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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 14-Sep-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/14/02	09/07/02
BRO-FRY	158,138	147,074
LT HENS	1,768	1,529
HVY HENS	1,731	1,470

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEK ENDING 31-AUG-02 & 07-Sep-02(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS		HEAVY HENS		TOTAL	
	8/31	9/7	8/31	09/7	8/31	9/7
HEAD	271	257	0	8	271	265
LAST WEEK	203	271	4	4	207	275
SAME WK YR AGO	408	371	0	16	408	387
TO DATE 2002	10,767	11,024	223	231	10,990	11,255
TO DATE 2001	15,693	16,064	224	240	15,917	16,304

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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	2,119	1,640	3,759
LAST WEEK	1,982	1,654	3,636
SAME WK YR AGO	2,332	1,410	3,742
TO DATE 2002	72,657	48,701	121,358
TO DATE 2001	77,549	48,420	125,969

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 07-SEP-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	HEAD	140,001 (A)	1,156	1,084
AVG WT	5.05	3.60	7.90	5.68
LAST WEEK	165,624	1,848	1,640	3,488
SAME WEEK YR AGO	141,857	1,633	1,320	2,953
AVG WT	4.95	3.40	7.89	5.41
TO-DATE/2002	5,580,869	63,046	49,562	112,608
TO-DATE/2001	5,521,116	63,489	49,516	113,005

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 141.7 million head or -15.3 million head less than or 90% percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING August 31, 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	19,467	14,108	26,570
AVG WEIGHT	4.00	4.86	5.89
% OF TOTAL /1	32%	23%	44%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	14,275	8,249	16,530
AVG WEIGHT	3.90	4.78	6.30
% OF TOTAL /1	37%	21%	42%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	36,307	34,742	39,639
AVG WEIGHT	3.81	4.77	6.03
% OF TOTAL /1	33%	31%	36%
TO DATE/2002	937,973	796,420	1,480,709
TO DATE/2001	1,131,959	964,193	1,520,453

/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 07-Sep-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,714	2,541	73	5	4,333
AVG WT	15.04	34.21	23.72	26.17	26.44
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,107	2,748	70	4	4,929
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,816	2,624	27	7	4,474
AVG WT	15.53	32.83	26.08	25.62	25.76
TO-DATE/2002	66,117	97,434	1,822	276	165,649
TO-DATE/2001	71,963	97,550	1,488	417	171,418

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