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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Dec-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 12/17/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/10/05
Broiler/fryer	162,560	167,977
Light hens	1,462	1,392
Heavy hens	1,448	1,499

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

WEEK ENDING 10-Dec-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	109	0	109
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	248	3	251
Same week yr ago	333	11	344
To-date/2005	12,424	66	12,490
To-date/2004	12,173	147	12,320

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,379	1,483	2,862
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,529	1,502	3,031
Same week yr ago	1,867	1,414	3,281
To-date/2005	82,056	69,424	151,480
To-date/2004	79,085	66,732	145,817

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 10-DECEMBER-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	161,899	1,270	1,483	2,753
Avg Wt	5.46	3.29	8.01	5.83
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	164,540	1,281	1,499	2,780
Same wk yr ago	159,819	1,534	1,403	2,937
Avg Wt	5.21	3.41	8.02	5.61
To-date/2005	7,885,289	69,632	69,358	138,990
To-date/2004	7,670,555	66,912	66,585	133,497

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 163.9 million head or 5.4 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 03-Dec-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	25,765	16,841	59,390
Avg Weight	3.72	4.67	6.47
% of total /1	25%	17%	58%
Last week	19,487	11,037	41,711
Avg Weight	3.80	4.78	6.44
% of total /1	27%	15%	58%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,347	20,460	51,282
Avg Weight	3.68	4.74	6.50
% of total /1	25%	21%	53%
To date/2005	1,290,102	1,022,825	2,431,569
To date/2004	1,244,475	1,012,238	2,208,364

/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 10-Dec-05  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,229	2,785	11	1	5,026
Avg Wt	15.94	37.91	27.77	40.84	28.14
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,978	2,572	35	1	4,586
Same wk yr ago	1,850	2,571	46	1	4,468
Avg Wt	16.05	38.35	26.46	34.54	28.99
To-date/2005	90,180	126,618	1,206	210	218,214
To-date/2004	85,510	125,621	2,511	353	213,995

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