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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Mar-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 03/08/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 03/01/03
BRO-FRY	149,672	152,386
LT HENS	1,597	1,734
HVY HENS	1,299	1,584

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
 WEEK ENDING 01-Mar-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	240	0	240
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	347	3	350
SAME WEEK YR AGO	298	0	298
TO-DATE/2003	3,102	50	3,152
TO-DATE/2002	3,253	20	3,273

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,926	1,296	3,222
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK 1/11/03	1,881	1,453	3,334
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,003	1,341	3,344
TO-DATE/2003	17,885	12,210	30,095
TO-DATE/2002	19,513	11,486	30,999

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 01-Mar-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	148,405	1,686	1,296	2,982
AVG WT	5.12	3.34	7.86	5.30
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	147,355	1,534	1,450	2,984
SAME WK YR AGO	154,906	1,705	1,341	3,046
AVG WT	5.10	3.37	7.84	5.34
TO-DATE/2003	1,325,928	14,783	12,160	26,943
TO-DATE/2002	1,370,820	16,260	11,466	27,726

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 150.2 million head or 3.2 million head less than or 98% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING February 22, 2003**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE      (B) RETAIL      (C) DEBONING  
4.20 LBS & DOWN                      4.21-5.25 LBS      5.26 LBS & UP  
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	22,373	21,547	47,090
Avg Weight	3.76	4.73	6.22
% of total /1	25%	24%	52%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	29,212	19,535	46,376
Avg Weight	3.85	4.81	6.17
% of total /1	31%	21%	49%
Same week, yr ago /2	33,933	27,575	42,775
Avg Weight	3.80	4.79	6.18
% of total /1	33%	26%	41%
To date/2003	182,591	166,046	335,197
To date/2002	251,152	177,812	369,872

/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 01-Mar-2003  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,793	2,619	61	29	4,502
AVG WT	15.72	36.82	24.76	26.29	28.18
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,668	2,606	76	17	4,367
SAME WK YR AGO	1,775	2,660	33	11	4,479
AVG WT	16.36	36.09	24.85	28.54	28.16
TO-DATE/2003	14,860	22,780	513	125	38,278
TO-DATE/2002	15,411	23,414	353	75	39,253

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