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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Aug-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 08/19/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/12/06
Broiler/fryer	163,609	165,650
Light hens	971	968
Heavy hens	1,689	1,574

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 12-Aug-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	62	0	62
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	62	0	62
Same week yr ago	240	0	240
To-date/2006	5,568	23	5,591
To-date/2005	8,293	37	8,330

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,037	1,586	2,623
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,090	1,561	2,651
Same week yr ago	1,427	1,720	3,147
To-date/2006	41,498	47,159	88,657
To-date/2005	56,591	45,401	101,992

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 12-Aug-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	162,061	975	1,586	2,561
Avg Wt	5.24	3.25	8.60	6.56
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	162,092	1,028	1,561	2,589
Same wk yr ago	168,700	1,187	1,720	2,907
Avg Wt	5.18	3.40	7.92	6.07
To-date/2006	5,150,199	35,930	47,136	83,066
To-date/2005	5,149,004	48,298	45,364	93,662

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.0 million head, or 0.2 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 12-Aug-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	48,449	84,385	23,900
Avg Weight	3.87	5.35	7.00
% of total /1	30%	52%	15%
Last week	46,038	81,721	25,726
Avg Weight	3.81	5.36	6.93
% of total /1	28%	50%	16%
Same week, yr ago /2	53,850	78,379	29,778
Avg Weight	3.62	5.34	6.93
% of total /1	32%	46%	18%
To date/2006	1,494,174	2,515,706	721,683
To date/2005	1,552,966	2,470,807	833,992

/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 12-Aug-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,850	2,850	34	1	4,782
Avg Wt	16.06	34.84	23.62	29.26	27.15
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,975	2,769	36	2	4,845
Same wk yr ago	2,000	2,603	37	3	4,674
Avg Wt	16.20	35.36	24.24	25.53	29.96
To-date/2006	61,263	81,269	782	154	138,733
To-date/2005	55,206	81,737	763	121	133,184

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