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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 01-Apr-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week	Previous Week
	04/01/00	03/25/00
Bro-Fry	155,808	156,127
Lt Hens	1,877	2,071
Hvy Hens	1,378	1,527

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 25-Mar- 2000 (Thousand Head)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	609	0	609
Last Week	539	12	551
Same Wk Yr Ago	460	0	460
To Date 2000	6,537	39	6,576
To Date 1999	5,862	109	5,971

(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	2,655	1,483	4,138
Last Week	2,510	1,460	3,970
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,486	1,398	3,884
To Date 2000	30,918	16,494	47,412
To Date 1999	31,596	16,062	47,658

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 25-Mar-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	155,206 (A)	2,046	1,483	3,529
Avg Wt	5.08	3.61	8.30	5.58
Last Week	148,354	1,971	1,448	3,419
Same Week Yr Ago	148,122	2,026	1,398	3,424
Avg Wt	5.11	3.25	7.89	5.14
To-Date/2000	1,842,094	24,381	16,455	40,836
To-Date/1999	1,800,918	25,734	15,953	41,687

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 153.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.1 million head or 3.7 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 March 18, 2000**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	34,535	32,493	38,417
Avg Weight	3.74	4.83	6.07
% Of Total /1	33%	31%	36%
Comparisons			
Last Week	32,568	35,603	36,977
Avg Weight	3.79	4.84	6.15
% Of Total /1	31%	34%	35%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	31,608	15,350	41,022
Avg Weight	3.80	4.76	6.02
% Of Total /1	36%	17%	47%
To Date/2000	373,695	335,770	437,607
To Date/1999	367,508	328,111	467,866
/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-Mar-2000
(Thousand Head)**

	Young (B)	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total
Head	4,680	12	44	4,736
Avg Wt	26.50	25.00	23.80	26.54
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	4,408	20	33	4,461
Same Week Yr Ago	4,614	0	30	4,644
Avg Wt	25.97	0.00	27.50	25.98
To-Date/2000	49,276	73	399	49,748
To-Date/1999	50,219	167	327	50,713

(B) Includes 109,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

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