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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 18-May-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/18/02	05/11/02
BRO-FRY	164,052	164,340
LT HENS	2,012	2,103
HVY HENS	1,323	1,325

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 27-Apr-02 & 04-May-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS		HEAVY HENS		TOTAL	
	4/27	5/4	4/27	5/4	4/27	5/4
HEAD	378	362	0	0	378	362
LAST WEEK	129	378	0	0	129	378
SAME WK YR AGO	410	505	23	0	433	505
TO DATE 2002	5,454	5,816	20	20	5,474	5,836
TO DATE 2001	8,564	9,069	148	148	8,712	9,217

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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	
	4/27	5/4	4/27	5/4	4/27	5/4
HEAD	2,326	2,308	1,368	1,543	3,694	3,851
LAST WEEK	2,039	2,326	1,417	1,368	3,456	3,694
SAME WK YR AGO	2,201	2,259	1,419	1,400	3,620	3,659
TO DATE 2002	36,541	38,849	22,153	23,696	58,694	62,545
TO DATE 2001	40,069	42,328	22,559	23,959	62,628	66,287

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 11-May-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	158,061 (A)	2,008	1,280	3,288
AVG WT	5.24	3.37	7.91	5.14
LAST WEEK	157,800	1,946	1,543	3,489
SAME WEEK YR AGO	157,969	1,575	1,465	3,040
AVG WT	5.20	3.44	8.00	5.64
TO-DATE/2002	2,919,072	35,041	24,956	59,997
TO-DATE/2001	2,865,755	34,834	25,276	60,110

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160 million head or 0 million head less than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING May 16, 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	29,458	25,525	57,829
AVG WEIGHT	3.75	4.69	6.07
% OF TOTAL /1	26%	23%	51%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	29,394	27,747	48,249
AVG WEIGHT	3.81	4.79	6.10
% OF TOTAL /1	28%	26%	46%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	32,091	25,699	58,496
AVG WEIGHT	3.76	4.76	6.03
% OF TOTAL /1	28%	22%	50%
TO DATE/2002	548,537	426,802	853,539
TO DATE/2001	583,732	466,068	811,375

/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 11-May-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,002	2,781	40	7	4,830
AVG WT	15.74	36.42	20.00	27.32	27.70
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,006	2,733	50	6	4,795
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,049	2,704	39	4	4,796
AVG WT	16.30	35.50	24.55	30.06	27.17
TO-DATE/2002	34,059	49,747	820	137	84,763
TO-DATE/2001	37,200	50,047	725	271	88,243

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