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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 22-May-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 05/22/99	Previous Week 05/15/99
Bro-Fry	159,217	152,717
Lt Hens	2,265	2,360
Hvy Hens	1,455	1,456

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 15-May-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	484	5	489
Last Week	445	0	445
Same Wk Yr Ago	623	12	635
To Date 1999	9,298	137	9,435
To Date 1998	10,839	191	11,030

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,859	1,338	4,197
Last Week	2,801	1,369	4,170
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,911	1,289	4,200
To Date 1999	51,121	25,634	76,755
To Date 1998	51,089	23,758	74,847

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 15-May-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	152,430 (A)	2,375	1,333	3,708
Avg Wt	4.82	3.42	7.79	4.99
Last Week	154,413	2,356	1,369	3,725
Same Week Yr Ago	151,988	2,288	1,277	3,565
Avg Wt	4.93	3.44	7.71	4.97
To-Date/1999	2,858,170	41,823	25,497	67,320
To-Date/1998	2,766,593	40,250	23,567	63,817

(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 154.3 million head or 0.3 million head more than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending May 08, 1999**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	36,519	27,974	47,249
Avg Weight	3.77	4.73	5.98
% Of Total /1	33%	25%	42%
Comparisons			
Last Week	36,967	27,581	48,119
Avg Weight	3.82	4.76	6.04
% Of Total /1	33%	24%	43%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	39,031	31,456	37,829
Avg Weight	3.87	4.89	6.09
% Of Total /1	36%	29%	35%
To Date/1999	599,337	506,029	784,834
To Date/1998	615,284	587,615	577,519
/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 08-May-99
(Thousand Head)**

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	5,464	17	5,481
Avg Wt	0.00	25.71	28.65	25.72
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	5,251	40	5,291
Same Week Yr Ago	0	4,545	16	4,561
Avg Wt	0.00	24.82 (B)	27.69	24.83
To-Date/1999	0	84,561 (B)	571	85,132
To-Date/1998	8	90,952 (B)	658	91,618

(B) Includes 295,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 331,000 in 1998

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