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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 25-Sep-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 09/25/99	Previous Week 09/18/99
Bro-Fry	158,676	158,026
Lt Hens	1,982	2,029
Hvy Hens	1,699	1,547

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 18-Sep-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	409	0	409
Last Week	300	0	300
Same Wk Yr Ago	568	0	568
To Date 1999	17,482	181	17,663
To Date 1998	20,092	266	20,358

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,423	1,484	3,907
Last Week	1,883	1,368	3,251
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,431	1,240	3,671
To Date 1999	95,604	51,300	146,904
To Date 1998	97,163	46,847	144,010

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 18-Sep-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	152,393 (A)	2,014	1,484	3,498
Avg Wt	4.87	3.40	8.04	5.37
Last Week	135,122	1,583	1,368	2,951
Same Week Yr Ago	148,765	1,863	1,240	3,103
Avg Wt	4.68	3.56	8.00	5.33
To-Date/1999	5,606,642	78,122	51,119	129,241
To-Date/1998	5,396,061	77,071	46,581	123,652

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.2 million head or 2.5 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending September 11, 1999**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	23,035	31,506	27,691
Avg Weight	3.89	4.77	6.06
% Of Total /1	28%	38%	34%
Comparisons			
Last Week	31,385	37,317	27,135
Avg Weight	3.74	4.86	6.12
% Of Total /1	33%	39%	28%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	26,088	29,740	18,872
Avg Weight	3.75	4.84	6.18
% Of Total /1	35%	40%	25%

To Date/1999	1,168,915	1,101,139	1,467,374
To Date/1998	1,267,671	1,336,109	1,022,592

/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 11-Sep-99
(Thousand Head)**

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	3,969	48	4,017
Avg Wt	0.00	25.93	24.60	25.91
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	5,082	35	5,117
Same Week Yr Ago	0	4,235	12	4,247
Avg Wt	0.00	25.14 (B)	26.25	25.15
To-Date/1999	55	172,850 (B)	1,295	174,200
To-Date/1998	72	181,191 (B)	1,337	182,600

(B) Includes 546,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 942,000 in 1998

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