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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Sep-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | CURRENT WEEK 09/10/05 | PREVIOUS WEEK 09/03/05 |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Broiler/fryer | 146,434 | 149,518 |
| Light hens | 1,024 | 1,306 |
| Heavy hens | 1,035 | 1,324 |

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

| | WEEK ENDING 03-Sep-05 (THOUSAND HEAD) | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|-------|
| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
| Head | 289 | 0 | 289 |
| Head sltr Comparisons | | | |
| Last Week | 382 | 3 | 385 |
| Same week yr ago | 167 | 0 | 167 |
| To-date/2005 | 9,215 | 40 | 9,255 |
| To-date/2004 | 8,452 | 90 | 8,542 |

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|---------|
| Head | 1,658 | 1,338 | 2,996 |
| Head sltr Comparisons | | | |
| Last Week | 1,840 | 1,484 | 3,324 |
| Same week yr ago | 1,631 | 1,571 | 3,202 |
| To-date/2005 | 61,642 | 49,935 | 111,577 |
| To-date/2004 | 56,143 | 46,784 | 102,927 |

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 03-SEPTEMBER-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Head | 150,807 | 1,369 | 1,338 | 2,707 |
| Avg Wt | 5.20 | 3.24 | 8.21 | 5.70 |
| Head sltr comparisons | | | | |
| Last week | 167,447 | 1,458 | 1,481 | 2,939 |
| Same wk yr ago | 167,764 | 1,464 | 1,571 | 3,035 |
| Avg Wt | 5.16 | 3.35 | 8.08 | 5.80 |
| To-date/2005 | 5,635,068 | 52,427 | 49,895 | 102,322 |
| To-date/2004 | 5,479,282 | 47,691 | 46,694 | 94,385 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 152.6 million head or 11.1 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 27-Aug-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 | 26,387 | 23,274 | 52,273 |
| Avg Weight | 3.69 | 4.73 | 6.25 |
| % of total /1 | 26% | 23% | 51% |
| Last week | 29,241 | 21,047 | 52,547 |
| Avg Weight | 3.80 | 4.79 | 6.22 |
| % of total /1 | 28% | 20% | 51% |
| Same week, yr ago /2 | 26,593 | 17,949 | 52,920 |
| Avg Weight | 3.80 | 4.70 | 6.26 |
| % of total /1 | 27% | 18% | 54% |
| To date/2005 | 944,275 | 763,630 | 1,663,671 |
| To date/2004 | 904,829 | 735,645 | 1,544,592 |

/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 03-SEP-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

| | YOUNG (B) | | YOUNG | OLD | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| | HENS | TOMS | BREEDERS | BREEDERS | |
| Head | 1,908 | 2,697 | 43 | 13 | 4,661 |
| Avg Wt | 16.16 | 35.55 | 24.80 | 32.40 | 27.50 |
| Head sltr comparisons | | | | | |
| Last week | 1,953 | 2,723 | 9 | 8 | 4,693 |
| Same wk yr ago | 1,827 | 2,716 | 54 | 0 | 4,597 |
| Avg Wt | 15.68 | 34.80 | 23.63 | 0.00 | 27.31 |
| To-date/2005 | 60,996 | 89,848 | 834 | 143 | 151,821 |
| To-date/2004 | 60,786 | 89,148 | 1,765 | 266 | 151,965w |

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