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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 28-May-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 05/28/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/21/05
Broiler/fryer	169,660	169,717
Light hens	1,657	1,696
Heavy hens	1,452	1,469

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 21-May-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	370	0	370
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	300	0	300
Same week yr ago	334	0	334
To-date/2005	5,830	26	5,856
To-date/2004	5,001	60	5,061

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	2,079	1,540	3,619
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,828	1,462	3,290
Same week yr ago	2,076	1,365	3,441
To-date/2005	36,766	27,239	64,005
To-date/2004	31,268	25,598	56,866

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 21-May-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	163,035	1,709	1,540	3,249
Avg Wt	5.30	3.46	7.99	5.61
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	163,338	1,528	1,462	2,990
Same wk yr ago	159,896	1,472	1,365	2,837
Avg Wt	5.20	3.31	8.10	5.61
To-date/2005	3,161,879	30,936	27,213	58,149
To-date/2004	3,086,458	26,267	25,538	51,805

(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 165.0 million head or 1.3 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 14-May-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	24,951	23,888	51,044
Avg Weight	3.78	4.72	6.57
% of total /1	25%	24%	51%
Last week	27,884	20,305	56,085
Avg Weight	3.78	4.60	6.31
% of total /1	27%	19%	54%
Same week, yr ago /2	26,923	20,134	49,612
Avg Weight	3.64	4.68	6.33
% of total /1	28%	21%	51%
To date/2005	527,360	394,059	934,930
To date/2004	499,811	415,840	856,944

/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 21-May-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,980	2,623	12	1	4,616
Avg Wt	16.55	38.28	25.08	59.64	28.93
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,924	2,561	8	1	4,494
Same wk yr ago	1,802	2,567	27	2	4,398
Avg Wt	16.02	37.23	23.34	53.84	28.46
To-date/2005	32,323	50,816	444	61	83,644
To-date/2004	34,366	49,643	876	141	85,026

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