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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 05-May-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 05/05/01	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/28/01
BRO-FRY	162,313	155,660
LT HENS	1,812	1,914
HVY HENS	1,548	1,481

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 28-APR-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	410	23	433
LAST WEEK	417	13	430
SAME WK YR AGO	411	0	411
TO DATE 2001	8,531	143	8,674
TO DATE 2000	8,930	50	8,980

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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	2,201	1,419	3,620
LAST WEEK	2,123	1,423	3,546
SAME WK YR AGO	2,447	1,424	3,871
TO DATE 2001	40,036	22,554	62,590
TO DATE 2000	43,556	23,356	66,912

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 28-APR-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	156,893 (A)	1,791	1,396	3,187
AVG WT	5.00	3.74	8.01	5.61
LAST WEEK	151,270	1,706	1,410	3,116
SAME WEEK YR AGO	152,156	2,036	1,424	3,460
AVG WT	5.04	3.38	7.74	5.18
TO-DATE/2001	2,550,764	31,505	22,411	53,916
TO-DATE/2000	2,605,489	34,626	23,306	57,932

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.8 million head or 2.6 million head less than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING April 21, 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	33,242	26,081	46,381
AVG WEIGHT	3.83	4.73	5.99
% OF TOTAL /1	31%	25%	44%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	34,379	26,401	48,281
AVG WEIGHT	3.80	4.71	5.90
% OF TOTAL /1	32%	24%	44%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	26,005	32,289	40,617
AVG WEIGHT	3.71	4.72	6.02
% OF TOTAL /1	26%	33%	41%
TO DATE/2001	515,707	418,904	703,631
TO DATE/2000	528,128	507,309	641,436

/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 28-APR-01
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,006	2,725	36	1	4,768
AVG WT	15.98	35.42	26.24	31.28	27.17
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,806	2,572	38	14	4,430
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,432 (B)		13	28	4,473
AVG WT	27.80 (B)		26.77	24.79	27.78
TO-DATE/2001	77,753 (B)		642	250	78,645
TO-DATE/2000	77,740 (B)		232	646	78,618

(B) 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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