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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 09-Oct-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 10/09/99	Previous Week 10/02/99
Bro-Fry	154,056	157,782
Lt Hens	1,859	1,930
Hvy Hens	1,708	1,809

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 02-Oct-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	390	0	390
Last Week	416	5	421
Same Wk Yr Ago	383	0	383
To Date 1999	18,288	186	18,474
To Date 1998	20,916	266	21,182

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,336	1,742	4,078
Last Week	2,410	1,662	4,072
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,192	1,312	3,504
To Date 1999	100,350	54,704	155,054
To Date 1998	101,699	49,463	151,162

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 02-Oct-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	153,908 (A)	1,946	1,742	3,688
Avg Wt	4.94	3.44	7.86	5.52
Last Week	155,941	1,994	1,657	3,651
Same Week Yr Ago	145,051	1,809	1,312	3,121
Avg Wt	4.92	3.31	7.76	5.18
To-Date/1999	5,916,491	82,062	54,518	136,580
To-Date/1998	5,690,150	80,783	49,197	129,980

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.8 million head or 4.0 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 September 25, 1999**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	27,728	41,082	41,556
Avg Weight	3.80	4.82	6.09
% Of Total /1	25%	37%	38%
Comparisons			
Last Week	24,073	42,288	40,075
Avg Weight	3.84	4.75	6.07
% Of Total /1	23%	40%	38%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	32,052	42,448	33,285
Avg Weight	3.79	4.83	6.01
% Of Total /1	30%	39%	31%
To Date/1999	1,220,716	1,184,509	1,549,005
To Date/1998	1,335,425	1,414,500	1,088,709

/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 25-Sep-99
(Thousand Head)**

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	5,786	49	5,835
Avg Wt	0.00	24.51	26.06	24.52
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	4,818	29	4,847
Same Week Yr Ago	0	6,246	55	6,301
Avg Wt	0.00	22.68 (B)	24.89	22.70
To-Date/1999	55	183,454 (B)	1,373	184,882
To-Date/1998	72	193,039 (B)	1,431	194,542

(B) Includes 582,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 974,000 in 1998

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

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