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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Mar-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/10/01	03/03/01
BRO-FRY	154,165	152,244
LT HENS	2,007	1,873
HVY HENS	1,350	1,340

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	640	4	644
LAST WEEK	451	0	451
SAME WK YR AGO	410	0	410
TO DATE 2001	4,826	52	4,878
TO DATE 2000	4,981	27	5,008

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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	1,265	3,815
LAST WEEK	2,384	1,237	3,621
SAME WK YR AGO	2,521	1,361	3,882
TO DATE 2001	21,303	11,434	32,737
TO DATE 2000	23,236	12,038	35,274

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 03-MAR-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	147,804 (A)	1,910	1,261	3,171
AVG WT	5.01	3.46	7.98	5.26
LAST WEEK	147,690	1,933	1,237	3,170
SAME WEEK YR AGO	154,916	2,111	1,361	3,472
AVG WT	5.20	3.40	7.79	5.12
TO-DATE/2001	1,339,196	16,477	11,382	27,859
TO-DATE/2000	1,383,434	18,255	12,011	30,266

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 149.6 million head or 1.7 million head less than or 99 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING February 17, 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	38,380	25,284	44,430
AVG WEIGHT	3.85	4.74	6.04
% OF TOTAL /1	36%	23%	41%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	35,049	21,803	46,960
AVG WEIGHT	3.91	4.79	5.99
% OF TOTAL /1	34%	21%	45%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	40,609	27,780	37,913
AVG WEIGHT	3.82	4.83	6.16
% OF TOTAL /1	38%	26%	36%
TO DATE/2001	238,448	181,196	315,191
TO DATE/2000	237,680	206,725	284,220

/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 03-MAR-01  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,969	2,619	57	28	4,673
AVG WT	16.50	33.91	24.12	25.44	26.41
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,969	2,697	55	13	4,734
SAME WEEK YR AGO	3,971 (C)		2	18	3,991
AVG WT	25.92 (C)		24.50	27.56	25.94
TO-DATE/2001	40,682 (C)		324	142	41,148
TO-DATE/2000	40,103 (C)		41	322	40,466

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 55,000 for the year 267,000; last year to date 39,000.

(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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