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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Oct-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 10/21/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/14/06
Broiler/fryer	165,120	168,383
Light hens	1,162	1,049
Heavy hens	1,476	1,550

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 14-Oct-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	90	4	94
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	140	4	144
Same week yr ago	197	2	199
To-date/2006	6,370	35	6,405
To-date/2005	10,691	60	10,751

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,098	1,542	2,640
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,092	1,676	2,768
Same week yr ago	1,519	1,503	3,022
To-date/2006	51,121	60,919	112,040
To-date/2005	70,535	58,155	128,690

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 14-Oct-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	161,719	1,008	1,538	2,546
Avg Wt	5.61	3.29	8.05	6.17
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	169,726	952	1,672	2,624
Same wk yr ago	164,748	1,322	1,501	2,823
Avg Wt	5.50	3.31	7.98	5.79
To-date/2006	6,628,666	44,751	60,884	105,635
To-date/2005	6,614,426	59,844	58,095	117,939

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.7 million head, or 0.4 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 14-Oct-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	40,380	81,002	21,541
Avg Weight	3.77	5.49	7.00
% of total /1	25%	50%	13%
Last week	42,025	87,962	23,259
Avg Weight	3.83	5.47	7.03
% of total /1	25%	51%	14%
Same week, yr ago /2	39,370	86,757	28,311
Avg Weight	3.87	5.41	7.03
% of total /1	24%	53%	17%
To date/2006	1,895,948	3,277,984	927,968
To date/2005	1,941,030	3,224,286	1,091,851

/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 20-Oct-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,858	2,819	36	10	4,723
Avg Wt	16.40	36.66	24.89	30.71	28.59
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,088	2,860	24	6	4,978
Same wk yr ago	1,864	2,660	30	5	4,559
Avg Wt	16.66	35.94	25.32	36.72	27.99
To-date/2006	78,928	105,193	1,020	195	185,336
To-date/2005	72,654	105,869	971	182	179,676

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