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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 28-Jan-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 02/04/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/28/06
Broiler/fryer	164,986	164,369
Light hens	1,387	1,456
Heavy hens	1,467	1,346

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

	WEEK ENDING 28-Jan-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	304	4	308
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	256	0	256
Same week yr ago	315	0	315
To-date/2006	984	7	991
To-date/2005	1,403	0	1,403

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,712	1,334	3,046
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,754	1,410	3,164
Same week yr ago	1,622	1,024	2,646
To-date/2006	6,652	5,496	12,148
To-date/2005	7,257	4,931	12,188

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 28-JANUARY-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	162,972	1,408	1,330	2,738
Avg Wt	5.35	3.34	7.97	5.59
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	154,485	1,498	1,410	2,908
Same wk yr ago	157,768	1,307	1,024	2,331
Avg Wt	5.28	3.01	8.11	5.25
To-date/2006	634,785	5,668	5,489	11,157
To-date/2005	626,880	5,854	4,931	10,785

A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.9 million head, or 0.4 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 21-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	21,545	18,215	47,021
Avg Weight	3.73	4.75	6.56
% of total /1	25%	21%	54%
Last week	29,276	12,256	52,387
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	6.38
% of total /1	31%	13%	56%
Same week, yr ago /2	23,677	17,831	49,856
Avg Weight	3.76	4.64	6.31
% of total /1	26%	20%	55%
To date/2006	77,383	47,815	158,592
To date/2005	73,090	58,700	141,506

/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 28-JAN-06  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,524	2,596	23	2	4,145
Avg Wt	16.00	39.25	22.68	55.78	30.62
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,504	2,830	28	6	4,368
Same wk yr ago	1,502	2,533	17	3	4,055
Avg Wt	15.85	39.37	24.74	36.87	27.93
To-date/2006	6,032	9,831	97	24	15,975
To-date/2005	6,311	10,080	125	23	16,539

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