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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 21-May-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 05/21/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/14/05
Broiler/fryer	169,717	168,117
Light hens	1,696	1,525
Heavy hens	1,469	1,417

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 14-May-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	300	0	300
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	216	8	224
Same week yr ago	310	8	318
To-date/2005	5,460	26	5,486
To-date/2004	4,667	60	4,727

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,828	1,462	3,290
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,820	1,493	3,313
Same week yr ago	1,720	1,222	2,942
To-date/2005	34,687	25,699	60,386
To-date/2004	29,462	24,233	53,695

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 14-May-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	163,338	1,528	1,462	2,990
Avg Wt	5.32	3.21	8.08	5.59
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	163,999	1,604	1,485	3,089
Same wk yr ago	158,470	1,410	1,214	2,624
Avg Wt	5.24	3.31	8.05	5.50
To-date/2005	2,998,844	29,227	25,673	54,900
To-date/2004	2,926,562	24,795	24,173	48,968

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 165.3 million head or 0.1 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 07-May-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	27,884	20,305	56,085
Avg Weight	3.78	4.60	6.31
% of total /1	27%	19%	54%
Last week	32,480	17,442	56,160
Avg Weight	3.76	4.77	6.65
% of total /1	31%	16%	53%
Same week, yr ago /2	28,848	22,792	53,122
Avg Weight	3.72	4.73	6.38
% of total /1	28%	22%	51%
To date/2005	502,409	370,171	883,886
To date/2004	472,888	395,706	807,332

/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 14-May-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,924	2,561	8	1	4,494
Avg Wt	16.39	38.32	22.76	67.98	28.91
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,935	2,649	10	0	4,594
Same wk yr ago	1,807	2,612	34	2	4,455
Avg Wt	16.20	37.21	26.21	41.08	28.60
To-date/2005	30,343	48,193	432	60	79,028
To-date/2004	32,564	47,076	849	139	80,628

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