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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Jan-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/01/05	12/25/04
BRO-FRY	135,098	128,618
LT HENS	1,348	1,188
HVY HENS	1,269	1,163

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 24-Dec-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
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HEAD			
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	**NOT AVAILABLE**		
SAME WEEK YR AGO			
TO-DATE/2004			
TO-DATE/2003			

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD			
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	**NOT AVAILABLE**		
SAME WEEK YR AGO			
TO-DATE/2004			
TO-DATE/2003			

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 25-Dec-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	125,118	1,102	1,175	2,277
Avg Wt	5.27	3.45	7.75	5.67
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	159,224	1,499	1,462	2,961
Same wk yr ago	113,075	918	808	1,726
Avg Wt	5.22	3.39	8.24	5.66
To-date/2004	7,954,897	69,513	69,222	138,735
To-date/2003	7,805,484	71,716	70,992	142,708

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 126.6 million head or 25.5 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 18-Dec-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	25,138	23,083	45,646
Avg Weight	3.56	4.73	6.37
% of total /1	27%	25%	49%
Last week	28,244	18,354	47,661
Avg Weight	3.62	4.64	6.37
% of total /1	30%	19%	51%
Same week, yr ago /2	14,351	12,189	25,303
Avg Weight	3.64	4.60	6.19
% of total /1	28%	24%	49%
To date/2004	1,297,857	1,053,675	2,301,671
To date/2003	1,161,224	1,203,793	2,203,568

/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 25-Dec-04  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,180	1,628	10	0	2,818
Avg Wt	16.98	38.29	24.53	0.00	29.32
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,727	2,477	26	0	4,230
Same wk yr ago	901	1,212	1	1	2,115
Avg Wt	15.43	37.60	35.67	51.50	27.99
To-date/2004	88,417	129,726	2,547	353	221,043
To-date/2003	96,855	139,262	3,121	598	239,836

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