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

	CURRENT WEEK 12/15/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/08/07
Broiler/fryer	171,706	171,618
Light hens	1,565	1,354
Heavy hens	1,420	1,477

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

WEEK ENDING 08-Dec-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	339	7	346
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	314	3	317
Same week yr ago	231	0	231
To-date/2007	12,846	46	12,892
To-date/2006	7,588	53	7,641

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,645	1,593	3,238
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,542	1,421	2,963
Same week yr ago	1,388	1,529	2,917
To-date/2007	66,814	71,846	138,660
To-date/2006	59,996	72,962	132,958

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 13-Dec-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	169,272	1,306	1,586	2,892
Avg Wt	5.61	3.65	7.36	5.68
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	169,092	1,228	1,418	2,646
Same wk yr ago	163,326	1,157	1,529	2,686
Avg Wt	5.49	3.28	8.02	5.98
To-date/2007	7,936,278	53,968	71,800	125,768
To-date/2006	7,897,646	52,408	72,909	125,317

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 171.3 million head, or 9.2 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 08-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	44,181	80,709	28,146	16,236	169,272
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.52	6.98	8.36	5.61
% of total /1	26%	48%	17%	9%	100%
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	39,631	82,812	27,121	13,762	163,326
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.38	6.85	8.18	5.49
% of total /1	24%	51%	17%	8%	100%
To date/2007	2,097,680	3,928,931	1,300,288	609,379	7,936,278
To date/2006	2,230,585	3,916,096	1,099,475	651,490	7,897,646

/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-Dec-07  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,260	2,894	33	9	5,196
Avg Wt	16.21	38.95	26.72	43.74	28.99
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,163	2,827	49	7	5,046
Same wk yr ago	2,141	2,704	19	0	4,864
Avg Wt	15.50	38.22	27.76	0.00	28.18
To-date/2007	98,151	130,294	1,213	259	229,917
To-date/2006	96,509	126,560	1,334	205	224,608

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