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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection  
For Week Ending 15-May-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 05/15/99	Previous Week 05/08/99
Bro-Fry	152,717	155,682
Lt Hens	2,360	2,301
Hvy Hens	1,456	1,531

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada  
Weeks Ending 08-May-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	445	0	445
Last Week	467	18	485
Same Wk Yr Ago	610	11	621
To Date 1999	8,814	132	8,946
To Date 1998	10,216	179	10,395

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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	2,801	1,369	4,170
Last Week	2,614	1,423	4,037
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,992	1,280	4,272
To Date 1999	48,262	24,296	72,558
To Date 1998	48,178	22,469	70,647

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection  
Week Ending 08-May-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	154,413 (A)	2,356	1,369	3,725
Avg Wt	5.07	3.32	8.41	5.19
Last Week	153,704	2,147	1,405	3,552
Same Week Yr Ago	148,624	2,382	1,269	3,651
Avg Wt	4.95	3.42	7.60	4.87
To-Date/1999	2,705,740	39,448	24,164	63,612
To-Date/1998	2,614,605	37,962	22,290	60,252

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.3 million head or 1.7 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 May 01, 1999**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	36,967	27,581	48,119
Avg Weight	3.82	4.76	6.04
% Of Total /1	33%	24%	43%
Comparisons			
Last Week	32,773	27,330	47,133
Avg Weight	3.86	4.82	5.97
% Of Total /1	31%	25%	44%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	36,469	34,972	42,814
Avg Weight	3.85	4.82	6.07
% Of Total /1	32%	31%	37%
To Date/1999	562,818	478,055	734,585
To Date/1998	576,253	556,159	539,690
/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 01-May-99  
(Thousand Head)**

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	5,251	40	5,291
Avg Wt	0.00	24.80	25.88	24.81
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	6,293	45	6,338
Same Week Yr Ago	0	4,675	47	4,722
Avg Wt	0.00	26.14 (B)	23.72	26.12
To-Date/1999	0	79,097 (B)	554	79,651
To-Date/1998	8	86,407 (B)	642	87,057

(B) Includes 285,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 322,000 in 1998

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