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

	CURRENT WEEK 03/31/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 03/24/07
Broiler/fryer	160,388	158,617
Light hens	1,257	1,336
Heavy hens	1,442	1,369

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 24-Mar-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	192	0	192
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	293	0	293
Same week yr ago	144	0	144
To-date/2007	2,558	14	2,572
To-date/2006	3,012	7	3,019

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,307	1,138	2,445
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,516	1,220	2,736
Same week yr ago	1,226	1,562	2,788
To-date/2007	15,898	16,095	31,993
To-date/2006	17,609	17,226	34,835

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

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	158,447	1,115	1,138	2,253
Avg Wt	5.45	3.38	6.46	4.94
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	158,088	1,223	1,220	2,443
Same wk yr ago	162,089	1,082	1,562	2,644
Avg Wt	5.36	3.41	8.11	6.19
To-date/2007	1,874,103	13,340	16,081	29,421
To-date/2006	1,926,751	14,597	17,219	31,816

(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 24-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	42,389	74,451	28,438	13,169	158,447
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.38	6.98	8.23	5.45
% of total /1	27%	47%	18%	8%	100%
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ /2 Comparable week.	48,548	76,463	24,530	12,548	162,089
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.42	6.90	8.25	5.36
% of total /1	30%	47%	15%	8%	100%
To date/2007	510,850	983,021	238,765	141,467	1,874,103
To date/2006	550,808	922,532	282,423	170,988	1,926,751

/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-Mar-07
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,047	2,538	18	0	4,603
Avg Wt	17.05	38.39	24.13	0.00	28.84
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,112	2,486	15	3	4,616
Same wk yr ago	1,924	2,517	38	13	4,492
Avg Wt	17.02	37.96	26.86	31.77	28.88
To-date/2007	21,884	29,972	174	47	52,077
To-date/2006	20,488	29,649	279	72	50,488

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