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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Jan-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/22/05	01/15/05
BRO-FRY	157,130	164,797
LT HENS	1,526	1,635
HVY HENS	1,223	1,224

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

	WEEK ENDING 15-Jan-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	428	0	428
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	301	0	301
Same week yr ago	346	0	346
To-date/2005	729	0	729
To-date/2004	689	0	689

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	2,053	1,219	3,272
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,772	1,483	3,255
Same week yr ago	1,872	1,278	3,150
To-date/2005	3,825	2,702	6,527
To-date/2004	3,473	2,590	6,063

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 15-Jan-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	159,418	1,625	1,219	2,844
Avg Wt	5.25	3.39	8.08	5.40
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	160,263	1,471	1,483	2,954
Same wk yr ago	157,478	1,526	1,278	2,804
Avg Wt	5.20	3.40	7.89	5.45
To-date/2005	319,681	3,096	2,702	5,798
To-date/2004	316,313	2,784	2,590	5,374

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.4 million head or 2.6 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 08-Jan-05

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

Head	26,283	19,205	49,048
Avg Weight	3.81	4.74	6.42
% of total /1	28%	20%	52%
Last week	25,548	14,092	40,006
Avg Weight	3.83	4.77	6.48
% of total /1	32%	18%	50%
Same week, yr ago /2	19,626	20,313	39,884
Avg Weight	3.70	4.71	6.40
% of total /1	25%	25%	50%
To date/2005	26,283	19,205	49,048
To date/2004	19,626	20,313	39,884

/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 15-Jan-05  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,647	2,507	46	5	4,205
Avg Wt	16.43	39.59	25.35	34.37	30.36
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,621	2,547	33	13	4,214
Same wk yr ago	1,730	2,563	47	6	4,346
Avg Wt	15.90	37.57	26.69	30.35	28.82
To-date/2005	3,268	5,054	79	18	8,419
To-date/2004	3,389	4,966	114	11	8,480

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