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

	CURRENT WEEK 10/27/01	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/20/01
BRO-FRY	161,673	162,379
LT HENS	2,015	1,853
HVY HENS	1,370	1,576

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 20-OCT-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	319	22	341
LAST WEEK	354	0	354
SAME WK YR AGO	347	6	353
TO DATE 2001	17,794	273	18,067
TO DATE 2000	19,492	563	20,055

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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	2,016	1,541	3,557
LAST WEEK	2,343	1,446	3,789
SAME WK YR AGO	1,810	1,819	3,629
TO DATE 2001	92,707	58,438	151,145
TO DATE 2000	99,287	61,766	161,053

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

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	156,885 (A)	1,697	1,519	3,216
AVG WT	5.12	3.43	7.98	5.58
LAST WEEK	156,472	1,989	1,446	3,435
SAME WEEK YR AGO	156,273	1,463	1,813	3,276
AVG WT	4.97	3.66	7.90	6.01
TO-DATE/2001	6,473,574	74,913	58,165	133,078
TO-DATE/2000	6,496,656	79,795	61,203	140,998

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 154.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.8 million head or 4.6 million head less than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING October 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	23,622	25,253	42,465
AVG WEIGHT	3.73	4.70	6.14
% OF TOTAL /1	26%	28%	46%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	19,784	22,689	39,278
AVG WEIGHT	3.78	4.78	6.21
% OF TOTAL /1	24%	28%	48%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	36,288	43,626	41,291
AVG WEIGHT	3.67	4.76	6.20
% OF TOTAL /1	30%	36%	34%
TO DATE/2001	1,289,776	1,127,390	1,779,275
TO DATE/2000	1,356,171	1,373,287	1,652,090

/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-Oct-01
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,089	3,013	50	47	5,199
AVG WT	16.09	33.85	25.39	28.21	26.57
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,952	3,087	48	6	5,093
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,566 (B)	2,971	68	22	5,627
AVG WT	16.01 (B)	32.55	24.50	29.08	24.90
TO-DATE/2001	84,152 (B)	115,794	1,890	492	202,328
TO-DATE/2000	202,092 (B)		1,315	1,156	204,563

(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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