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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 27-Jul-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 07/27/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/20/02
BRO-FRY	163,785	164,653
LT HENS	2,004	1,731
HVY HENS	1,577	1,845

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 20-Jul-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	236	79	315
LAST WEEK	253	27	280
SAME WK YR AGO	278	24	302
TO DATE 2002	9,105	148	9,253
TO DATE 2001	13,818	220	14,038

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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	1,825	1,655	3,480
LAST WEEK	1,751	1,445	3,196
SAME WK YR AGO	1,939	1,558	3,497
TO DATE 2002	60,404	39,112	99,516
TO DATE 2001	65,401	39,647	105,048

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 20-Jul-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	159,974 (A)	1,589	1,576	3,165
AVG WT	5.01	3.51	7.85	5.67
LAST WEEK	158,616	1,498	1,418	2,916
SAME WEEK YR AGO	158,453	1,661	1,534	3,195
AVG WT	4.96	3.49	8.07	5.69
TO-DATE/2002	4,475,549	51,299	38,964	90,263
TO-DATE/2001	4,427,074	51,583	39,427	91,010

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.9 million head or -1.2 million head less than or 99% percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING July 13, 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	26,164	17,826	44,724
AVG WEIGHT	3.78	4.81	6.28
% OF TOTAL /1	29%	20%	50%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	21,268	16,101	27,627
AVG WEIGHT	3.73	4.89	6.08
% OF TOTAL /1	33%	25%	43%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	38,325	32,090	42,184
AVG WEIGHT	3.75	4.79	6.09
% OF TOTAL /1	34%	28%	37%
TO DATE/2002	801,113	670,290	1,292,509
TO DATE/2001	915,055	735,310	1,254,533

/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 20-Jul-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,109	2,820	34	4	4,967
AVG WT	15.98	35.01	24.38	42.16	26.86
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,836	2,950	69	19	4,874
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,000	2,803	45	24	4,872
AVG WT	16.29	34.12	24.27	27.62	26.67
TO-DATE/2002	52,489	77,408	1,364	232	131,493
TO-DATE/2001	57,737	77,348	1,129	348	136,562

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