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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Aug-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 08/05/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/29/06
Broiler/fryer	162,054	165,519
Light hens	1,103	1,080
Heavy hens	1,590	1,507

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 29-Jul-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	123	0	123
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	97	0	97
Same week yr ago	78	0	78
To-date/2006	5,444	23	5,467
To-date/2005	8,002	33	8,035

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,163	1,487	2,650
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,180	1,460	2,640
Same week yr ago	1,336	1,671	3,007
To-date/2006	39,371	44,012	83,383
To-date/2005	53,839	41,974	95,813

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

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	161,268	1,040	1,487	2,527
Avg Wt	5.22	3.51	7.96	6.13
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	162,843	1,083	1,460	2,543
Same wk yr ago	168,852	1,258	1,671	2,929
Avg Wt	5.19	3.23	8.05	5.98
To-date/2006	4,826,046	33,927	43,989	77,916
To-date/2005	4,810,468	45,837	41,941	87,778

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.2 million head, or 0.8 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 22-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	27,967	20,214	53,355
Avg Weight	3.85	4.68	6.29
% of total /1	28%	20%	53%
Last week	23,067	21,533	54,069
Avg Weight	3.85	4.75	6.40
% of total /1	23%	22%	55%
Same week, yr ago /2	28,551	28,203	48,756
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	6.36
% of total /1	27%	27%	46%
To date/2006	779,469	567,621	1,547,974
To date/2005	799,622	650,371	1,414,280

/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-Jul-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,041	2,765	39	0	4,845
Avg Wt	16.08	35.95	25.36	0.00	27.49
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,939	2,681	64	9	4,693
Same wk yr ago	2,036	2,660	34	8	4,738
Avg Wt	16.13	35.49	24.43	32.11	27.09
To-date/2006	57,438	75,650	712	151	133,951
To-date/2005	51,139	76,542	716	113	128,510

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