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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 27-Jan-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 01/27/01	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/20/01
BRO-FRY	154,601	148,446
LT HENS	1,955	1,729
HVY HENS	1,371	1,357

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 13-JAN-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	500	13	513
LAST WEEK	413	0	413
SAME WK YR AGO	432	0	432
TO DATE 2001	913	13	926
TO DATE 2000	881	0	881

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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	2,471	1,258	3,729
LAST WEEK	1,774	772	2,546
SAME WK YR AGO	2,581	1,283	3,864
TO DATE 2001	4,245	2,030	6,275
TO DATE 2000	5,037	2,909	7,946

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 20-JAN-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	149,911 (A)	1,787	1,376	3,163
AVG WT	5.07	3.42	7.75	5.30
LAST WEEK	157,211	1,971	1,245	3,216
SAME WEEK YR AGO	147,873	2,030	1,229	3,259
AVG WT	5.20	3.32	8.19	5.16
TO-DATE/2001	433,934	5,119	3,393	8,512
TO-DATE/2000	459,946	6,186	4,138	10,324

(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 151.7 million head or 0.2 million head more than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING JANUARY 13, 2001**

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

HEAD	37,338	20,249	51,280
AVG WEIGHT	3.81	4.76	6.01
% OF TOTAL /1	34%	19%	47%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	27,204	26,407	46,255
AVG WEIGHT	3.74	5.04	6.31
% OF TOTAL /1	27%	26%	46%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2			
AVG WEIGHT	3.78	4.85	6.11
% OF TOTAL /1	30%	26%	44%
TO DATE/2001	64,542	46,656	97,535
TO DATE/2000	56,590	65,048	90,077

/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 20-JAN-01
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,855	2,735	41	36	4,667
AVG WT	15.74	35.74	24.31	25.74	27.62
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,918	2,674	18	11	4,621
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,051 (C)		3	60	4,114
AVG WT	29.01 (C)		36.00	27.73	29.00
TO-DATE/2001	13,146 (C)		80	48	13,274
TO-DATE/2000	12,654 (C)		5	151	12,810

(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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