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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 11-Mar-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week	Previous Week
	03/11/00	03/04/00
Bro-Fry	155,444	156,481
Lt Hens	2,118	2,133
Hvy Hens	1,615	1,451

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 04-Mar- 2000 (Thousand Head)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	390	0	390
Last Week	533	0	533
Same Wk Yr Ago	376	17	393
To Date 2000	4,961	27	4,988
To Date 1999	4,333	75	4,408

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,501	1,361	3,862
Last Week	2,448	1,349	3,797
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,304	1,365	3,669
To Date 2000	23,216	12,038	35,254
To Date 1999	23,856	12,008	35,864

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 04-Mar-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	154,916 (A)	2,111	1,361	3,472
Avg Wt	5.20	3.40	7.79	5.12
Last Week	152,233	1,915	1,349	3,264
Same Week Yr Ago	149,611	1,928	1,348	3,276
Avg Wt	4.94	3.38	7.63	5.13
To-Date/2000	1,383,434	18,255	12,011	30,266
To-Date/1999	1,353,624	19,523	11,933	31,456

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 153.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.8 million head or 3.5 million head less than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending February 26, 2000**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	32,847	24,195	43,049
Avg Weight	3.82	4.78	6.06
% Of Total /1	33%	24%	43%
Comparisons			
Last Week	40,609	27,780	37,913
Avg Weight	3.82	4.83	6.16
% Of Total /1	38%	26%	36%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	30,495	27,780	48,775
Avg Weight	3.85	4.87	6.08
% Of Total /1	28%	28%	44%
To Date/2000	270,527	230,920	327,269
To Date/1999	268,064	252,179	347,071
/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 04-Mar-2000
(Thousand Head)**

	Young (B)	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total
Head	5,350	2	58	5,410
Avg Wt	25.67	24.00	25.40	25.67
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	4,399	5	2	4,406
Same Week Yr Ago	4,821	23	37	4,881
Avg Wt	25.20	26.74	27.38	25.23
To-Date/2000	36,132	39	304	36,560
To-Date/1999	36,469	134	244	36,847

(B) Includes 85,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

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