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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Mar-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 03/24/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 03/17/07
Broiler/fryer	158,617	161,977
Light hens	1,336	1,315
Heavy hens	1,369	1,257

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 17-Mar-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	293	0	293
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	165	0	165
Same week yr ago	249	0	249
To-date/2007	2,366	14	2,380
To-date/2006	2,868	7	2,875

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,516	1,220	2,736
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,347	1,356	2,703
Same week yr ago	1,250	1,441	2,691
To-date/2007	14,591	14,957	29,548
To-date/2006	16,383	15,664	32,047

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 17-Mar-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	158,088	1,223	1,220	2,443
Avg Wt	5.39	3.21	7.96	5.58
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	161,346	1,182	1,356	2,538
Same wk yr ago	162,304	1,001	1,441	2,442
Avg Wt	5.31	3.35	8.09	6.15
To-date/2007	1,715,656	12,225	14,943	27,168
To-date/2006	1,764,662	13,515	15,657	29,172

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.0 million head, or 1.6 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 17-Mar-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	43,661	82,762	19,437	12,228	158,088
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.47	7.00	8.13	5.39
% of total /1	28%	52%	12%	8%	100%
Last week	41,052	84,393	25,023	10,878	161,346
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.37	6.94	8.37	5.43
% of total /1	25%	52%	16%	7%	100%
Year Ago 2/ /2 Comparable week.	51,151	77,320	22,136	11,697	162,304
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.45	7.01	8.29	5.31
% of total /1	32%	48%	14%	7%	100%
To date/2007	468,461	908,570	210,327	128,298	1,715,656
To date/2006	502,260	846,069	257,893	158,440	1,764,662

/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 17-Mar-07
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,112	2,486	15	3	4,616
Avg Wt	17.99	38.57	25.36	30.44	29.11
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,801	2,670	22	4	4,497
Same wk yr ago	1,821	2,645	22	17	4,505
Avg Wt	17.22	38.51	25.66	25.90	29.79
To-date/2007	19,837	27,434	156	47	47,474
To-date/2006	18,564	27,132	241	59	45,996

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