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

	CURRENT WEEK 07/16/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/09/05
Broiler/fryer	166,028	148,056
Light hens	1,473	1,296
Heavy hens	1,575	1,212

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 09-July-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	238	0	238
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	240	0	240
Same week yr ago	215	11	226
To-date/2005	7,407	33	7,440
To-date/2004	6,510	82	6,592

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,506	1,196	2,702
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,814	1,452	3,266
Same week yr ago	1,576	1,240	2,816
To-date/2005	49,113	37,202	86,315
To-date/2004	42,568	35,077	77,645

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

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	148,211	1,268	1,196	2,464
Avg Wt	5.17	3.31	7.97	5.57
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	174,829	1,574	1,452	3,026
Same wk yr ago	145,999	1,361	1,229	2,590
Avg Wt	5.15	3.27	8.10	5.56
To-date/2005	4,303,159	41,706	37,169	78,875
To-date/2004	4,178,324	36,058	34,995	71,053

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 150.0 million head or 16.8 million less more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 02-Jul-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	26,158	21,889	45,786
Avg Weight	3.77	4.75	6.79
% of total /1	28%	23%	49%
Last week	30,112	25,652	54,561
Avg Weight	3.78	4.83	6.34
% of total /1	27%	23%	49%
Same week, yr ago /2	29,306	21,281	41,199
Avg Weight	3.63	4.81	6.27
% of total /1	32%	23%	45%
To date/2005	717,829	572,382	1,276,716
To date/2004	692,811	562,868	1,172,593

/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-July-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,539	2,202	13	1	3,755
Avg Wt	16.07	37.07	27.84	44.31	28.43
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,908	2,687	74	3	4,672
Same wk yr ago	1,535	2,236	63	4	3,838
Avg Wt	16.00	36.50	24.63	42.59	28.11
To-date/2005	45,155	68,573	630	75	114,433
To-date/2004	46,139	67,623	1,226	177	115,165

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