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

	CURRENT WEEK 12/01/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/24/07
Broiler/fryer	170,383	133,255
Light hens	1,087	631
Heavy hens	1,438	952

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 24-Nov-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	263	0	263
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	338	0	338
Same week yr ago	185	4	189
To-date/2007	12,193	36	12,229
To-date/2006	7,108	53	7,161

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	838	978	1,816
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,612	1,562	3,174
Same week yr ago	745	925	1,670
To-date/2007	63,627	68,832	132,459
To-date/2006	57,559	69,871	127,430

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 24-Nov-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	129,511	575	978	1,553
Avg Wt	5.64	3.41	7.99	6.29
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	167,330	1,274	1,562	2,836
Same wk yr ago	120,513	560	921	1,481
Avg Wt	5.44	3.33	8.07	6.28
To-date/2007	7,597,914	51,434	68,796	120,230
To-date/2006	7,569,884	50,451	69,818	120,269

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 161.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 131.1 million head, or 30.3 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 24-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	29,668	62,310	22,762	14,771	129,511
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.39	6.85	8.36	5.64
% of total /1	23%	48%	18%	11%	100%
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	33,024 3.85	58,917 5.40	17,507 6.81	11,065 8.17	120,513 5.44
% of total /1	27%	49%	15%	9%	100%
To date/2007	2,011,232	3,774,584	1,237,219	574,879	7,597,914
To date/2006	2,151,964	3,747,715	1,046,948	623,257	7,569,884

/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 24Nov-07
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	965	1,745	16	8	2,734
Avg Wt	15.29	38.84	27.40	29.60	30.43
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,121	2,763	58	2	4,944
Same wk yr ago	992	1,686	25	1	2,704
Avg Wt	15.12	39.00	24.46	64.71	30.11
To-date/2007	93,728	124,573	1,131	243	219,675
To-date/2006	92,431	121,211	1,282	204	215,128

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