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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Jul-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 07/15/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/08/06
Broiler/fryer	164,388	139,510
Light hens	1,111	835
Heavy hens	1,566	1,083

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 08-Jul-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	61	0	61
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	103	0	103
Same week yr ago	238	0	238
To-date/2006	5,167	19	5,186
To-date/2005	7,425	33	7,458

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	892	1,087	1,979
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,109	1,614	2,723
Same week yr ago	1,506	1,196	2,702
To-date/2006	35,791	39,507	75,298
To-date/2005	49,131	37,202	86,333

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 14-Jul-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	139,425	831	1,087	1,918
Avg Wt	5.37	3.37	8.22	6.12
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	168,518	1,006	1,614	2,620
Same wk yr ago	148,211	1,268	1,196	2,464
Avg Wt	5.17	3.31	7.97	5.57
To-date/2006	4,341,437	30,624	39,488	70,112
To-date/2005	4,303,159	41,706	37,169	78,875

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 141.1 million head, or 21.1 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 01-Jul-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	28,029	19,566	47,786
Avg Weight	3.74	4.75	6.32
% of total /1	29%	21%	50%
Last week	29,049	22,894	51,658
Avg Weight	3.76	4.73	6.43
% of total /1	28%	22%	50%
Same week, yr ago /2	26,158	21,889	45,786
Avg Weight	3.77	4.75	6.79
% of total /1	28%	23%	49%
To date/2006	700,241	506,294	1,396,303
To date/2005	717,829	572,382	1,276,716

/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 10-Jun-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,042	2,843	18	7	4,910
Avg Wt	16.34	36.91	27.42	24.79	28.30
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,881	2,322	1	0	4,204
Same wk yr ago	1,871	2,649	18	2	4,540
Avg Wt	16.53	37.98	27.76	64.30	29.11
To-date/2006	43,338	57,276	473	119	101,206
To-date/2005	37,708	58,307	505	65	96,585

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