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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection  
For Week Ending 28-Aug-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 08/28/99	Previous Week 08/21/99
Bro-Fry	160,496	150,833
Lt Hens	1,896	2,056
Hvy Hens	1,602	1,620

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada  
Weeks Ending 21-Aug-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	354	0	354
Last Week	455	7	462
Same Wk Yr Ago	534	0	534
To Date 1999	15,903	181	16,084
To Date 1998	18,054	239	18,293

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,306	1,564	3,870
Last Week	2,365	1,549	3,914
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,601	1,307	3,908
To Date 1999	86,733	45,380	128,597
To Date 1998	87,486	41,929	126,041

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection  
Week Ending 21-Aug-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	154,016 (A)	1,952	1,564	3,516
Avg Wt	4.81	3.34	7.46	5.17
Last Week	153,926	1,910	1,542	3,452
Same Week Yr Ago	152,481	2,067	1,307	3,374
Avg Wt	4.66	3.46	7.82	5.15
To-Date/1999	5,005,658	70,830	45,199	116,029
To-Date/1998	4,817,238	69,432	41,690	111,122

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.9 million head or 0.4 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 August 14, 1999**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	38,751	41,434	31,176
Avg Weight	3.77	4.83	5.99
% Of Total /1	35%	37%	28%
Comparisons			
Last Week	35,511	38,302	29,304
Avg Weight	3.72	4.82	5.95
% Of Total /1	34%	37%	28%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	38,067	50,033	21,204
Avg Weight	3.85	4.81	6.06
% Of Total /1	35%	46%	19%

To Date/1999	1,054,707	951,563	1,346,898
To Date/1998	1,130,523	1,180,761	929,608

/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 14-Aug-99  
(Thousand Head)**

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	5,342	67	5,409
Avg Wt	0.00	24.66	25.39	24.67
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	5,469	58	5,527
Same Week Yr Ago	17	5,290	31	5,338
Avg Wt	9.41	24.82 (B)	24.00	24.77
To-Date/1999	55	151,996 (B)	1,122	153,173
To-Date/1998	49	162,676 (B)	1,161	163,886

(B) Includes 491,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 822,000 in 1998

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