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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Jan-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 01/21/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/14/06
Broiler/fryer	160,366	154,042
Light hens	1,513	1,578
Heavy hens	1,426	1,316

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 07-Jan-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	116	0	116
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	209	0	209
Same week yr ago	301	0	301
To-date/2006	116	0	116
To-date/2005	301	0	301

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,391	1,400	2,791
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,193	1,173	2,366
Same week yr ago	1,772	1,483	3,255
To-date/2006	1,391	1,400	2,791
To-date/2005	1,772	1,483	3,255

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 14-JANUARY-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	167,302	1,487	1,349	2,836
Avg Wt	5.35	3.34	7.90	5.51
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	150,026	1,275	1,400	2,675
Same wk yr ago	159,418	1,625	1,219	2,844
Avg Wt	5.25	3.39	8.08	5.40
To-date/2006	317,328	2,762	2,749	5,511
To-date/2005	319,681	3,096	2,702	5,798

A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.3 million head, or 8.9 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 07-JAN-06

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	26,562	17,344	59,184
Avg Weight	3.69	4.67	6.50
% of total /1	26%	17%	57%
Last week	24,388	14,194	42,528
Avg Weight	3.60	4.78	6.55
% of total /1	30%	17%	52%
Same week, yr ago /2	26,283	19,205	49,048
Avg Weight	3.81	4.74	6.42
% of total /1	28%	20%	52%
To date/2006	26,562	17,344	59,184
To date/2005	26,283	19,205	49,048

/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 14-JAN-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,687	2,439	31	4	4,161
Avg Wt	15.95	39.38	26.22	30.20	29.77
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,308	1,966	15	12	3,301
Same wk yr ago	1,647	2,507	46	5	4,205
Avg Wt	16.43	39.59	25.35	34.37	28.82
To-date/2006	2,995	4,405	46	16	7,462
To-date/2005	3,268	5,054	79	18	8,419

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