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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 27-May-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week	Previous Week
	05/27/00	05/20/00
Bro-Fry	163,446	159,386
Lt Hens	2,048	2,058
Hvy Hens	1,613	1,671

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 20-May- 2000 (Thousand Head)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	426	0	426
Last Week	364	0	364
Same Wk Yr Ago	442	0	442
To Date 2000	10,211	50	10,261
To Date 1999	9,748	155	9,903

(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	2,299	1,584	3,883
Last Week	2,388	1,238	3,626
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,771	1,356	4,127
To Date 2000	50,858	27,581	78,439
To Date 1999	53,900	27,008	80,908

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 20-May-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	158,827(A)	1,873	1,584	3,457
Avg Wt	5.08	3.50	8.24	5.67
Last Week	157,176	2,024	1,238	3,262
Same Week Yr Ago	155,354	2,329	1,356	3,685
Avg Wt	5.10	3.52	8.06	5.19
To-Date/2000	3,077,742	40,647	27,531	68,178
To-Date/1999	3,013,524	44,152	26,853	71,005

(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 160.8 million head or 3.6 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 May 25, 2000**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	34,657	35,593	42,926
Avg Weight	3.77	4.84	6.08
% Of Total /1	31%	31%	38%
Comparisons			
Last Week	33,212	31,626	42,491
Avg Weight	3.76	4.73	6.14
% Of Total /1	31%	29%	40%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	33,281	25,903	48,442
Avg Weight	3.84	4.76	6.09
% Of Total /1	31%	24%	45%
To Date/2000	629,216	607,738	775,881
To Date/1999	632,618	531,932	830,276

/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 13-MAY-2000
(Thousand Head)**

	Young (B)	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total
Head	4,919	39	40	4,998
Avg Wt	27.52	33.13	25.65	27.76
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	4,982	46	27	5,055
Same Week Yr Ago	5,487	4	24	5,515
Avg Wt	26.57	27.75	25.17	26.57
To-Date/2000	87,760	317	713	88,790
To-Date/1999	89,753	299	595	90,647

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

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