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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 04-Mar-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 03/04/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 02/25/06
Broiler/fryer	163,964	161,783
Light hens	1,122	1,061
Heavy hens	1,517	1,434

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

	WEEK ENDING 25-Feb-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	228	0	228
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	361	0	361
Same week yr ago	315	0	315
To-date/2006	2,137	7	2,144
To-date/2005	2,547	4	2,551

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,282	1,516	2,798
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,390	1,294	2,684
Same week yr ago	1,826	1,477	3,303
To-date/2006	12,579	11,116	23,695
To-date/2005	13,815	10,155	23,970

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 25-FEBRUARY-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	158,438	1,054	1,516	2,570
Avg Wt	5.48	3.27	7.63	5.84
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	162,394	1,029	1,294	2,323
Same wk yr ago	156,421	1,511	1,477	2,988
Avg Wt	5.24	3.30	8.08	5.66
To-date/2006	1,283,395	10,442	11,109	21,551
To-date/2005	1,250,696	11,268	10,151	21,419

A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.4 million head, or 3.5 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 18-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	28,898	15,738	53,304
Avg Weight	3.80	4.76	6.42
% of total /1	30%	16%	54%
Last week	29,284	17,278	60,670
Avg Weight	3.81	4.75	6.37
% of total /1	27%	16%	57%
Same week, yr ago /2	29,133	22,573	48,384
Avg Weight	3.56	4.71	6.33
% of total /1	29%	23%	48%
To date/2006	189,863	117,312	379,292
To date/2005	179,903	148,018	331,101

/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 25-FEB-06  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,691	2,404	34	0	4,129
Avg Wt	16.74	38.66	25.04	0.00	29.57
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,417	2,546	9	1	3,973
Same wk yr ago	1,473	2,441	32	0	3,946
Avg Wt	16.17	38.60	24.76	0.00	30.11
To-date/2006	12,656	19,600	162	30	32,448
To-date/2005	12,233	20,073	242	32	32,580

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