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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Apr-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 04/22/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/15/06
Broiler/fryer	158,541	161,391
Light hens	1,171	1,102
Heavy hens	1,456	1,332

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 15-Apr-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	107	3	110
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	194	0	194
Same week yr ago	215	7	222
To-date/2006	3,653	10	3,663
To-date/2005	4,441	18	4,459

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,125	1,336	2,461
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,379	1,552	2,931
Same week yr ago	1,902	1,418	3,320
To-date/2006	21,619	21,547	43,166
To-date/2005	27,170	19,841	47,011

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 15-April-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	154,312	1,018	1,333	2,351
Avg Wt	5.35	3.38	8.12	6.07
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	162,595	1,185	1,552	2,737
Same wk yr ago	158,035	1,687	1,411	3,098
Avg Wt	5.27	3.39	8.26	5.61
To-date/2006	2,405,480	17,966	21,537	39,503
To-date/2005	2,347,664	22,729	19,823	42,552

A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.2 million head, or 7.0 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 08-Apr-06

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
	4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----			
Head	33,822	23,461	56,686
Avg Weight	3.85	4.83	6.37
% of total /1	30%	21%	50%
Last week	29,243	18,392	56,528
Avg Weight	3.59	4.66	6.35
% of total /1	28%	18%	54%
Same week, yr ago /2	28,728	20,718	49,838
Avg Weight	3.64	4.69	6.34
% of total /1	29%	21%	50%
To date/2006	391,782	258,829	760,370
To date/2005	386,148	294,731	664,793

/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 15-Apr-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,838	2,164	28	6	4,036
Avg Wt	16.66	38.35	26.01	33.23	28.38
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,214	2,458	22	8	4,702
Same wk yr ago	1,564	2,555	11	2	4,132
Avg Wt	16.35	38.07	24.72	29.42	29.81
To-date/2006	26,687	36,808	329	89	63,913
To-date/2005	23,161	37,655	355	49	61,220

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