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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Mar-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 03/24/01	PREVIOUS WEEK 03/17/01
BRO-FRY	153,358	154,761
LT HENS	1,958	1,811
HVY HENS	1,408	1,406

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 17-MAR-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	670	10	680
LAST WEEK	571	4	575
SAME WK YR AGO	539	12	551
TO DATE 2001	6,067	66	6,133
TO DATE 2000	5,947	39	5,986

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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	2,511	1,328	3,839
LAST WEEK	2,581	1,274	3,855
SAME WK YR AGO	2,510	1,460	3,970
TO DATE 2001	26,395	14,036	40,431
TO DATE 2000	28,282	15,011	43,293

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 17-MAR-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	152,987 (A)	1,841	1,318	3,159
AVG WT	5.09	3.31	8.03	5.28
LAST WEEK	152,138	2,010	1,270	3,280
SAME WEEK YR AGO	148,354	1,971	1,448	3,419
AVG WT	5.11	3.42	7.82	5.29
TO-DATE/2001	1,644,321	20,328	13,970	34,298
TO-DATE/2000	1,686,888	22,335	14,972	37,307

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.8 million head or 2.1 million head less than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING MARCH 10, 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	24,201	23,561	39,776
AVG WEIGHT	3.79	4.72	6.03
% OF TOTAL /1	28%	27%	45%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	24,475	27,752	36,042
AVG WEIGHT	3.81	4.75	6.05
% OF TOTAL /1	28%	31%	41%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	32,568	35,603	36,977
AVG WEIGHT	3.79	4.84	6.15
% OF TOTAL /1	31%	34%	35%
TO DATE/2001	321,373	257,456	433,414
TO DATE/2000	339,160	303,277	399,190

/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 17-MAR-01
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,110	2,611	51	26	4,798
AVG WT	16.35	35.02	25.26	25.25	26.66
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,016	2,690	41	17	4,764
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,656 (C)		12	44	4,712
AVG WT	26.68 (C)		25.00	23.80	26.54
TO-DATE/2001	50,109 (C)		416	185	50,710
TO-DATE/2000	49,167 (C)		73	399	49,639

(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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