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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Aug-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 08/26/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/19/06
Broiler/fryer	165,873	163,609
Light hens	981	971
Heavy hens	1,575	1,689

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

	WEEK ENDING 19-Aug-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	61	0	61
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	62	0	62
Same week yr ago	269	0	269
To-date/2006	5,629	23	5,652
To-date/2005	8,562	37	8,599

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	963	1,759	2,722
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,037	1,586	2,623
Same week yr ago	1,571	1,712	3,283
To-date/2006	42,461	48,918	91,379
To-date/2005	58,162	47,113	105,275

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 19-Aug-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	160,682	902	1,759	2,661
Avg Wt	5.27	3.38	7.74	6.26
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	162,061	975	1,586	2,561
Same wk yr ago	167,810	1,302	1,712	3,014
Avg Wt	5.23	3.39	8.03	6.03
To-date/2006	5,310,881	36,832	48,895	85,727
To-date/2005	5,316,814	49,600	47,076	96,676

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.6 million head, or 1.7 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 19-Aug-06

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
	4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----			
Head	47,956	81,700	25,542
Avg Weight	3.87	5.35	6.98
% of total /1	30%	51%	16%
Last week	48,449	84,385	23,900
Avg Weight	3.87	5.35	7.00
% of total /1	30%	52%	15%
Same week, yr ago /2	47,749	87,663	26,927
Avg Weight	3.75	5.30	6.94
% of total /1	28%	52%	16%
To date/2006	1,542,130	2,597,406	747,225
To date/2005	1,600,715	2,558,470	860,919

/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 19-Aug-06  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,108	2,624	18	5	4,755
Avg Wt	16.91	35.53	25.24	30.37	27.23
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,850	2,850	34	1	4,735
Same wk yr ago	1,929	2,691	19	1	4,640
Avg Wt	15.68	35.21	25.64	42.67	27.05
To-date/2006	63,371	83,893	800	159	148,223
To-date/2005	57,135	84,428	782	122	142,467

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