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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Nov-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 11/24/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/17/07
Broiler/fryer	133,255	168,997
Light hens	631	1,235
Heavy hens	952	1,537

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 17-Nov-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	338	0	338
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	248	0	248
Same week yr ago	115	3	118
To-date/2007	11,930	36	11,966
To-date/2006	6,923	49	6,972

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,612	1,562	3,174
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,300	1,457	2,757
Same week yr ago	1,266	1,718	2,984
To-date/2007	62,789	67,854	130,643
To-date/2006	56,814	68,946	125,760

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 17-Nov-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	167,330	1,274	1,562	2,836
Avg Wt	5.51	3.40	7.98	5.92
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	169,962	1,052	1,457	2,509
Same wk yr ago	160,453	1,151	1,715	2,866
Avg Wt	5.49	3.23	7.42	5.74
To-date/2007	7,468,403	50,859	67,818	118,677
To-date/2006	7,449,371	49,891	68,897	118,788

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 160.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.4 million head, or 8.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 17-Nov-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	47,125	75,345	25,576	19,284	167,330
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.37	6.92	8.34	5.51
% of total /1	28%	45%	15%	12%	100%
Last week	43,969	77,699	27,595	20,699	169,962
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.42	6.93	8.32	5.61
% of total /1	26%	46%	16%	12%	100%
Year Ago 2/	46,410	77,490	22,232	14,321	160,453
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.48	7.08	8.29	5.49
% of total /1	29%	48%	14%	9%	100%
To date/2007	1,981,564	3,712,274	1,214,457	560,108	7,468,403
To date/2006	2,118,940	3,688,798	1,029,441	612,192	7,449,371

/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 17-Nov-07
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,121	2,763	58	2	4,944
Avg Wt	16.51	38.46	25.11	65.63	28.90
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,705	3,192	41	4	5,942
Same wk yr ago	2,357	2,757	41	1	5,156
Avg Wt	17.18	36.75	26.77	26.83	27.72
To-date/2007	92,763	122,828	1,115	235	216,941
To-date/2006	91,439	119,525	1,257	203	212,424

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