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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 06-Sep-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 09/06/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/30/03
BRO-FRY	141,296	165,127
LT HENS	1,069	1,340
HVY HENS	1,382	1,610

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 23-Aug-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	151	7	158
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	127	0	127
SAME WEEK YR AGO	203	4	207
TO-DATE/2003	8,389	122	8,511
TO-DATE/2002	10,615	229	10,844

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,407	1,545	2,952
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,352	1,483	2,835
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,982	1,654	3,636
TO-DATE/2003	60,333	47,220	107,553
TO-DATE/2002	70,657	47,067	117,724

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 30-Aug-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	162,103	1,229	1,556	2,785
AVG WT	5.05	3.64	8.09	6.13
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	160,560	1,256	1,538	2,794
SAME WK YR AGO	165,624	1,848	1,640	3,488
AVG WT	4.90	3.34	8.05	5.55
TO-DATE/2003	5,371,663	53,173	48,654	101,827
TO-DATE/2002	5,440,868	61,890	48,478	110,368

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 164.1 million head or 6.9 million head more than or 104% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 23-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	14,424	22,216	26,200
Avg Weight	3.64	4.79	6.20
% of total /1	23%	35%	42%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	21,598	26,338	44,638
Avg Weight	3.76	4.71	6.26
% of total /1	23%	28%	48%
Same week, yr ago /2	14,275	8,249	16,530
Avg Weight	3.90	4.78	6.30
% of total /1	37%	21%	42%
To date/2003	813,000	791,246	1,532,089
To date/2002	918,507	782,312	1,454,139

/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 30-Aug-2003
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,027	2,857	93	2	4,979
AVG WT	15.43	33.94	23.72	30.51	26.21
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,088	2,761	69	15	4,933
SAME WK YR AGO	2,107	2,748	70	4	4,929
AVG WT	15.16	34.41	24.83	30.01	26.04
TO-DATE/2003	65,103	94,935	2,204	487	162,729
TO-DATE/2002	64,403	94,893	1,749	271	161,316

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

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