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

	CURRENT WEEK 07/12/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/05/03
BRO-FRY	170,164	144,122
LT HENS	1,307	1,110
HVY HENS	1,583	1,220

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD			
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS	219	0	219
LAST WEEK	121	0	121
SAME WEEK YR AGO	208	4	212
TO-DATE/2003	6,742	100	6,842
TO-DATE/2002	8,691	42	8,733

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD			
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS	1,238	1,179	2,417
LAST WEEK	1,595	1,544	3,139
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,345	1,041	2,386
TO-DATE/2003	50,629	36,591	87,220
TO-DATE/2002	56,903	36,012	92,915

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

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	143,589	1,019	1,179	2,198
AVG WT	5.24	3.41	7.78	5.03
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	165,296	1,474	1,544	3,018
SAME WK YR AGO	136,949	1,137	1,037	2,174
AVG WT	5.08	3.69	7.91	5.70
TO-DATE/2003	4,092,812	43,887	36,491	80,378
TO-DATE/2002	4,156,959	48,212	35,970	84,182

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 145.3 million head or 15.6 million head less than or 90% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 28-Jun-03**

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

Head	23,020	19,298	54,183
Avg Weight	3.80	4.78	6.05
% of total /1	24%	20%	56%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	28,595	20,694	53,856
Avg Weight	3.83	4.71	6.77
% of total /1	28%	20%	52%
Same week, yr ago /2	27,674	23,555	43,071
Avg Weight	3.61	4.74	6.14
% of total /1	29%	25%	46%
To date/2003	638,523	598,096	1,202,021
To date/2002	753,682	636,363	1,220,158

/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-Jul-2003  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,639	2,256	47	2	3,944
AVG WT	16.06	35.91	24.01	44.56	27.52
HEAD SLTR COMPARIONS					
LAST WEEK	2,086	2,981	51	9	5,127
SAME WK YR AGO	1,467	2,256	53	4	3,780
AVG WT	15.52	35.03	24.46	47.62	27.32
TO-DATE/2003	48,775	72,782	1,642	382	123,581
TO-DATE/2002	48,544	71,638	1,261	209	121,652

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

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