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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Sep-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 09/15/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/08/07
Broiler/fryer	167,313	153,100
Light hens	1,042	896
Heavy hens	1,531	1,109

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 08-Sep-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	196	0	196
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	186	0	186
Same week yr ago	85	0	85
To-date/2007	9,061	23	9,084
To-date/2006	5,870	26	5,896

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	991	1,119	2,110
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,220	1,563	2,783
Same week yr ago	961	1,242	2,203
To-date/2007	48,912	52,019	100,931
To-date/2006	45,464	53,273	98,737

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 08-Sep-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	149,496	795	1,119	1,914
Avg Wt	5.39	3.41	7.96	6.07
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	171,530	1,034	1,563	2,597
Same wk yr ago	154,603	876	1,242	2,118
Avg Wt	5.39	3.31	8.18	6.17
To-date/2007	5,774,085	39,851	51,996	91,847
To-date/2006	5,800,211	39,594	53,247	92,841

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 164.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 151.3 million head, or 13.5 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 08-Sep-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	39,946	75,247	27,239	7,064	149,496
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.39	7.05	8.19	5.39
% of total /1	27%	50%	18%	5%	100%
Last week	48,657	88,053	26,309	8,511	171,530
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.39	7.02	8.79	5.37
% of total /1	28%	51%	16%	5%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	42,845 3.80	78,603 5.45	22,313 6.94	10,842 8.03	154,603 5.39
% of total /1	28%	51%	14%	7%	100%
To date/2007	1,560,809	2,899,324	925,212	388,740	5,774,085
To date/2006	1,683,296	2,848,312	820,658	447,945	5,800,211

/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 08-Sep-07
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,981	2,292	48	4	4,325
Avg Wt	16.26	36.65	33.84	32.22	27.28
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,361	2,796	37	2	5,196
Same wk yr ago	1,875	2,066	6	9	3,956
Avg Wt	16.28	35.67	23.14	27.45	26.44
To-date/2007	70,583	93,300	796	179	164,858
To-date/2006	68,920	91,399	856	177	161,352

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