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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Dec-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 12/08/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/01/07
Broiler/fryer	171,618	170,383
Light hens	1,354	1,087
Heavy hens	1,477	1,438

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 01-Dec-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	314	0	317
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	263	0	263
Same week yr ago	249	0	249
To-date/2007	12,507	39	12,546
To-date/2006	7,357	53	7,410

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,542	1,421	2,963
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	838	978	1,816
Same week yr ago	1,049	1,562	2,611
To-date/2007	65,169	70,253	135,422
To-date/2006	58,608	71,433	130,041

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 01-Dec-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	169,092	1,228	1,418	2,646
Avg Wt	5.66	3.31	7.90	5.77
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	129,511	575	978	1,553
Same wk yr ago	164,436	800	1,562	2,362
Avg Wt	5.53	3.26	8.04	6.42
To-date/2007	7,767,006	52,662	70,214	122,876
To-date/2006	7,734,320	51,251	71,380	122,631

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 161.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 171.1 million head, or 9.3 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 01-Dec-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	42,267	73,638	34,923	18,264	169,092
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.45	6.85	8.45	5.66
% of total /1	25%	43%	21%	11%	100%
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	38,990 3.76	85,569 5.42	25,406 6.93	14,471 8.48	164,436 5.53
% of total /1	24%	52%	15%	9%	100%
To date/2007	2,053,499	3,848,222	1,272,142	593,143	7,767,006
To date/2006	2,190,954	3,833,284	1,072,354	637,728	7,734,320

/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 01-Dec-07
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS		
Head	2,163	2,827	49	7		5,046
Avg Wt	16.23	38.74	26.71	28.30		28.96
Head sltr comparisons						
Last week	965	1,745	16	8		2,734
Same wk yr ago	1,937	2,645	33	1		4,616
Avg Wt	15.76	38.73	26.40	61.64		29.01
To-date/2007	95,891	127,400	1,180	250		224,721
To-date/2006	94,368	123,856	1,315	205		219,744

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