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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Mar-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 03/03/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 02/24/07
Broiler/fryer	161,688	158,966
Light hens	1,147	1,252
Heavy hens	1,409	1,406

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 24-Feb-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	189	0	189
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	240	0	240
Same week yr ago	228	0	228
To-date/2007	1,625	14	1,639
To-date/2006	2,136	7	2,143

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,331	1,427	2,758
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,345	1,327	2,672
Same week yr ago	1,282	1,516	2,798
To-date/2007	10,360	10,916	21,276
To-date/2006	12,578	11,116	23,694

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 24-Feb-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	159,231	1,142	1,427	2,569
Avg Wt	5.21	3.29	7.92	5.86
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	158,852	1,105	1,327	2,432
Same wk yr ago	158,438	1,054	1,516	2,270
Avg Wt	5.48	3.27	7.63	5.84
To-date/2007	1,236,197	8,735	10,902	19,637
To-date/2006	1,283,395	10,442	11,109	21,551

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.2 million head, or 0.8 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 24-Feb-07

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	48,741	81,521	18,231	10,738	159,231
Avg Live Wgt	3.63	5.42	6.81	8.13	5.21
% of total /1	31%	51%	11%	7%	100%
Last week	44,903	86,838	13,957	13,154	158,852
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.44	6.89	8.90	5.40
% of total /1	28%	55%	9%	8%	100%
Year Ago 2/	36,174	84,196	23,497	14,571	158,438
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.32	6.89	8.25	5.48
% of total /1	23%	53%	15%	9%	100%
To date/2007	337,510	658,658	149,964	90,065	1,236,197
To date/2006	360,561	610,761	188,054	124,019	1,283,395

/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 24-Feb-07
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,915	2,566	7	5	4,493
Avg Wt	17.06	38.34	20.01	29.20	29.23
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,907	2,464	16	0	4,387
Same wk yr ago	1,691	2,404	34	0	4,129
Avg Wt	16.74	38.66	25.04	0.00	29.57
To-date/2007	14,236	19,855	101	28	34,220
To-date/2006	12,656	19,600	162	30	32,448

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