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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Aug-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 08/16/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/09/03
BRO-FRY	166,729	161,889
LT HENS	1,226	1,135
HVY HENS	1,534	1,521

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
 WEEK ENDING 09-Aug-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD			
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	U N A V A I L A B L E		
SAME WEEK YR AGO			
TO-DATE/2003			
TO-DATE/2002			

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			
LAST WEEK	U N A V A I L A B L E		
SAME WEEK YR AGO			
TO-DATE/2003			
TO-DATE/2002			

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 09-Aug-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	160,883	1,044	1,471	2,515
AVG WT	5.26	3.59	7.89	6.11
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	159,246	1,133	1,499	2,632
SAME WK YR AGO	160,570	1,738	1,605	3,343
AVG WT	5.02	3.36	7.86	5.52
TO-DATE/2003	4,887,243	49,463	44,077	93,540
TO-DATE/2002	4,955,044	56,499	43,665	100,164

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.8 million head or 0.5 million head more than or 100 of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 02-Aug-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	21,506	25,470	42,988
Avg Weight	3.79	4.87	5.99
% of total /1	24%	28%	48%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	25,641	25,332	45,084
Avg Weight	3.80	4.81	6.10
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%
Same week, yr ago /2	21,747	19,729	25,444
Avg Weight	3.70	4.97	6.10
% of total /1	32%	29%	38%
To date/2003	754,348	720,037	1,410,685
To date/2002	871,075	736,941	1,386,085

/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 09-Aug-2003  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,842	2,726	94	13	4,675
AVG WT	16.22	35.23	24.14	25.69	27.49
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,127	2,752	70	9	4,958
SAME WK YR AGO	1,883	2,945	54	16	4,898
AVG WT	15.60	34.12	24.62	28.21	26.87
TO-DATE/2003	58,913	86,642	1,986	462	148,003
TO-DATE/2002	58,237	86,410	1,529	254	146,430

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

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