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

	CURRENT WEEK 12/03/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/26/05
Broiler/fryer	162,767	127,235
Light hens	1,305	815
Heavy hens	1,433	904

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 26-Nov-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	118	0	118
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	244	3	247
Same week yr ago	288	0	288
To-date/2005	12,067	63	12,130
To-date/2004	11,505	136	11,641

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	937	940	1,877
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,671	1,447	3,118
Same week yr ago	1,084	747	1,831
To-date/2005	79,148	66,439	145,587
To-date/2004	75,470	63,853	139,323

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 26-NOVEMBER-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	126,447	819	940	1,759
Avg Wt	5.48	3.27	8.25	5.93
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	163,621	1,427	1,444	2,871
Same wk yr ago	117,717	796	747	1,543
Avg Wt	5.27	3.35	8.30	5.75
To-date/2005	7,558,850	67,081	66,376	133,457
To-date/2004	7,348,148	63,965	63,717	127,682

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 128.0 million head or 29.2 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 19-Nov-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	28,953	20,506	57,211
Avg Weight	3.79	4.77	6.56
% of total /1	27%	19%	54%
Last week	25,144	18,722	53,813
Avg Weight	3.76	4.76	6.62
% of total /1	26%	19%	55%
Same week, yr ago /2	28,725	15,304	47,176
Avg Weight	3.66	4.77	6.46
% of total /1	31%	17%	52%
To date/2005	1,244,850	994,947	2,330,468
To date/2004	1,201,143	977,147	2,124,885

/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 26-Nov-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	942	1,449	16	6	2,413
Avg Wt	15.66	38.91	26.80	24.14	29.72
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,142	2,862	26	7	5,037
Same wk yr ago	844	1,516	8	15	2,383
Avg Wt	15.91	38.63	25.56	28.64	30.48
To-date/2005	85,973	121,261	1,160	208	208,602
To-date/2004	81,942	120,364	2,404	329	205,039

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