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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 13-Apr-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 04/13/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/06/02
BRO-FRY	161,742	160,045
LT HENS	2,099	2,152
HVY HENS	1,361	1,306

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 06-Apr-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
	247	0	247
HEAD	154	0	154
LAST WEEK	380	5	385
SAME WK YR AGO	4,694	20	4,714
TO DATE 2002	7,421	105	7,526
TO DATE 2001			

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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	2,229	1,263	3,492
LAST WEEK	2,132	1,263	3,382
SAME WK YR AGO	2,413	1,448	3,861
TO DATE 2002	29,996	18,041	48,037
TO DATE 2001	33,778	18,237	52,015

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 06-Apr-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	152,511 (A)	1,982	1,263	3,245
AVG WT	5.07	3.55	7.86	5.23
LAST WEEK	146,133	1,978	1,250	3,228
SAME WEEK YR AGO	153,854	2,033	1,443	3,476
AVG WT	4.92	3.57	7.88	5.36
TO-DATE/2002	2,129,420	25,302	18,021	43,323
TO-DATE/2001	2,098,544	26,357	18,132	44,489

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.4 million head or 3.5 million head more than or 98 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING March 30,2002**

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----			
HEAD	26,918	19,709	47,790
AVG WEIGHT	3.78	4.71	6.00
% OF TOTAL /1	29%	21%	51%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	24,096	24,088	49,831
AVG WEIGHT	3.77	4.70	6.13
% OF TOTAL /1	25%	25%	51%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	31,444	37,632	40,803
AVG WEIGHT	3.82	4.68	6.07
% OF TOTAL /1	29%	34%	37%
TO DATE/2002	401,363	304,454	612,079
TO DATE/2001	415,775	344,715	565,609

/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 06-Apr-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
HEAD	1,762	3,304	24	5	3,995
AVG WT	16.21	34.94	24.29	33.82	26.61
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,584	2,512	21	1	4,118
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,254	2,603	52	0	4,909
AVG WT	16.29	35.57	23.11	0.00	26.59
TO-DATE/2002	24,129	36,062	556	110	60,857
TO-DATE/2001	27,456	36,965	536	226	159,947

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