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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Mar-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 03/19/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 03/12/05
Broiler/fryer	162,655	165,098
Light hens	1,307	1,761
Heavy hens	1,371	1,327

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 12-Mar-05 & 19-Mar-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)					
	LIGHT HENS		HEAVY HENS		TOTAL	
	12/05	19/05	12/05	19/05	12/05	19/05
Head	261	218	7	0	268	218
Head sltr Comparisons						
Last Week	324	261	0	7	324	268
Same week yr ago	377	377	0	0	377	377
To-date/2005	3,132	3,350	11	11	3,143	3,361
To-date/2004	2,370	2,747	28	28	2,398	2,775

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS		HEAVY HENS		TOTAL	
	12/05	19/05	12/05	19/05	12/05	19/05
Head	1,981	1,603	1,324	1,402	3,305	3,005
Head sltr Comparisons						
Last Week	1,871	1,981	1,451	1,324	3,322	3,305
Same week yr ago	1,721	1,660	1,165	1,338	2,886	2,998
To-date/2005	17,667	19,270	12,930	14,332	30,597	33,602
To-date/2004	15,107	16,767	12,674	14,012	27,781	30,779

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 19-Mar-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	157,335	1,385	1,402	2,787
Avg Wt	5.20	3.40	8.03	5.73
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	157,630	1,720	1,317	3,037
Same wk yr ago	153,006	1,283	1,338	2,621
Avg Wt	5.15	3.36	8.08	5.77
To-date/2005	1,726,029	15,920	14,321	30,241
To-date/2004	1,689,638	14,020	13,984	28,004

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.2 million head or 2.8 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 12-Mar-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	30,595	19,126	47,714
Avg Weight	3.52	4.68	6.40
% of total /1	31%	20%	49%
Last week	26,451	23,762	51,490
Avg Weight	3.56	4.70	6.35
% of total /1	26%	23%	51%
Same week, yr ago /2	34,478	21,485	47,775
Avg Weight	3.60	4.81	6.22
% of total /1	33%	21%	46%
To date/2005	264,943	211,308	480,527
To date/2004	261,771	212,957	430,921

/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 19-Mar-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,582	2,517	17	1	4,117
Avg Wt	16.12	38.18	21.79	49.75	29.64
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,551	2,477	10	3	4,041
Same wk yr ago	1,701	2,449	56	2	4,208
Avg Wt	15.71	36.35	24.01	62.32	27.85
To-date/2005	16,832	27,537	294	36	44,699
To-date/2004	18,544	27,029	479	90	46,142

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