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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Apr-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/16/05	04/09/05
Broiler/fryer	165,021	161,774
Light hens	1,733	1,772
Heavy hens	1,460	1,316

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 09-Apr-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	362	0	362
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	404	0	404
Same week yr ago	199	0	199
To-date/2005	4,208	11	4,219
To-date/2004	3,348	39	3,387

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	2,102	1,314	3,416
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,075	1,421	3,496
Same week yr ago	1,561	1,305	2,866
To-date/2005	25,250	18,423	43,673
To-date/2004	21,218	17,722	38,940

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 09-Apr-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	157,429	1,740	1,314	3,054
Avg Wt	5.21	3.31	7.95	5.31
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	155,010	1,671	1,421	3,092
Same wk yr ago	150,462	1,362	1,305	2,667
Avg Wt	5.22	3.41	8.06	5.69
To-date/2005	2,189,629	21,042	18,412	39,454
To-date/2004	2,144,901	17,870	17,683	35,553

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.3 million head or 6.7 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 02-Apr-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	33,681	19,740	50,865
Avg Weight	3.75	4.75	6.28
% of total /1	32%	19%	49%
Last week	29,202	17,481	43,843
Avg Weight	3.74	4.73	6.34
% of total /1	32%	19%	48%
Same week, yr ago /2	26,303	23,744	43,048
Avg Weight	3.76	4.70	6.34
% of total /1	28%	26%	46%
To date/2005	357,420	274,013	614,955
To date/2004	342,029	284,036	569,195

/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 09-Apr-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,637	2,545	30	0	4,212
Avg Wt	16.16	38.16	26.85	0.00	29.53
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,660	2,516	5	5	4,186
Same wk yr ago	1,589	2,278	38	12	3,917
Avg Wt	15.46	36.96	25.79	31.99	28.11
To-date/2005	21,597	35,100	344	47	57,088
To-date/2004	23,676	34,501	626	116	58,919

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