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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Sep-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 08/01/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/25/07
Broiler/fryer	171,266	166,287
Light hens	1,136	1,244
Heavy hens	1,558	1,636

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

	WEEK ENDING 25-Aug-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	305	0	305
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	318	0	318
Same week yr ago	97	3	100
To-date/2007	8,679	23	8,702
To-date/2006	5,735	26	5,761

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,460	1,622	3,082
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,363	1,524	2,887
Same week yr ago	1,052	1,556	2,608
To-date/2007	46,701	49,337	96,038
To-date/2006	43,522	50,474	93,996

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 25-Aug-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	166,796	1,155	1,622	2,777
Avg Wt	5.30	3.38	8.07	6.12
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	165,682	1,045	1,524	2,569
Same wk yr ago	166,432	955	1,553	2,508
Avg Wt	5.30	3.30	8.19	6.33
To-date/2007	5,453,059	38,022	49,314	87,336
To-date/2006	5,477,313	37,787	50,448	88,235

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 168.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.8 million head, or 0.1 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 25-Aug-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	51,355	78,502	32,450	4,489	166,796
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.38	6.99	8.21	5.30
% of total /1	31%	47%	19%	3%	100%
Last week	45,607	80,771	33,427	5,877	165,682
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.43	6.95	8.38	5.40
% of total /1	28%	48%	20%	4%	100%
Year Ago 2/	44,621	88,120	26,791	6,900	166,432
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.33	6.97	8.08	5.30
% of total /1	27%	53%	16%	4%	100%
To date/2007	1,472,206	2,736,024	871,664	373,165	5,453,059
To date/2006	1,586,751	2,685,526	774,016	431,020	5,477,313

/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 25-Aug-07  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,162	2,706	27	2	4,897
Avg Wt	16.16	36.47	25.85	25.37	27.44
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,041	2,657	43	1	4,742
Same wk yr ago	1,873	2,776	48	1	4,698
Avg Wt	15.78	34.92	25.37	45.87	27.19
To-date/2007	66,241	88,212	711	173	155,337
To-date/2006	65,244	86,669	848	160	152,921

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