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

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/04/04	08/28/04
BRO-FRY	172,708	170,398
LT HENS	1,453	1,449
HVY HENS	1,557	1,523

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

WEEK ENDING 28-Aug-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	329	0	329
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	123	0	123
SAME WEEK YR AGO	78	0	78
TO-DATE/2004	8,137	91	8,228
TO-DATE/2003	8,356	118	8,474

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
 TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,625	1,571	3,196
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,780	1,298	3,078
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,307	1,556	2,863
TO-DATE/2004	54,364	45,214	99,578
TO-DATE/2003	60,350	47,645	107,995

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 28-Aug-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	164,670	1,296	1,571	2,867
AVG WT	5.30	3.36	8.01	5.91
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	163,809	1,657	1,298	2,955
SAME WK YR AGO	162,103	1,229	1,556	2,785
AVG WT	5.05	3.64	8.09	6.13
TO-DATE/2004	5,311,518	46,227	45,123	91,350
TO-DATE/2003	5,244,870	51,994	47,527	99,521

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 166.7 million head or 1.7 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 21-Aug-04

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

Head	30,730	17,452	52,672
Avg Weight	3.60	4.69	6.27
% of total /1	30%	17%	52%
Last week	27,230	22,088	45,096
Avg Weight	3.77	4.71	6.27
% of total /1	29%	23%	48%
Same week, yr ago /2	14,424	22,216	26,200
Avg Weight	3.64	4.79	6.20
% of total /1	23%	35%	42%
To date/2004	878,236	717,696	1,491,672
To date/2003	793,758	773,216	1,493,435

/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 28-Aug-04  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,878	2,750	49	14	4,691
AVG WT	15.47	35.42	23.89	31.51	27.31
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,760	2,647	85	13	4,505
SAME WK YR AGO	2,027	2,857	93	2	4,979
AVG WT	15.43	33.94	23.72	30.51	26.21
TO-DATE/2004	58,959	86,432	1,711	266	147,368
TO-DATE/2003	63,838	92,948	2,186	478	159,450

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