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

	CURRENT WEEK 01/06/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/30/06
Broiler/fryer	136,307	159,665
Light hens	853	787
Heavy hens	138,406	1,043

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 30-Dec-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	78	0	78
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	230	0	230
Same week yr ago	209	0	209
To-date/2007	7,997	50	8,047
To-date/2006	12,793	63	12,856

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,134	782	1,916
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,377	1,531	2,908
Same week yr ago	1,193	1,173	2,366
To-date/2007	63,719	76,790	140,509
To-date/2006	86,285	73,379	159,664

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

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	133,860	1,056	782	2,678
Avg Wt	5.43	3.21	7.85	6.01
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	159,549	1,147	1,531	2,629
Same wk yr ago	142,014	984	1,173	2,769
Avg Wt	5.35	3.31	7.90	5.47
To-date/2006	8,351,180	55,722	76,740	130,624
To-date/2005	8,343,294	73,492	73,316	146,808

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 135.5 million head, or 13.7 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 30-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	33,975	69,256	21,520	21,250	133,860
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.41	6.88	8.32	5.43
% of total /1	25%	52%	16%	7%	100%
Last week	41,757	84,148	21,521	12,123	159,549
Avg Live Wgt	3.69	5.37	6.98	8.29	5.49
% of total /1	26%	53%	13%	8%	100%
Year Ago 2/	43,842	66,571	19,639	11,962	142,014
Avg Live Wgt	3.62	5.43	6.97	8.54	5.35
% of total /1	31%	47%	14%	8%	100%
To date/2007	2,355,406	4,147,948	1,163,904	683,922	8,351,180
To date/2006	2,441,270	3,997,750	1,397,172	507,102	8,343,294

/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-Dec-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,189	1,828	4	16	3,037
Avg Wt	15.93	38.69	24.86	29.58	29.71
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,497	1,975	26	9	3,507
Same wk yr ago	1,277	1,852	8	0	3,137
Avg Wt	16.14	39.24	23.77	0.00	29.80
To-date/2006	101,312	133,018	1,386	242	235,958
To-date/2005	94,953	132,936	1,243	211	229,343

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