,390 | 128,052 | 2,953 | 589 | 219,984 |

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