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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Jan-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/29/05	01/22/05
BRO-FRY	157,884	157,130
LT HENS	1,435	1,526
HVY HENS	1,066	1,223

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 22-Jan-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	359	0	359
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	428	0	428
Same week yr ago	309	18	327
To-date/2005	1,088	0	1,088
To-date/2004	998	18	1,016

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,810	1,205	3,015
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,053	1,219	3,272
Same week yr ago	1,738	1,246	2,984
To-date/2005	5,635	3,907	9,542
To-date/2004	5,211	3,836	9,047

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 22-Jan-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	149,431	1,451	1,205	2,656
Avg Wt	5.33	3.20	8.11	5.43
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	159,418	1,625	1,219	2,844
Same wk yr ago	147,528	1,429	1,228	2,657
Avg Wt	5.24	3.41	7.94	5.50
To-date/2005	469,112	4,547	3,907	8,454
To-date/2004	463,841	4,213	3,818	8,031

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 151.2 million head or 10.3 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 15-Jan-05

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

Head	23,130	21,664	42,602
Avg Weight	3.58	4.73	6.43
% of total /1	26%	25%	49%
Last week	26,283	19,205	49,048
Avg Weight	3.81	4.74	6.42
% of total /1	28%	20%	52%
Same week, yr ago /2	20,621	18,011	36,688
Avg Weight	3.76	4.78	6.16
% of total /1	27%	24%	49%
To date/2005	49,413	40,869	91,650
To date/2004	40,247	38,324	76,572

/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 22-Jan-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,541	2,493	29	2	4,065
Avg Wt	15.84	39.60	24.40	32.06	30.48
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,647	2,507	46	5	4,205
Same wk yr ago	1,736	2,454	25	6	4,221
Avg Wt	15.54	37.33	23.92	39.94	28.29
To-date/2005	4,809	7,547	108	20	12,484
To-date/2004	5,125	7,420	139	17	12,701

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