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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 14-OCT-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week	Previous Week
	10/14/00	10/07/00
Bro-Fry	155,651	160,530
Lt Hens	1,567	1,710
Hvy Hens	1,501	1,548

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 07-OCT-00 (Thousand Head)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	427	0	427
Last Week	569	4	573
Same Wk Yr Ago	434	0	434
To Date 2000	18,729	295	19,024
To Date 1999	18,686	204	18,890

(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	2,223	1,538	3,761
Last Week	2,361	1,517	3,878
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,265	1,652	3,917
To Date 2000	95,387	58,198	153,585
To Date 1999	102,579	56,374	158,953

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 07-Oct-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	153,977(A)	1,796	1,538	3,334
Avg Wt	5.16	3.45	7.94	5.52
Last Week	155,386	1,792	1,513	3,305
Same Week Yr Ago	153,081	1,831	1,652	3,483
Avg Wt	5.06	3.36	7.80	5.47
To-Date/2000	6,189,919	76,658	57,903	134,561
To-Date/1999	6,069,572	83,893	56,170	140,063

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 150.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.8 million head or 4.9 million head less than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending September 30, 2000**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	30,162	33,451	41,850
Avg Weight	3.80	4.75	6.10
% Of Total /1	29%	32%	40%
Comparisons			
Last Week	31,637	36,677	39,739
Avg Weight	3.65	4.75	6.09
% Of Total /1	29%	34%	37%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	28,439	34,687	46,784
Avg Weight	3.82	4.73	6.11
% Of Total /1	26%	32%	43%
To Date/2000	1,289,943	1,296,883	1,571,738
To Date/1999	1,249,155	1,219,195	1,595,789

/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 07-Oct-00
(Thousand Head)**

	Young (B) Hens	Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total
Head	2,303	3,091	72	15	5,481
Avg Wt	15.72	32.25	24.88	24.17	25.19
Head Sltr Comparisons					
Last Week 06/03/00	2,099	3,188	77	24	5,388
Same Week Yr Ago	3,954 (C)		13	26	3,993
Avg Wt	25.39 (C)		27.92	26.19	25.40
To-Date/2000	189,353 (C)		1,209	1,098	191,660
To-Date/1999	191,584 (C)		609	1,438	193,631
CHECK TOTAL	13,115,855	175,819	126,830	292,935	441,006

(B) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

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