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

	CURRENT WEEK 12/11/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/04/04
BRO-FRY	166,469	162,481
LT HENS	1,593	1,409
HVY HENS	1,349	1,423

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

	WEEK ENDING 04-Dec-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	335	0	335
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	288	0	288
SAME WEEK YR AGO	250	4	254
TO-DATE/2004	11,691	137	11,828
TO-DATE/2003	10,343	141	10,484

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
 Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,748	1,465	3,213
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,084	747	1,831
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,649	1,441	3,090
TO-DATE/2004	77,069	65,319	142,388
TO-DATE/2003	78,422	67,524	145,946

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

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	162,589	1,413	1,465	2,878
Avg Wt	5.41	3.29	7.91	5.64
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	117,717	796	747	1,543
Same wk yr ago	154,912	1,399	1,437	2,836
Avg Wt	5.45	3.78	8.01	5.92
To-date/2004	7,510,737	65,378	65,182	130,560
To-date/2003	7,384,477	68,079	67,383	135,462

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 164.6 million head or 9.3 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 27-Nov-04

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

Head	18,985	14,631	32,197
Avg Weight	3.74	4.79	6.38
% of total /1	29%	22%	49%
Last week	28,725	15,304	47,176
Avg Weight	3.66	4.77	6.46
% of total /1	31%	17%	52%
Same week, yr ago /2	17,845	17,766	35,324
Avg Weight	3.71	4.69	6.38
% of total /1	25%	25%	50%
To date/2004	1,220,128	991,778	2,157,082
To date/2003	1,099,017	1,131,814	2,092,343

/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 04-Dec-04  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,718	2,686	61	23	4,488
Avg Wt	15.61	37.47	25.14	31.66	28.90
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	844	1,516	8	15	2,383
Same wk yr ago	1,924	2,841	69	1	4,835
Avg Wt	16.35	35.97	24.85	50.13	28.00
To-date/2004	83,660	123,050	2,465	352	209,527
To-date/2003	91,332	132,498	3,072	595	227,497

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