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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Apr-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/08/06	04/01/06
Broiler/fryer	164,804	165,667
Light hens	1,222	1,184
Heavy hens	1,505	1,424

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

	WEEK ENDING 01-Apr-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	339	0	339
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	144	0	144
Same week yr ago	404	0	404
To-date/2006	3,352	7	3,359
To-date/2005	3,864	11	3,875

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,505	1,433	2,938
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,226	1,562	2,788
Same week yr ago	2,075	1,421	3,496
To-date/2006	19,115	18,659	37,774
To-date/2005	23,166	17,109	40,275

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 01-April-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	161,822	1,166	1,433	2,599
Avg Wt	5.28	3.21	7.80	5.74
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	162,089	1,082	1,562	2,644
Same wk yr ago	155,010	1,671	1,421	3,092
Avg Wt	5.17	3.34	8.07	5.51
To-date/2006	2,088,573	15,763	18,652	34,415
To-date/2005	2,032,200	19,302	17,098	36,400

A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.8 million head, or 1.1 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 25-Mar-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	30,065	16,890	53,424
Avg Weight	3.73	4.83	6.44
% of total /1	30%	17%	53%
Last week	31,680	16,214	52,627
Avg Weight	3.72	4.81	6.44
% of total /1	32%	16%	52%
Same week, yr ago /2	29,202	17,481	43,843
Avg Weight	3.74	4.73	6.34
% of total /1	32%	19%	48%
To date/2006	328,717	216,976	647,156
To date/2005	323,739	254,273	564,090

/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 01-Apr-06  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,147	2,537	0	3	4,687
Avg Wt	17.58	37.53	0.00	51.01	28.40
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,924	2,517	38	13	4,492
Same wk yr ago	1,660	2,516	5	5	4,186
Avg Wt	16.37	37.70	28.06	43.08	29.24
To-date/2006	22,635	32,186	279	75	55,175
To-date/2005	19,960	32,555	314	47	52,876

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