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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Feb-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 02/17/01	PREVIOUS WEEK 02/10/01
BRO-FRY	154,710	153,308
LT HENS	1,687	1,881
HVY HENS	1,534	1,442

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 03-Feb-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	608	0	608
LAST WEEK	607	0	607
SAME WK YR AGO	639	5	644
TO DATE 2001	2,719	20	2,739
TO DATE 2000	2,806	5	2,811

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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	2,550	1,305	3,855
LAST WEEK	2,639	1,353	3,992
SAME WK YR AGO	2,637	1,249	3,886
TO DATE 2001	11,812	6,071	17,883
TO DATE 2000	113,073	6,609	119,682

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 10-FEB-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	152,518 (A)	1,956	1,346	3,302
AVG WT	5.12	3.50	7.74	5.23
LAST WEEK	149,857	1,942	1,305	3,247
SAME WEEK YR AGO	156,048	1,976	1,362	3,338
AVG WT	4.87	3.43	7.79	5.21
TO-DATE/2001	893,112	11,049	7,397	18,446
TO-DATE/2000	921,092	12,243	7,966	20,209

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.4 million head or 4.9 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 February 3, 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	33,818	29,037	44,630
AVG WEIGHT	3.77	4.86	6.11
% OF TOTAL /1	31%	27%	42%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	33,546	29,735	40,050
AVG WEIGHT	3.76	4.85	5.97
% OF TOTAL /1	32%	29%	39%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	35,911	28,783	43,210
AVG WEIGHT	3.82	4.79	6.15
% OF TOTAL /1	33%	27%	40%
TO DATE/2001	165,019	134,109	223,801
TO DATE/2000	156,756	150,044	206,588

/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 10-FEB-01
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,923	2,696	38	7	4,664
AVG WT	16.41	34.68	22.59	38.29	27.62
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,795	2,548	45	14	4,402
SAME WEEK YR AGO	3,866 (C)		0	13	3,879
AVG WT	27.43 (C)		0.00	28.77	27.43
TO-DATE/2001	26,790 (C)		183	84	27,057
TO-DATE/2000	26,383 (C)		32	244	26,659

(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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