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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 05-FEB-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 02/05/00	Previous Week 01/29/00
Bro-Fry	143,667	148,606
Lt Hens	1,912	2,057
Hvy Hens	1,279	1,259

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada

Weeks Ending 22-JAN-00 & 29-JAN-00 (Thousand Head)

	LIGHT HENS		HEAVY HENS		TOTAL	
	01/22/00	01/29/00	01/22/00	01/29/00	01/22/00	01/29/00
Head	663	643	0	0	663	643
Last Week	432	663	0	0	432	663
Same Wk Yr Ago	475	588	14	20	489	608
To Date 2000	1,524	2,167	0	0	1,524	2,167
To Date 1999	1,390	1,978	14	34	1,404	2,012

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

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

	Light Hens		Heavy Hens		Total	
	01/22/00	01/29/00	01/22/00	01/29/00	01/22/00	01/29/00
Head	2,693	2,726	1,229	1,222	3,922	3,948
Last Week	2,581	2,693	1,283	1,229	3,864	3,922
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,883	2,875	1,225	1,398	4,108	4,273
To Date 2000	7,710	10,436	4,138	5,360	11,848	15,796
To Date 1999	8,186	11,061	4,085	5,483	12,271	16,544

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 29-JAN-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	144,385 (A)	2,083	1,222	3,305
Avg Wt	4.89	3.34	7.72	4.96
Last Week	147,873	2,030	1,229	3,259
Same Week Yr Ago	149,667	2,287	1,378	3,665
Avg Wt	4.99	3.97	7.89	5.45
To-Date/2000	604,331	8,269	5,360	13,629
To-Date/1999	604,897	9,083	5,449	14,532

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 151.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 146.1 million head or 5.6 million head less than or 96 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending January 22, 2000**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	36,528	27,225	31,625
Avg Weight	3.81	4.81	6.23
% Of Total /1	38%	29%	33%
Comparisons			
Last Week	31,065	27,611	45,924
Avg Weight	3.78	4.85	6.11
% Of Total /1	30%	26%	44%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	32,884	28,120	43,934
Avg Weight	3.93	4.78	6.07
% Of Total /1	31%	27%	42%
To Date/2000	93,118	92,273	121,702
To Date/1999	99,794	96,679	134,737
/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 22-Jan-2000
(Thousand Head)**

	Young (B)	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total
Head	4,051	3	60	4,114
Avg Wt	29.01	36.00	27.73	29.00
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	5,119	0	71	5,190
Same Week Yr Ago	4,602	11	23	4,636
Avg Wt	27.58	24.64	26.57	27.57
To-Date/2000	12,715	5	151	12,871
To-Date/1999	13,407	37	56	13,500

(B) Includes 61 fryer-roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

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