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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 27-May-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 05/27/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/20/06
Broiler/fryer	175,047	166,266
Light hens	1,153	1,254
Heavy hens	1,568	1,533

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 20-May-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	130	3	113
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	208	0	208
Same week yr ago	370	0	370
To-date/2006	4,590	13	4,603
To-date/2005	5,848	26	5,874

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,341	1,638	2,979
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,434	1,509	2,943
Same week yr ago	2,079	1,540	3,619
To-date/2006	28,432	29,065	57,497
To-date/2005	36,784	27,239	64,023

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 20-May-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	167,283	1,211	1,635	2,846
Avg Wt	5.42	3.30	8.04	6.02
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	164,848	1,226	1,509	2,735
Same wk yr ago	163,035	1,709	1,540	3,249
Avg Wt	5.30	3.46	7.99	5.61
To-date/2006	3,222,472	23,842	29,052	52,894
To-date/2005	3,161,879	30,936	27,213	58,149

A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.3 million head, or 4.2 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 13-May-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	24,711	19,084	58,405
Avg Weight	3.73	4.65	6.43
% of total /1	24%	19%	57%
Last week	28,685	16,610	51,839
Avg Weight	3.87	4.75	6.44
% of total /1	30%	17%	53%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,951	23,888	51,044
Avg Weight	3.78	4.72	6.57
% of total /1	25%	24%	51%
To date/2006	515,983	359,273	1,031,400
To date/2005	527,360	394,059	934,930

/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 20-May-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,099	2,634	10	2	4,745
Avg Wt	16.74	38.58	24.95	56.82	28.90
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,148	2,607	7	4	4,766
Same wk yr ago	1,980	2,623	12	1	4,616
Avg Wt	16.55	38.28	25.08	59.64	28.93
To-date/2006	37,399	49,423	452	111	87,385
To-date/2005	32,323	50,816	444	61	83,644

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