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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 21-Aug-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 08/21/99	Previous Week 08/14/99
Bro-Fry	150,833	156,034
Lt Hens	2,056	2,134
Hvy Hens	1,620	1,564

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 14-Aug-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	455	7	462
Last Week	322	0	322
Same Wk Yr Ago	370	0	370
To Date 1999	15,549	181	15,730
To Date 1998	17,520	239	17,759

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,365	1,549	3,914
Last Week	2,347	1,427	3,774
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,418	1,249	3,667
To Date 1999	84,427	43,816	128,243
To Date 1998	84,885	40,622	125,507

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 14-Aug-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	153,926 (A)	1,910	1,542	3,452
Avg Wt	4.85	3.45	7.66	5.33
Last Week	152,521	2,025	1,427	3,452
Same Week Yr Ago	148,754	2,048	1,249	3,297
Avg Wt	4.77	3.26	7.87	5.01
To-Date/1999	4,851,642	68,878	43,635	112,513
To-Date/1998	4,664,757	67,365	40,383	107,748

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.3 million head or 1.4 million head less than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending August 7, 1999**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	35,511	38,302	29,304
Avg Weight	3.72	4.82	5.95
% Of Total /1	34%	37%	28%
Comparisons			
Last Week	32,632	38,259	32,381
Avg Weight	3.73	4.85	5.94
% Of Total /1	32%	37%	31%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	39,249	43,722	23,268
Avg Weight	3.85	4.70	6.13
% Of Total /1	37%	41%	22%
To Date/1999	1,015,956	910,129	1,315,722
To Date/1998	1,092,457	1,130,727	908,404
/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 07-Aug-99
(Thousand Head)**

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	5,469	58	5,527
Avg Wt	0.00	24.73	23.76	24.72
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	4,894	25	4,919
Same Week Yr Ago	0	5,505	30	5,535
Avg Wt	0.00	22.58 (B)	25.30	22.60
To-Date/1999	55	146,654 (B)	1,055	147,764
To-Date/1998	32	157,386 (B)	1,130	158,548

(B) Includes 466,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 801,000 in 1998.

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