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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 09-Dec-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 12/09/00	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/02/00
BRO-FRY	147,293	156,959
LT HENS	1,952	1,874
HVY HENS	1,371	1,426

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
 WEEKS ENDING 02-DEC-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	376	11	387
LAST WEEK	425	0	425
SAME WK YR AGO	438	8	446
TO DATE 2000	21,448	376	21,824
TO DATE 1999	21,925	282	22,207

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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	2,252	1,357	3,609
LAST WEEK	1,559	944	2,503
SAME WK YR AGO	2,528	1,447	3,975
TO DATE 2000	111,899	69,608	181,507
TO DATE 1999	120,644	68,028	188,672

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 02-DEC-00 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	146,306 (A)	1,876	1,346	3,222
AVG WT	4.93	3.37	8.00	5.30
LAST WEEK	111,581	1,134	944	2,078
SAME WEEK YR AGO	154,008	2,090	1,439	3,529
AVG WT	5.08	3.63	7.70	5.29
TO-DATE/2000	7,371,715	90,451	69,232	159,683
TO-DATE/1999	7,241,313	98,719	67,746	166,465

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 145.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 148.1 million head or 2.5 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 25, 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	30,197	17,326	34,042
AVG WEIGHT	3.78	4.81	6.16
% OF TOTAL /1	37%	21%	42%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	23,915	26,502	38,173
AVG WEIGHT	3.76	4.78	6.21
% OF TOTAL /1	27%	30%	43%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	26,456	25,637	33,432
AVG WEIGHT	3.79	4.88	6.07
% OF TOTAL /1	31%	30%	39%
TO DATE/1998	1,538,288	1,551,445	1,895,946
TO DATE/1997	1,492,803	1,455,081	1,904,923

/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 02-DEC-00  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,415	3,014	68	13	5,510
AVG WT	15.72	34.20	24.84	27.87	25.97
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,133	1,778	41	11	2,963
SAME WEEK YR AGO	5,273 (C)		14	75	5,362
AVG WT	24.81 (C)		27.14	26.29	24.84
TO-DATE/2000	235,105 (C)		1,642	1,202	237,949
TO-DATE/1999	234,523 (C)		731	1,766	237,020

(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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