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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 30-JULY-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	07/30/05	07/23/05
Broiler/fryer	163,258	172,208
Light hens	1,208	1,438
Heavy hens	1,660	1,598

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	WEEK ENDING 23-July-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	308	0	308
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	191	0	191
Same week yr ago	336	0	336
To-date/2005	7,906	33	7,939
To-date/2004	7,147	90	7,237

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,750	1,558	3,308
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,622	1,543	3,165
Same week yr ago	1,774	1,484	3,258
To-date/2005	52,485	40,303	92,788
To-date/2004	46,257	37,989	84,246

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 23-July-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	170,006	1,442	1,558	3,000
Avg Wt	5.15	3.35	8.00	5.76
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	168,451	1,431	1,543	2,974
Same wk yr ago	161,269	1,438	1,484	2,922
Avg Wt	5.15	3.45	8.00	5.76
To-date/2005	4,641,616	44,579	40,270	84,849
To-date/2004	4,500,653	39,110	37,899	77,009

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 172.1 million head or 5.4 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 16-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	28,004	27,462	49,111
Avg Weight	3.78	4.74	6.41
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%
Last week	25,238	22,324	39,697
Avg Weight	3.71	4.75	6.34
% of total /1	29%	26%	45%
Same week, yr ago /2	26,875	25,643	43,881
Avg Weight	3.67	4.73	6.27
% of total /1	28%	27%	46%
To date/2005	771,071	622,168	1,365,524
To date/2004	743,554	608,096	1,254,860

/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 23-July-05  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,989	2,679	30	16	4,714
Avg Wt	15.82	36.43	21.51	23.19	27.59
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,959	2,630	22	14	4,625
Same wk yr ago	1,910	2,713	72	1	4,696
Avg Wt	16.71	36.03	23.21	43.53	27.97
To-date/2005	49,103	73,882	682	105	123,772
To-date/2004	49,921	73,093	1,357	196	124,567

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