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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Apr-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | CURRENT WEEK 04/12/03 | PREVIOUS WEEK 04/05/03 |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| BRO-FRY | 158,820 | 155,248 |
| LT HENS | 2,130 | 1,961 |
| HVY HENS | 1,263 | 1,444 |

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEK ENDING 05-Apr-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|-------|
| HEAD | 331 | 0 | 331 |
| HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS | | | |
| LAST WEEK | 239 | 0 | 239 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 247 | 0 | 247 |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 4,222 | 53 | 4,275 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 4,751 | 20 | 4,771 |

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|--------|
| HEAD | 2,132 | 1,347 | 3,479 |
| HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS | | | |
| LAST WEEK 1/11/03 | 2,219 | 1,391 | 3,610 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 2,229 | 1,263 | 3,492 |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 27,406 | 18,842 | 46,248 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 30,053 | 18,041 | 48,094 |

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 05-Apr-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| HEAD | 156,255 | 1,801 | 1,347 | 3,148 |
| AVG WT | 5.06 | 3.30 | 7.94 | 5.29 |
| HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS | | | | |
| LAST WEEK | 152,814 | 1,980 | 1,391 | 3,371 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 152,511 | 1,982 | 1,263 | 3,245 |
| AVG WT | 5.07 | 3.55 | 7.86 | 5.23 |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 2,090,894 | 23,184 | 18,789 | 41,973 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 2,129,420 | 25,302 | 18,021 | 43,323 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.2 million head or 2.8 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING March 29, 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 | 33,617 | 26,598 | 49,199 |
| Avg Weight | 3.86 | 4.73 | 6.04 |
| % of total /1 | 31% | 24% | 45% |
| COMPARISONS | | | |
| Last week | 27,427 | 29,572 | 40,349 |
| Avg Weight | 3.71 | 4.74 | 6.30 |
| % of total /1 | 28% | 30% | 41% |
| Same week, yr ago /2 | 26,918 | 19,709 | 47,790 |
| Avg Weight | 3.78 | 4.71 | 6.00 |
| % of total /1 | 29% | 21% | 51% |
| To date/2003 | 312,416 | 282,490 | 554,820 |
| To date/2002 | 401,363 | 304,454 | 612,079 |

/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 05-Apr-2003
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | YOUNG (B) HENS | TOMS | YOUNG BREEDERS | OLD BREEDERS | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|-----------------|--------|
| HEAD | 1,638 | 2,810 | 65 | 22 | 4,535 |
| AVG WT | 15.95 | 36.97 | 24.16 | 28.71 | 29.16 |
| HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS | | | | | |
| LAST WEEK | 1,592 | 2,920 | 37 | 28 | 4,577 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 1,762 | 2,204 | 24 | 5 | 3,995 |
| AVG WT | 16.21 | 34.94 | 24.29 | 33.82 | 26.61 |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 23,461 | 36,743 | 783 | 233 | 61,220 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 24,129 | 36,062 | 556 | 110 | 60,857 |

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