

**United States Department Of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service
Poultry Programs, Market News Branch
60 Forsyth Street, SW, Suite 6M80
Atlanta, Georgia**

Office: 404-562-5850 **Fax:** 404-562-5875 **Johnny Freeman:** 404-562-5870
Internet: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/marketnews.htm> **Recording:** 404-562-5856

May 19, 2000

**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 20-May-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week	Previous Week
	05/20/00	05/13/00
Bro-Fry	159,386	159,007
Lt Hens	2,058	2,053
Hvy Hens	1,671	1,594

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 13-May- 2000 (Thousand Head)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	364	0	364
Last Week	535	0	535
Same Wk Yr Ago	484	24	508
To Date 2000	9,785	50	9,835
To Date 1999	9,306	155	9,461

(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	2,388	1,238	3,626
Last Week	2,659	1,403	4,062
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,859	1,357	4,216
To Date 2000	48,559	25,997	74,556
To Date 1999	51,129	25,652	76,781

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 13-May-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	157,176 (A)	2,024	1,238	3,262
Avg Wt	5.06	3.37	7.87	5.08
Last Week	156,250	2,124	1,403	3,527
Same Week Yr Ago	152,430	2,375	1,333	3,708
Avg Wt	4.82	3.42	7.79	4.99
To-Date/2000	2,918,915	38,774	25,947	64,721
To-Date/1999	2,858,170	41,823	25,497	67,320

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.1 million head or 1.9 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending May 06, 2000**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	33,212	31,626	42,491
Avg Weight	3.76	4.73	6.14
% Of Total /1	31%	29%	40%
Comparisons			
Last Week	33,219	33,210	49,028
Avg Weight	3.77	4.81	6.09
% Of Total /1	29%	29%	42%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	36,519	27,974	47,249
Avg Weight	3.77	4.73	5.98
% Of Total /1	33%	25%	42%
To Date/2000	594,559	572,145	732,955
To Date/1999	599,337	506,029	781,834
/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 06-MAY-2000
(Thousand Head)**

	Young (B)	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total
Head	4,982	46	27	5,055
Avg Wt	25.94	31.09	30.52	26.25
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	4,432	13	28	4,473
Same Week Yr Ago	5,454	10	17	5,481
Avg Wt	25.71	26.40	28.65	25.72
To-Date/2000	82,841	278	673	83,792
To-Date/1999	84,266	295	571	85,132

(B) Includes 119,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
For Additional Information, Please Call (404) 562-5850.