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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Jun-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 06/03/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/27/06
Broiler/fryer	148,585	175,047
Light hens	840	1,153
Heavy hens	1,271	1,568

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 27-May-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	44	3	47
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	130	3	133
Same week yr ago	247	0	247
To-date/2006	4,634	16	4,650
To-date/2005	6,095	26	6,121

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,120	1,542	2,662
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,341	1,638	2,979
Same week yr ago	1,893	1,401	3,294
To-date/2006	29,552	30,607	60,159
To-date/2005	38,677	28,640	67,317

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 27-May-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	171,120	1,076	1,539	2,615
Avg Wt	5.37	3.31	7.77	5.93
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	167,283	1,211	1,635	2,846
Same wk yr ago	162,024	1,646	1,401	3,047
Avg Wt	5.23	3.32	8.13	5.53
To-date/2006	3,393,592	24,918	30,591	55,509
To-date/2005	3,323,903	32,582	28,614	61,196

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 173.2 million head, or 10.4 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 20-May-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	27,544	21,887	57,016
Avg Weight	3.82	4.76	6.45
% of total /1	26%	21%	54%
Last week	24,711	19,084	58,405
Avg Weight	3.73	4.65	6.43
% of total /1	24%	19%	57%
Same week, yr ago /2	29,163	27,773	50,668
Avg Weight	3.70	4.80	6.50
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%
To date/2006	543,527	381,160	1,088,416
To date/2005	556,523	421,832	985,598

/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 27-May-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,016	2,688	2	1	4,707
Avg Wt	17.17	38.33	25.00	66.15	29.27
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,099	2,634	10	2	4,745
Same wk yr ago	1,890	2,528	17	1	4,436
Avg Wt	16.26	37.59	25.46	50.55	28.46
To-date/2006	39,415	52,111	454	112	92,092
To-date/2005	34,213	53,344	461	62	88,080

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