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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Aug-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 08/24/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/17/02
BRO-FRY	165,897	165,025
LT HENS	1,909	1,922
HVY HENS	1,706	1,576

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 10-Aug-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

**** WEEKS ENDING 17-AUG-02 NOT AVAILABLE****

	LIGHT HENS 10-Aug	HEAVY HENS 10-Aug	TOTAL 10-Aug
HEAD	326	7	333
LAST WEEK	258	27	285
SAME WK YR AGO	239	0	239
TO DATE 2002	9,991	215	10,206
TO DATE 2001	14,518	216	14,734

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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	2,064	1,612	3,676
LAST WEEK	1,891	1,587	3,478
SAME WK YR AGO	1,810	1,513	3,323
TO DATE 2002	66,490	43,880	110,370
TO DATE 2001	70,959	44,115	115,074

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 17-Aug-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	159,433 (A)	1,764	1,523	3,287
AVG WT	5.12	3.65	7.91	5.62
LAST WEEK	160,570	1,738	1,605	3,343
SAME WEEK YR AGO	159,302	1,795	1,466	3,261
AVG WT	5.10	3.35	8.11	5.64
TO-DATE/2002	5,114,477	58,263	45,188	103,451
TO-DATE/2001	5,059,009	58,236	45,365	103,601

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.4 million head or -0.5 million head less than or 100% percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING August 10, 2002**

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----			
HEAD	17,251	21,381	28,745
AVG WEIGHT	3.84	4.88	6.33
% OF TOTAL /1	26%	32%	43%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	21,747	19,729	25,444
AVG WEIGHT	3.70	4.97	6.10
% OF TOTAL /1	32%	29%	38%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	31,288	30,947	39,126
AVG WEIGHT	3.74	4.73	6.03
% OF TOTAL /1	31%	31%	39%
TO DATE/2002	888,325	758,322	1,414,830
TO DATE/2001	1,041,967	874,296	1,413,267

/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-Aug-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,885	2,816	86	0	4,787
AVG WT	14.95	33.85	23.50	0.00	26.22
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,883	2,945	54	16	4,898
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,087	2,804	72	9	4,972
AVG WT	15.30	33.12	23.57	31.29	25.50
TO-DATE/2002	60,122	89,226	1,615	254	151,217
TO-DATE/2001	66,222	88,903	1,359	395	156,879

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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