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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Apr-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 04/29/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/22/06
Broiler/fryer	162,882	158,541
Light hens	1,166	1,171
Heavy hens	1,418	1,456

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

	WEEK ENDING 22-Apr-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	160	0	160
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	107	3	110
Same week yr ago	232	0	232
To-date/2006	3,813	10	3,823
To-date/2005	4,673	18	4,691

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,368	1,385	2,753
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,125	1,336	2,461
Same week yr ago	1,883	1,466	3,349
To-date/2006	22,987	22,932	45,919
To-date/2005	29,053	21,307	50,360

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 22-April-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	163,490	1,208	1,385	2,593
Avg Wt	5.40	3.21	8.07	5.81
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	154,312	1,018	1,333	2,351
Same wk yr ago	161,112	1,651	1,466	3,117
Avg Wt	5.33	3.30	8.07	5.54
To-date/2006	2,568,970	19,174	22,922	42,096
To-date/2005	2,508,776	24,380	21,289	45,669

A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.5 million head, or 1.1 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 15-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	24,019	18,340	49,587
Avg Weight	3.75	4.73	6.36
% of total /1	26%	20%	54%
Last week	33,822	23,461	56,686
Avg Weight	3.85	4.83	6.37
% of total /1	30%	21%	50%
Same week, yr ago /2	27,465	18,311	53,607
Avg Weight	3.69	4.62	6.31
% of total /1	28%	18%	54%
To date/2006	415,801	277,169	809,957
To date/2005	413,613	313,042	718,400

/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 22-Apr-06  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,043	2,469	57	2	4,571
Avg Wt	17.40	38.51	32.95	40.20	29.01
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,838	2,164	28	6	4,036
Same wk yr ago	1,646	2,639	15	1	4,301
Avg Wt	16.19	37.89	25.55	31.40	29.54
To-date/2006	28,730	39,277	386	91	68,484
To-date/2005	24,807	40,294	370	50	65,521

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