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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 25-NOV-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | CURRENT WEEK 11/25/00 | PREVIOUS WEEK 11/18/00 |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| BRO-FRY | 117,382 | 153,251 |
| LT HENS | 1,040 | 1,709 |
| HVY HENS | 960 | 1,453 |

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 18-NOV-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
|----------------|------------|------------|--------|
| HEAD | 220 | 0 | 220 |
| LAST WEEK | 273 | 12 | 285 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 474 | 0 | 474 |
| TO DATE 2000 | 20,647 | 365 | 21,012 |
| TO DATE 1999 | 21,155 | 267 | 21,422 |

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
|----------------|------------|------------|---------|
| HEAD | 2,078 | 1,411 | 3,489 |
| LAST WEEK | 2,289 | 1,542 | 3,831 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 2,554 | 1,512 | 4,066 |
| TO DATE 2000 | 108,088 | 67,307 | 175,395 |
| TO DATE 1999 | 116,420 | 65,728 | 182,148 |

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 18-NOV-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| HEAD | 148,934 (A) | 1,858 | 1,411 | 3,269 |
| AVG WT | 5.06 | 3.56 | 7.78 | 5.38 |
| LAST WEEK | 157,629 | 2,016 | 1,530 | 3,546 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 145,519 | 2,080 | 1,512 | 3,592 |
| AVG WT | 4.97 | 3.42 | 7.98 | 5.34 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 7,113,828 | 87,441 | 66,942 | 154,383 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 6,977,536 | 95,265 | 65,461 | 160,726 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 144.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 150.7 million head or 6.3 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 11, 2000**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE (B) RETAIL (C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN 4.21-5.25 LBS 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| HEAD | 33,346 | 28,219 | 39,933 |
| AVG WEIGHT | 3.77 | 4.82 | 6.22 |
| % OF TOTAL /1 | 33% | 28% | 39% |
| COMPARISONS | | | |
| LAST WEEK | 26,727 | 35,327 | 42,539 |
| AVG WEIGHT | 3.80 | 4.82 | 6.11 |
| % OF TOTAL /1 | 26% | 34% | 41% |
| SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2 | 24,795 | 28,287 | 34,016 |
| AVG WEIGHT | 3.77 | 4.76 | 6.02 |
| % OF TOTAL /1 | 28% | 32% | 39% |
| TO DATE/1998 | 1,484,176 | 1,507,617 | 1,823,731 |
| TO DATE/1997 | 1,431,471 | 1,405,107 | 1,838,808 |

/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 18-NOV-00
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | YOUNG (B) HENS | TOMS | YOUNG BREEDERS | OLD BREEDERS | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-----------------|---------|
| HEAD | 2,678 | 3,100 | 33 | 0 | 5,811 |
| AVG WT | 15.78 | 32.73 | 23.91 | 0.00 | 24.87 |
| HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS | | | | | |
| LAST WEEK | 3,144 | 3,453 | 17 | 0 | 6,614 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 6,801 (C) | | 14 | 36 | 6,845 |
| AVG WT | 25.28 (C) | | 24.79 | 26.47 | 25.28 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 226,765 (C) | | 1,533 | 1,178 | 229,476 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 225,961 (C) | | 696 | 1,645 | 228,302 |

(B) Includes 166,000 young banded breeders in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.

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