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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Jan-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 02/07/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/31/04
BRO-FRY	155,047	157,658
LT HENS	1,185	1,389
HVY HENS	1,341	1,299

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 31-Jan-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	221	0	221
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	309	18	327
SAME WEEK YR AGO	337	14	351
TO-DATE/2004	1,219	18	1,237
TO-DATE/2003	1,528	29	1,557

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,495	1,255	2,750
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
Last Week	1,738	1,246	2,984
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,916	1,457	3,373
TO-DATE/2004	6,706	5,091	11,797
TO-DATE/2003	8,430	5,682	14,112

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 31-Jan-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	150,873	1,274	1,255	2,529
AVG WT	5.26	3.50	8.02	5.74
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	147,528	1,429	1,228	2,657
SAME WK YR AGO	151,181	1,579	1,443	3,022
AVG WT	5.21	3.58	7.38	5.21
TO-DATE/2004	614,714	5,487	5,073	10,560
TO-DATE/2003	600,996	6,902	5,653	12,553

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 152.7 million head or 5.7 million head less than or 96% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 24-Jan-2004**

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

Head	20,395	20,515	38,099
Avg Weight	3.82	4.70	6.51
% of total /1	26%	26%	48%
Last week	20,621	18,011	36,688
Avg Weight	3.76	4.78	6.16
% of total /1	27%	24%	49%
Same week, yr ago /2	21,565	21,968	46,844
Avg Weight	3.87	4.74	6.24
% of total /1	24%	24%	52%
To date/2004	60,642	58,839	114,671
To date/2003	57,984	58,317	114,922

/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 31-Jan-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,571	2,295	33	8	3,907
AVG WT	15.19	36.68	23.80	36.47	27.93
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,736	2,454	25	6	4,221
SAME WK YR AGO	1,656	2,695	55	5	4,411
AVG WT	15.28	36.78	24.11	30.03	28.54
TO-DATE/2004	6,696	9,715	172	25	16,608
TO-DATE/2003	6,659	10,489	255	43	17,446

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