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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Jan-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/07/06	12/31/05
Broiler/fryer	215,538	142,201
Light hens	1,283	1,068
Heavy hens	1,370	1,174

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 24-Dec-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	244	2	246
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	142	0	142
Same week yr ago	174	11	185
To-date/2005	12,810	68	12,878
To-date/2004	12,639	158	12,797

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,716	1,299	3,015
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,546	1,488	3,034
Same week yr ago	1,276	1,186	2,462
To-date/2005	85,318	72,211	157,529
To-date/2004	82,152	69,380	151,532

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 31-DECEMBER-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	142,014	984	1,173	2,157
Avg Wt	5.35	3.31	7.90	5.81
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	151,687	1,472	1,297	2,769
Same wk yr ago	137,675	1,345	1,287	2,632
Avg Wt	5.33	3.32	8.01	5.61
To-date/2005	8,343,294	73,492	73,316	146,808
To-date/2004	8,092,572	70,858	70,509	141,367

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 143.7 million head or 10.9 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 24-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	23,510	10,908	49,195
Avg Weight	3.72	4.64	6.42
% of total /1	28%	13%	59%
Last week	23,418	14,124	41,198
Avg Weight	3.76	4.77	6.48
% of total /1	30%	18%	52%
Same week, yr ago /2	19,829	12,909	34,453
Avg Weight	3.81	4.78	6.32
% of total /1	30%	19%	51%
To date/2005	1,363,404	1,058,382	2,568,271
To date/2004	1,317,686	1,066,584	2,336,124

/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 31-Dec-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,277	1,852	8	0	3,137
Avg Wt	16.14	39.24	23.77	0.00	29.80
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,559	1,902	10	0	3,471
Same wk yr ago	1,157	1,878	22	11	3,068
Avg Wt	16.28	38.94	25.36	27.95	30.26
To-date/2005	94,953	132,936	1,243	211	229,343
To-date/2004	89,574	131,604	2,569	364	224,111

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