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

	CURRENT WEEK 04/07/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 03/31/07
Broiler/fryer	155,076	160,388
Light hens	1,255	1,257
Heavy hens	1,424	1,442

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 31-Mar-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	204	0	204
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	192	0	192
Same week yr ago	339	0	339
To-date/2007	2,762	14	2,776
To-date/2006	3,351	7	3,358

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,418	1,412	2,830
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,307	1,138	2,445
Same week yr ago	1,505	1,433	2,938
To-date/2007	17,316	17,507	34,823
To-date/2006	19,114	18,659	37,773

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 31-Mar-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	158,956	1,214	1,412	2,626
Avg Wt	5.38	3.31	8.01	5.84
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	158,447	1,115	1,138	2,253
Same wk yr ago	161,822	1,166	1,433	2,599
Avg Wt	5.28	3.21	7.80	5.74
To-date/2007	2,033,059	14,554	17,493	32,047
To-date/2006	2,088,573	15,763	18,652	34,414

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.9 million head, or 0.2 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 31-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	42,711	80,444	25,807	9,994	158,956
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.36	6.93	8.18	5.38
% of total /1	27%	51%	16%	6%	100%
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	51,719 3.67	79,945 5.49	16,700 6.95	13,458 8.15	161,822 5.28
% of total /1	32%	49%	10%	8%	100%
To date/2007	553,561	1,063,465	264,572	151,461	2,033,059
To date/2006	602,527	1,002,477	299,123	184,446	2,088,573

/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 31-Mar-07
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,915	2,721	4	5	4,645
Avg Wt	16.43	37.29	27.19	37.99	28.68
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,047	2,538	18	0	4,603
Same wk yr ago	2,047	2,537	0	3	4,687
Avg Wt	17.58	37.53	0.00	51.01	28.40
To-date/2007	23,799	32,693	178	52	56,722
To-date/2006	22,635	32,186	279	75	55,175

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