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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Jan-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 01/24/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/17/04
BRO-FRY	151,364	162,400
LT HENS	1,573	1,664
HVY HENS	1,268	1,322

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 10-Jan-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	343	0	343
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	150	0	150
SAME WEEK YR AGO	425	7	432
TO-DATE/2004	343	0	343
TO-DATE/2003	425	7	432

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,601	1,312	2,913
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
Last Week	1,268	898	2,166
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,161	1,420	3,581
TO-DATE/2004	1,601	1,312	2,913
TO-DATE/2003	2,161	1,420	3,581

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 17-Jan-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	157,478	1,526	1,278	2,804
AVG WT	5.20	3.40	7.89	5.45
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	158,835	1,258	1,312	2,570
SAME WK YR AGO	153,150	1,841	1,505	3,346
AVG WT	5.14	3.30	7.84	5.30
TO-DATE/2004	316,313	2,784	2,590	5,374
TO-DATE/2003	305,691	3,577	2,918	6,495

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.4 million head or 3.1 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 10-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	19,626	20,313	39,884
Avg Weight	3.70	4.71	6.40
% of total /1	25%	25%	50%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	18,409	23,913	39,165
Avg Weight	3.88	4.65	6.26
% of total /1	23%	29%	48%
Same week, yr ago /2	12,009	31,251	33,054
Avg Weight	3.69	4.79	6.35
% of total /1	16%	41%	43%
To date/2004	19,626	20,313	39,884
To date/2003	12,009	31,251	33,054

/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.

* Due to 53 weeks in 2003, year to date for 2002 unchanged from last week.*

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 17-Jan-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,730	2,563	47	6	4,346
AVG WT	15.90	37.57	26.69	30.35	28.82
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,659	2,403	67	5	4,134
SAME WK YR AGO	1,717	2,681	69	9	4,476
AVG WT	15.61	38.16	24.52	26.66	29.28
TO-DATE/2004	3,389	4,966	114	11	8,480
TO-DATE/2003	3,491	5,290	145	28	8,954

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