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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 08-May-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 05/08/99	Previous Week 05/01/99
Bro-Fry	155,682	154,866
Lt Hens	2,301	1,993
Hvy Hens	1,531	1,588

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 01-May-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	467	18	485
Last Week	574	0	574
Same Wk Yr Ago	671	24	695
To Date 1999	8,369	132	8,501
To Date 1998	9,606	168	9,774

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Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,614	1,423	4,037
Last Week	2,906	1,431	4,337
Same Wk Yr Ago	3,077	1,242	4,319
To Date 1999	45,461	22,927	68,388
To Date 1998	45,186	21,189	66,375

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 01-May-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	153,704 (A)	2,147	1,405	3,552
Avg Wt	4.90	3.37	8.17	5.27
Last Week	152,325	2,332	1,431	3,763
Same Week Yr Ago	149,111	2,406	1,218	3,624
Avg Wt	4.88	3.42	7.72	4.86
To-Date/1999	2,551,327	37,092	22,795	59,887
To-Date/1998	2,465,981	35,580	21,021	56,601

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.6 million head or 0.8 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending April 24, 1999**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	32,773	27,330	47,133
Avg Weight	3.86	4.82	5.97
% Of Total /1	31%	25%	44%
Comparisons			
Last Week	28,561	29,956	42,527
Avg Weight	3.77	4.94	6.06
% Of Total /1	28%	30%	42%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	38,906	30,492	40,433
Avg Weight	3.84	4.89	5.91
% Of Total /1	35%	28%	37%
To Date/1999	525,851	450,473	686,465
To Date/1998	539,784	521,187	496,876
/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 24-Apr-99
(Thousand Head)**

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	6,293	45	6,338
Avg Wt	0.00	24.45	27.51	24.48
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	4,536	40	4,576
Same Week Yr Ago	0	5,215	25	5,240
Avg Wt	0.00	25.99 (B)	26.52	25.99
To-Date/1999	0	73,846 (B)	514	74,360
To-Date/1998	8	81,732 (B)	595	82,335

(B) Includes 283,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 302,000 in 1998.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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