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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Sep-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 09/07/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/31/02
BRO-FRY	147,074	168,656
LT HENS	1,529	1,909
HVY HENS	1,470	1,696

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEK ENDING 24-AUG-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	203	4	207
LAST WEEK	302	4	306
SAME WK YR AGO	408	0	408
TO DATE 2002	10,496	223	10,719
TO DATE 2001	15,285	224	15,509

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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	1,967	1,654	3,621
LAST WEEK	2,066	1,527	3,593
SAME WK YR AGO	2,104	1,421	3,525
TO DATE 2002	70,538	47,061	117,599
TO DATE 2001	75,217	47,010	122,227

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 31-Aug-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	165,624 (A)	1,848	1,640	3,488
AVG WT	4.90	3.34	8.05	5.55
LAST WEEK	160,767	1,779	1,650	3,429
SAME WEEK YR AGO	161,602	1,924	1,410	3,334
AVG WT	5.01	3.51	8.29	5.53
TO-DATE/2002	5,440,868	61,890	48,478	110,368
TO-DATE/2001	5,379,259	61,856	48,196	110,052

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 167.6 million head or 10.4 million head more than or 107% percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING August 24, 2002**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE (B) RETAIL (C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN 4.21-5.25 LBS 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----

HEAD	14,275	8,249	16,530
AVG WEIGHT	3.90	4.78	6.30
% OF TOTAL /1	37%	21%	42%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	15,906	15,741	22,779
AVG WEIGHT	3.87	4.84	5.84
% OF TOTAL /1	29%	29%	42%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	22,735	21,875	29,294
AVG WEIGHT	3.79	4.78	6.12
% OF TOTAL /1	31%	30%	40%
TO DATE/2002	918,506	782,312	1,454,139
TO DATE/2001	1,095,652	929,451	1,480,814

/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 31-Aug-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,107	2,748	70	4	4,929
AVG WT	15.16	34.41	24.38	30.01	26.04
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,174	2,919	64	13	5,170
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,033	2,925	42	3	5,003
AVG WT	15.47	32.68	23.95	28.21	25.61
TO-DATE/2002	64,403	94,893	1,749	271	161,316
TO-DATE/2001	70,147	94,926	1,461	410	166,944

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