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

	CURRENT WEEK 05/06/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/29/06
Broiler/fryer	158,912	162,882
Light hens	1,113	1,166
Heavy hens	1,487	1,418

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 29-Apr-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	287	0	287
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	160	0	160
Same week yr ago	289	0	289
To-date/2006	4,100	10	4,110
To-date/2005	4,962	18	4,980

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,397	1,456	2,853
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,368	1,385	2,753
Same week yr ago	2,004	1,437	3,441
To-date/2006	24,384	24,388	48,772
To-date/2005	31,057	22,744	53,801

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 29-April-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	167,199	1,110	1,456	2,566
Avg Wt	5.47	3.32	8.03	5.99
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	163,940	1,208	1,385	2,593
Same wk yr ago	162,731	1,715	1,437	3,152
Avg Wt	5.46	3.24	8.02	5.42
To-date/2006	2,736,169	20,284	24,378	44,662
To-date/2005	2,671,507	26,095	22,726	48,821

A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.2 million head, or 3.0 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 22-Apr-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	24,049	26,402	54,812
Avg Weight	3.83	4.67	6.62
% of total /1	23%	25%	52%
Last week	24,019	18,340	49,587
Avg Weight	3.75	4.73	6.36
% of total /1	26%	20%	54%
Same week, yr ago /2	28,432	19,382	53,241
Avg Weight	3.74	4.71	6.40
% of total /1	28%	19%	53%
To date/2006	439,850	303,571	864,769
To date/2005	442,045	332,424	771,641

/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 29-Apr-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,308	2,590	34	8	4,940
Avg Wt	17.39	37.95	22.93	27.02	28.22
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,043	2,469	57	2	4,571
Same wk yr ago	1,677	2,689	44	9	4,419
Avg Wt	16.54	37.71	22.07	31.46	29.51
To-date/2006	31,038	41,867	420	99	73,424
To-date/2005	26,484	42,983	414	59	69,940

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