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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Jul-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 07/19/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/12/03
BRO-FRY	162,640	170,164
LT HENS	1,244	1,307
HVY HENS	1,698	1,583

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEK ENDING 12-Jul-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD			
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS	326	0	326
LAST WEEK	219	0	219
SAME WEEK YR AGO	253	27	280
TO-DATE/2003	7,068	100	7,168
TO-DATE/2002	8,944	69	9,013

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	1,479	1,515	2,994
LAST WEEK	1,238	1,179	2,417
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,751	1,445	3,196
TO-DATE/2003	52,108	38,106	90,214
TO-DATE/2002	58,654	37,457	96,111

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 12-Jul-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	159,849	1,153	1,515	2,668
AVG WT	5.23	3.74	8.04	6.18
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	143,589	1,019	1,179	2,198
SAME WK YR AGO	158,616	1,498	1,418	2,916
AVG WT	5.03	3.39	7.95	5.61
TO-DATE/2003	4,252,661	45,040	38,006	83,046
TO-DATE/2002	4,315,575	49,710	37,388	87,098

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.8 million head or 1.4 million head more than or 101% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 05-Jul-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	26,170	22,277	39,430
Avg Weight	3.88	4.86	6.05
% of total /1	30%	25%	45%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	23,020	19,298	54,183
Avg Weight	3.80	4.78	6.05
% of total /1	24%	20%	56%
Same week, yr ago /2	21,268	16,101	27,627
Avg Weight	3.73	4.89	6.08
% of total /1	33%	25%	43%
To date/2003	665,233	620,373	1,241,451
To date/2002	774,950	652,464	1,247,785

/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 12-Jul-2003
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,125	2,901	47	21	5,094
AVG WT	15.85	35.33	24.28	29.70	27.08
HEAD SLTR COMPARIONS					
LAST WEEK	1,639	2,256	47	2	3,944
SAME WK YR AGO	1,836	2,950	69	19	4,874
AVG WT	15.51	35.54	23.99	27.26	27.80
TO-DATE/2003	50,900	75,683	1,689	403	128,675
TO-DATE/2002	50,380	74,588	1,330	228	126,526

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

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