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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 13-Aug-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 08/13/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/06/05
Broiler/fryer	166,292	168,717
Light hens	1,113	1,378
Heavy hens	1,668	1,499

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

	WEEK ENDING 06-Aug-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	51	4	55
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	78	0	78
Same week yr ago	192	0	192
To-date/2005	8,035	37	8,072
To-date/2004	7,612	90	7,702

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,325	1,707	3,032
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,336	1,671	3,007
Same week yr ago	1,516	1,407	2,923
To-date/2005	55,146	43,681	98,827
To-date/2004	49,441	40,846	90,287

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 06-AUGUST-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	169,836	1,274	1,703	2,977
Avg Wt	5.28	3.41	7.80	5.92
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	168,852	1,258	1,671	2,929
Same wk yr ago	159,603	1,324	1,407	2,731
Avg Wt	5.32	3.35	7.95	5.59
To-date/2005	4,980,304	47,111	43,644	90,755
To-date/2004	4,821,988	41,829	40,756	82,585

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 167.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 171.9 million head or 4.5 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 30-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	29,335	24,031	43,556
Avg Weight	3.69	4.85	6.39
% of total /1	30%	25%	45%
Last week	28,551	28,203	48,756
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	6.36
% of total /1	27%	27%	46%
Same week, yr ago /2	25,286	24,723	44,855
Avg Weight	3.69	4.78	6.40
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%
To date/2005	828,957	674,402	1,457,836
To date/2004	795,551	657,017	1,343,364

/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 06-AUG-05  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,067	2,592	10	5	4,674
Avg Wt	15.77	35.88	24.05	31.92	26.96
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,036	2,660	34	8	4,738
Same wk yr ago	1,808	2,754	47	15	4,624
Avg Wt	15.75	34.05	23.30	24.25	26.75
To-date/2005	53,206	79,134	726	118	133,184
To-date/2004	53,630	78,519	1,487	215	133,851

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