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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Dec-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 12/30/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/23/06
Broiler/fryer	131,780	162,044
Light hens	787	1,165
Heavy hens	1,043	1,513

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

	WEEK ENDING 23-Dec-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	230	0	230
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	156	0	156
Same week yr ago	244	2	246
To-date/2006	7,919	50	7,969
To-date/2005	12,584	65	12,649

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,377	1,531	2,908
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,267	1,518	2,785
Same week yr ago	1,716	1,299	3,015
To-date/2006	62,585	76,008	138,593
To-date/2005	85,092	72,208	157,300

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 23-Dec-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	159,549	1,147	1,531	2,678
Avg Wt	5.37	3.33	8.02	6.01
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	160,125	1,111	1,518	2,629
Same wk yr ago	151,687	1,472	1,297	2,769
Avg Wt	5.43	3.46	7.76	5.47
To-date/2006	8,217,320	54,666	75,958	130,624
To-date/2005	8,201,280	72,508	72,143	144,651

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.5 million head, or 8.1 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 23-Dec-06

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	41,757	84,148	21,521	12,123	159,549
Avg Live Wgt	3.69	5.37	6.98	8.29	5.37
% of total /1	26%	53%	13%	8%	100%
Last week	49,089	78,448	21,388	11,200	160,125
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.45	6.89	8.27	5.49
% of total /1	31%	49%	11%	7%	100%
Year Ago 2/ /2 Comparable week.	45,458	74,517	17,108	14,604	151,687
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.47	6.89	8.72	5.43
% of total /1	30%	49%	11%	10%	100%
To date/2007	2,321,431	4,078,692	1,142,384	674,813	8,217,320
To date/2006	2,397,428	3,931,179	1,377,533	495,140	8,201,280

/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 23-Dec-06  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,497	1,975	26	9	3,507
Avg Wt	15.88	37.99	26.14	24.03	28.43
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,117	2,655	22	12	4,806
Same wk yr ago	1,559	1,902	10	0	3,471
Avg Wt	16.53	39.71	28.61	0.00	29.27
To-date/2006	100,123	131,190	1,382	226	232,921
To-date/2005	93,676	131,084	1,235	211	226,206

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