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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 14-Oct-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 10/14/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/07/06
Broiler/fryer	168,383	166,895
Light hens	1,049	965
Heavy hens	1,550	1,657

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 07-Oct-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	140	4	144
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	185	4	189
Same week yr ago	136	18	154
To-date/2006	6,280	31	6,311
To-date/2005	10,494	58	10,552

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,092	1,676	2,768
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,358	1,505	2,863
Same week yr ago	1,386	1,463	2,849
To-date/2006	50,023	59,377	109,400
To-date/2005	69,016	56,652	125,668

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 07-Oct-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	169,726	952	1,672	2,624
Avg Wt	5.57	3.31	7.90	6.23
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	164,748	1,173	1,501	2,674
Same wk yr ago	166,544	1,250	1,445	2,695
Avg Wt	5.42	3.39	7.88	5.80
To-date/2006	6,466,947	43,743	59,346	103,089
To-date/2005	6,449,678	58,522	56,594	115,116

(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 171.8 million head, or 7.6 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 07-Oct-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	42,025	87,962	23,259
Avg Weight	3.83	5.47	7.03
% of total /1	25%	51%	14%
Last week	44,316	84,262	19,133
Avg Weight	3.78	5.49	6.97
% of total /1	27%	51%	12%
Same week, yr ago /2	42,725	79,299	36,280
Avg Weight	3.80	5.34	6.87
% of total /1	26%	48%	22%
To date/2006	1,854,668	3,196,982	906,427
To date/2005	1,901,660	3,137,529	1,063,540

/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 07-Oct-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,088	2,860	24	6	4,978
Avg Wt	16.85	36.62	27.59	28.64	28.27
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,055	2,886	52	1	4,994
Same wk yr ago	1,955	2,749	13	9	4,726
Avg Wt	16.25	35.22	27.53	27.53	27.34
To-date/2006	77,070	102,374	185	984	180,613
To-date/2005	70,790	103,209	941	941	175,117

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