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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Sep-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 09/16/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/09/06
Broiler/fryer	164,985	150,870
Light hens	1,086	880
Heavy hens	1,516	1,248

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

	WEEK ENDING 09-Sep-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	85	0	85
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	50	0	50
Same week yr ago	326	0	326
To-date/2006	5,861	23	5,884
To-date/2005	9,559	40	9,599

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	961	1,242	2,203
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	981	1,557	2,538
Same week yr ago	1,361	1,042	2,403
To-date/2006	45,455	53,270	98,725
To-date/2005	63,021	50,977	113,998

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 09-Sep-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	154,603	876	1,242	2,118
Avg Wt	5.39	3.31	8.18	6.17
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	168,295	931	1,557	2,488
Same wk yr ago	150,712	1,035	1,042	2,077
Avg Wt	5.28	3.30	8.25	5.78
To-date/2006	5,800,211	39,594	53,247	92,841
To-date/2005	5,785,780	53,462	50,937	104,399

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.5 million head, or 5.5 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 09-Sep-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	42,845	78,603	22,313
Avg Weight	3.80	5.45	6.94
% of total /1	28%	51%	14%
Last week	53,700	84,183	24,329
Avg Weight	3.67	5.42	6.96
% of total /1	32%	50%	14%
Same week, yr ago /2	32,562	83,956	27,668
Avg Weight	3.70	5.23	6.93
% of total /1	22%	56%	18%
To date/2006	1,683,296	2,848,312	820,658
To date/2005	1,725,911	2,803,874	939,032

/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 09-Sep-06  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,875	2,066	6	9	3,956
Avg Wt	16.28	35.67	23.14	27.45	26.44
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,801	2,664	2	8	4,475
Same wk yr ago	1,682	2,439	7	1	4,129
Avg Wt	15.95	36.37	28.02	40.17	28.04
To-date/2006	68,920	91,399	856	177	161,352
To-date/2005	62,678	92,287	841	144	155,950

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