

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE  
 POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS AND ANALYSIS BRANCH  
 60 FORSYTH STREET, SW SUITE 6M80  
 ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303**

**OFFICE:** 404-562-5850      **FAX:** 404-562-5875      **JOHNNY FREEMAN:** 404-562-5870  
**INTERNET:** <http://www.ams.usda.gov/marketnews.htm>      **RECORDING:** 404-562-5856

July 27, 2007

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 28-Jul-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 07/28/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/21/07
Broiler/fryer	166,412	166,811
Light hens	1,162	1,212
Heavy hens	1,679	1,640

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	WEEK ENDING 21-Jul-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	244	3	247
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	294	3	297
Same week yr ago	97	0	97
To-date/2007	7,153	20	7,173
To-date/2006	5,319	23	5,342

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,289	1,680	2,969
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,443	1,669	3,112
Same week yr ago	1,180	1,460	2,640
To-date/2007	39,520	41,131	80,651
To-date/2006	38,206	42,525	80,731

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 21-Jul-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	165,807	1,045	1,677	2,722
Avg Wt	5.46	3.35	8.01	6.22
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	166,955	1,149	1,666	2,815
Same wk yr ago	162,843	1,083	1,460	2,543
Avg Wt	5.29	3.33	8.09	6.06
To-date/2007	4,626,995	32,367	41,111	73,478
To-date/2006	4,664,778	32,887	42,502	75,389

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 170.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.8 million head, or 3.0 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 21-Jul-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	45,086	77,774	31,448	11,499	165,807
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.38	7.02	8.28	5.46
% of total /1	27%	47%	19%	7%	100%
Last week	43,108	76,785	33,473	13,589	166,955
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.41	6.98	8.16	5.51
% of total /1	26%	46%	20%	8%	100%
Year Ago 2/	47,404	83,099	24,413	7,927	162,843
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.33	7.01	8.21	5.29
% of total /1	29%	51%	15%	5%	100%
To date/2007	1,243,822	2,327,586	717,652	337,934	4,626,994
To date/2006	1,350,736	2,267,730	649,380	396,932	4,664,778

/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 21-Jul-07  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,934	2,840	29	29	4,832
Avg Wt	16.05	36.50	24.11	27.92	28.19
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,100	2,829	30	0	4,959
Same wk yr ago	1,939	2,681	64	9	4,693
Avg Wt	16.12	37.13	24.38	38.59	28.28
To-date/2007	55,885	74,458	503	146	130,992
To-date/2006	55,397	72,885	673	151	129,106

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.