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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 04-NOV-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 11/04/00	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/28/00
BRO-FRY	159,331	160,185
LT HENS	1,890	1,749
HVY HENS	1,432	1,509

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
 WEEKS ENDING 28-OCT-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	391	8	399
LAST WEEK	347	6	353
SAME WK YR AGO	459	20	479
TO DATE 2000	19,760	318	20,078
TO DATE 1999	19,906	267	20,173

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,220	1,500	3,720
LAST WEEK	1,810	1,819	3,629
SAME WK YR AGO	2,483	1,601	4,084
TO DATE 2000	101,384	63,013	164,397
TO DATE 1999	109,458	61,250	170,708

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 28-OCT-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	153,982 (A)	1,829	1,492	3,321
AVG WT	5.14	3.44	7.95	5.47
LAST WEEK	156,273	1,463	1,813	3,276
SAME WEEK YR AGO	152,012	2,024	1,581	3,605
AVG WT	4.97	3.40	7.93	5.38
TO-DATE/2000	6,650,638	81,624	62,695	144,319
TO-DATE/1999	6,528,907	89,552	60,983	150,535

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.9 million head or 4.0 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 14, 2000**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE      (B) RETAIL      (C) DEBONING  
4.20 LBS & DOWN      4.21-5.25 LBS      5.26 LBS & UP  
-----THOUSANDS-----

HEAD	33,328	32,262	40,955
AVG WEIGHT	3.81	4.82	6.32
% OF TOTAL /1	31%	30%	38%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	36,288	43,626	41,291
AVG WEIGHT	3.67	4.76	6.20
% OF TOTAL /1	30%	36%	34%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	32,611	26,489	43,033
AVG WEIGHT	3.78	4.85	6.05
% OF TOTAL /1	32%	26%	42%
TO DATE/1998	1,389,499	1,405,549	1,693,045
TO DATE/1997	1,339,127	1,313,967	1,720,353

/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 28-OCT-00  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,719	3,056	81	2	5,858
AVG WT	16.51	31.83	24.48	23.04	24.61
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,566	2,971	68	22	5,627
SAME WEEK YR AGO	5,685 (C)		18	46	5,749
AVG WT	24.98 (C)		24.89	25.33	24.98
TO-DATE/2000	208,206 (C)		1,438	1,142	210,786
TO-DATE/1999	207,377 (C)		635	1,596	209,626

(B) Includes 166,000 young banded breeders in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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