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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Oct-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 10/07/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/30/06
Broiler/fryer	169,585	169,944
Light hens	965	1,188
Heavy hens	1,657	1,512

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 30-Sep-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	185	4	189
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	94	0	94
Same week yr ago	218	0	218
To-date/2006	6,140	27	6,167
To-date/2005	10,358	40	10,398

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,358	1,505	2,863
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,148	1,384	2,532
Same week yr ago	1,468	1,132	2,600
To-date/2006	48,931	57,701	106,632
To-date/2005	67,630	55,189	122,819

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 30-Sep-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	164,748	1,173	1,501	2,674
Avg Wt	5.49	3.41	8.16	6.08
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	165,750	1,054	1,384	2,438
Same wk yr ago	162,749	1,250	1,132	2,382
Avg Wt	5.35	3.45	7.95	5.59
To-date/2006	6,297,221	42,791	57,674	100,465
To-date/2005	6,283,134	57,272	55,149	112,421

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.7 million head, or 2.2 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 30-Sep-06

	A 4.25 lbs & down	B 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	C 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	D 7.76 lbs & up
-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	44,316	84,262	19,133	17,037
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.49	6.97	8.14
% of total /1	27%	51%	12%	10%
Last week	45,348	84,922	18,623	16,857
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.43	7.01	8.08
% of total /1	27%	51%	11%	10%
Year Ago 2/	47,578	78,443	29,777	6,951
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.38	6.94	8.19
% of total /1	29%	48%	18%	4%
To date/2006	1,812,643	3,109,020	883,168	492,390
To date/2005	1,858,935	3,058,230	1,027,260	338,709

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 30-Sep-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,055	2,886	52	1	4,994
Avg Wt	16.62	36.80	24.24	52.46	28.37
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,981	2,585	17	1	4,584
Same wk yr ago	2,064	2,667	13	8	4,752
Avg Wt	16.68	35.03	25.86	34.51	27.03
To-date/2006	74,982	99,514	960	179	175,635
To-date/2005	68,835	100,460	928	168	170,391

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