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

	CURRENT WEEK 03/02/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 02/23/02
BRO-FRY	157,826	156,661
LT HENS	1,858	2,035
HVY HENS	1,387	1,388

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 23-Feb-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	450	0	450
LAST WEEK	345	12	357
SAME WK YR AGO	483	0	483
TO DATE 2002	2,898	20	2,918
TO DATE 2001	4,259	48	4,307

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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	2,317	1,286	3,603
LAST WEEK	2,064	1,198	3,262
SAME WK YR AGO	2,416	1,237	3,653
TO DATE 2002	17,453	10,145	27,598
TO DATE 2001	18,826	10,169	28,995

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 23-Feb-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	155,982 (A)	1,867	1,286	3,153
AVG WT	5.15	3.40	7.76	5.18
LAST WEEK	157,980	1,719	1,186	2,905
SAME WEEK YR AGO	147,690	1,933	1,237	3,170
AVG WT	4.99	3.35	7.82	5.09
TO-DATE/2002	1,215,914	14,555	10,125	24,680
TO-DATE/2001	1,191,392	14,567	10,121	24,688

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.9 million head or 0.2 million head more than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING February 16, 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	33,157	25,412	46,209
AVG WEIGHT	3.78	4.72	6.14
% OF TOTAL /1	32%	24%	44%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	32,165	17,526	53,890
AVG WEIGHT	3.73	4.77	6.12
% OF TOTAL /1	31%	17%	52%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	38,380	25,284	44,430
AVG WEIGHT	3.85	4.74	6.04
% OF TOTAL /1	36%	23%	41%
TO DATE/2002	217,219	150,237	327,097
TO DATE/2001	238,448	181,196	315,191

/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 23-Feb-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
HEAD	1,754	2,721	56	10	4,541
AVG WT	16.42	36.08	24.85	32.56	28.33
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,853	2,695	52	13	4,613
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,969	2,697	55	13	4,734
AVG WT	16.03	34.31	24.91	25.19	26.57
TO-DATE/2002	13,636	20,754	320	64	34,774
TO-DATE/2001	15,072	21,022	267	114	36,475

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