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

	CURRENT WEEK 07/29/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/22/06
Broiler/fryer	165,519	163,850
Light hens	1,080	1,081
Heavy hens	1,507	1,501

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

	WEEK ENDING 22-Jul-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	97	0	97
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	57	4	61
Same week yr ago	308	0	308
To-date/2006	5,321	23	5,344
To-date/2005	7,924	33	7,957

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,180	1,460	2,640
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,237	1,558	2,795
Same week yr ago	1,750	1,558	3,308
To-date/2006	38,208	42,525	80,733
To-date/2005	52,503	40,303	92,806

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

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	162,843	1,083	1,460	2,543
Avg Wt	5.29	3.33	8.09	6.06
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	160,498	1,180	1,554	2,734
Same wk yr ago	170,006	1,442	1,558	3,000
Avg Wt	5.15	3.35	8.00	5.76
To-date/2006	4,664,778	32,887	42,502	75,389
To-date/2005	4,641,616	44,579	40,270	84,849

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.8 million head, or .7 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 15-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	23,067	21,533	54,069
Avg Weight	3.85	4.75	6.40
% of total /1	23%	22%	55%
Last week	28,194	19,580	44,247
Avg Weight	3.79	4.78	6.63
% of total /1	31%	21%	48%
Same week, yr ago /2	28,004	27,462	49,111
Avg Weight	3.78	4.74	6.41
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%
To date/2006	751,502	547,407	1,494,619
To date/2005	771,071	622,168	1,365,524

/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-Jul-06  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,939	2,681	64	9	4,693
Avg Wt	16.12	37.13	24.38	38.59	28.28
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,931	2,903	16	1	4,851
Same wk yr ago	1,989	2,679	30	16	4,714
Avg Wt	15.82	36.43	21.51	23.19	27.59
To-date/2006	55,397	72,885	673	151	129,106
To-date/2005	49,103	73,882	682	105	123,772

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