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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Apr-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 04/21/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/14/07
Broiler/fryer	163,894	159,223
Light hens	1,315	1,220
Heavy hens	1,397	1,355

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 14-Apr-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	239	0	239
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	156	0	156
Same week yr ago	107	3	110
To-date/2007	3,157	14	3,171
To-date/2006	3,652	10	3,662

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,353	1,376	2,729
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,273	1,422	2,695
Same week yr ago	1,125	1,336	2,461
To-date/2007	19,942	20,305	40,247
To-date/2006	21,618	21,547	43,165

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 14-Apr-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	159,407	1,114	1,376	2,490
Avg Wt	5.39	3.14	8.02	5.84
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	154,029	1,117	1,422	2,539
Same wk yr ago	154,312	1,018	1,333	2,351
Avg Wt	5.35	3.38	8.12	6.07
To-date/2007	2,346,495	16,785	20,291	37,076
To-date/2006	2,405,480	17,966	21,537	39,503

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 162.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.3 million head, or 1.5 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 14-Apr-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	45,675	71,701	32,679	9,352	159,407
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.39	6.93	8.20	5.39
% of total /1	29%	44%	21%	6%	100%
Last week	40,932	74,891	25,534	12,672	154,029
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.36	6.79	8.15	5.43
% of total /1	27%	48%	17%	8%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	41,913 3.77	80,951 5.37	20,655 7.04	10,793 8.14	154,312 5.35
% of total /1	27%	52%	13%	7%	100%
To date/2007	640,168	1,210,057	322,785	173,485	2,346,495
To date/2006	697,652	1,158,825	340,449	208,554	2,405,480

/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 14-Apr-07
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,983	2,524	24	15	4,546
Avg Wt	16.64	37.61	25.80	31.11	28.38
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,865	2,280	11	3	4,159
Same wk yr ago	1,838	2,164	28	6	4,036
Avg Wt	16.66	38.35	26.10	33.23	28.38
To-date/2007	27,647	37,497	213	70	65,427
To-date/2006	26,687	36,808	329	89	63,913

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