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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Jan-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/05/08	12/29/07
Broiler/fryer	136,470	120,576
Light hens	1,072	827
Heavy hens	1,088	977

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

	WEEK ENDING 29-Dec-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	U N A V A I L A B L E		
Head sltr Comparisons	U N A V A I L A B L E		
Last Week	U N A V A I L A B L E		
Same week yr ago	U N A V A I L A B L E		
To-date/2007	U N A V A I L A B L E		
To-date/2006	U N A V A I L A B L E		

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

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**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 29-Dec-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	123,442	767	973	1,740
Avg Wt	5.52	3.14	8.02	5.87
Head sltr comparisons	U N A V A I L A B L E			
Last week	174,400	1,475	1,570	3,045
Same wk yr ago	133,860	1,056	782	1,838
Avg Wt	5.43	3.21	7.85	5.18
To-date/2007	8,402,576	57,751	75,786	133,537
To-date/2006	8,351,180	55,722	76,740	132,462

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 156.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 124.9 million head, or 31.3 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 29-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	30,591	63,250	15,747	13,854	123,442
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.40	6.92	8.38	5.52
% of total /1	25%	51%	13%	11%	100%
Last week	49,389	83,920	24,047	17,044	174,400
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.45	6.92	8.34	5.45
% of total /1	28%	48%	14%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	33,975	69,256	21,520	9,109	133,860
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.41	6.88	8.32	5.43
% of total /1	25%	52%	16%	7%	100%
To date/2007	2,222,059	4,158,652	1,364,973	656,892	8,402,576
To date/2006	2,355,406	4,147,948	1,163,904	683,922	8,351,180

/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 29-Dec-07  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,416	1,890	8	0	3,314
Avg Wt	15.82	40.07	26.47	0.00	29.68
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,929	2,412	3	22	4,366
Same wk yr ago	1,189	1,828	4	16	3,037
Avg Wt	15.93	38.69	24.86	29.58	29.71
To-date/2007	103,465	137,385	1,252	286	242,388
To-date/2006	101,312	133,018	1,386	242	235,958

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