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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 24-Jul-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 07/24/99	Previous Week 07/17/99
Bro-Fry	160,983	152,457
Lt Hens	2,327	2,280
Hvy Hens	1,514	1,643

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 17-Jul-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	506	0	506
Last Week	374	14	388
Same Wk Yr Ago	434	26	460
To Date 1999	13,843	164	14,007
To Date 1998	15,756	239	15,995

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,484	1,089	3,573
Last Week	2,171	1,399	3,570
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,598	1,249	3,847
To Date 1999	74,472	38,053	112,525
To Date 1998	74,976	35,657	110,633

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 17-Jul-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	158,335 (A)	1,978	1,089	3,067
Avg Wt	4.98	3.41	7.88	5.00
Last Week	136,199	1,797	1,385	3,182
Same Week Yr Ago	145,775	2,164	1,223	3,387
Avg Wt	4.69	3.38	7.99	5.05
To-Date/1999	4,234,663	60,629	37,889	98,518
To-Date/1998	4,071,330	59,220	35,418	94,638

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.3 million head or 4.9 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending July 10, 1999**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	30,422	30,884	34,471
Avg Weight	3.83	4.80	5.93
% Of Total /1	32%	32%	36%
Comparisons			
Last Week	33,393	36,120	44,053
Avg Weight	3.81	4.75	5.92
% Of Total /1	29%	32%	39%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	39,680	44,558	23,819
Avg Weight	3.70	4.81	5.92
% Of Total /1	37%	41%	22%
To Date/1999	876,867	761,680	1,180,699
To Date/1998	963,129	992,984	842,013

/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 10-Jul-99
(Thousand Head)**

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	5,221	49	5,270
Avg Wt	0.00	24.71	25.51	24.71
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	3,508	40	3,548
Same Week Yr Ago	0	3,854	20	3,874
Avg Wt	0.00	25.75 (B)	24.25	25.74
To-Date/1999	55	126,677 (B)	900	127,632
To-Date/1998	32	135,636 (B)	976	136,644

(B) Includes 369,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 486,000 in 1998

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