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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 09-Dec-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 12/09/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/02/06
Broiler/fryer	163,726	168,798
Light hens	1,224	882
Heavy hens	1,516	1,530

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 02-Dec-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	249	0	249
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	185	4	189
Same week yr ago	248	3	251
To-date/2006	7,302	50	7,352
To-date/2005	12,089	63	12,152

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,049	1,562	2,611
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	745	925	1,670
Same week yr ago	1,529	1,502	3,031
To-date/2006	58,553	71,430	129,983
To-date/2005	80,451	67,938	148,389

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 02-Dec-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	164,436	800	1,562	2,362
Avg Wt	5.53	3.26	8.04	6.42
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	120,513	560	921	1,481
Same wk yr ago	164,540	1,281	1,499	2,780
Avg Wt	5.47	3.25	7.89	5.75
To-date/2006	7,734,320	51,251	71,380	122,631
To-date/2005	7,723,390	68,362	67,875	136,237

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.4 million head, or 9.6 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 02-Dec-06

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	38,990	85,569	25,406	14,471	164,436
Avg Live Wgt	3.76	5.42	6.93	8.48	5.53
% of total /1	24%	52%	15%	9%	100%
Last week	33,024	58,917	17,507	11,065	120,513
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.40	6.81	8.17	5.44
% of total /1	27%	49%	15%	9%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	41,565 3.72	78,393 5.36	30,029 6.86	14,553 8.31	164,540 5.47
% of total /1	25%	48%	18%	9%	100%
To date/2006	2,190,954	3,833,284	1,072,354	637,728	7,734,320
To date/2005	2,243,954	3,735,613	1,290,004	453,819	7,723,390

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 02-Dec-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,937	2,645	33	1	4,616
Avg Wt	15.76	38.73	26.40	61.64	29.01
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	992	1,686	25	1	2,704
Same wk yr ago	1,978	2,572	35	1	4,586
Avg Wt	16.15	38.43	26.37	39.52	28.37
To-date/2006	94,368	123,856	1,315	205	219,744
To-date/2005	87,951	123,833	1,195	209	213,188

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