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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Feb-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 02/18/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 02/11/06
Broiler/fryer	166,223	167,962
Light hens	1,058	1,366
Heavy hens	1,328	1,368

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

	WEEK ENDING 11-Feb-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	313	0	313
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	251	0	251
Same week yr ago	267	0	267
To-date/2006	1,548	7	1,555
To-date/2005	1,895	4	1,899

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,582	1,349	2,931
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,673	1,461	3,134
Same week yr ago	1,572	1,246	2,818
To-date/2006	9,907	8,306	18,213
To-date/2005	10,375	7,517	17,892

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 11-FEBRUARY-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	164,473	1,269	1,349	2,618
Avg Wt	5.41	3.35	8.01	5.75
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	163,305	1,422	1,461	2,883
Same wk yr ago	154,449	1,305	1,246	2,551
Avg Wt	5.29	3.33	8.08	5.65
To-date/2006	962,563	8,359	8,299	16,658
To-date/2005	937,895	8,480	7,513	15,993

A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.5 million head, or 2.5 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 04-Feb-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	26,372	19,025	55,126
Avg Weight	3.79	4.73	6.49
% of total /1	26%	19%	55%
Last week	27,926	17,456	51,600
Avg Weight	3.71	4.76	6.44
% of total /1	29%	18%	53%
Same week, yr ago /2	25,179	22,749	46,825
Avg Weight	3.68	4.78	6.53
% of total /1	27%	24%	49%
To date/2006	131,681	84,296	265,318
To date/2005	126,065	103,309	236,202

/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 11-FEB-06  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,777	2,429	14	5	4,225
Avg Wt	16.82	39.32	27.59	30.55	29.81
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,748	2,390	8	0	4,146
Same wk yr ago	1,539	2,489	9	1	4,038
Avg Wt	15.98	38.89	28.62	52.17	27.98
To-date/2006	9,548	14,650	119	29	24,346
To-date/2005	9,333	15,143	172	25	24,673

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