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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Feb-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 02/02/08	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/26/08
Broiler/fryer	166,486	160,734
Light hens	1,486	1,407
Heavy hens	1,518	1,457

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****

WEEK ENDING 19-Jan-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	360	0	360
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	173	0	173
Same week yr ago	221	0	221
To-date/2008	719	0	719
To-date/2007	513	0	513

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,987	1,442	3,429
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,754	1,524	3,278
Same week yr ago	1,292	1,284	2,576
To-date/2008	5,032	4,089	9,121
To-date/2007	3,611	3,895	7,506

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 26-Jan-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	159,983	1,370	1,474	2,844
Avg Wt	5.48	3.25	7.87	5.64
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	168,551	1,627	1,442	3,069
Same wk yr ago	159,885	1,067	1,509	2,576
Avg Wt	5.53	3.28	7.81	5.59
To-date/2008	632,689	5,683	5,563	11,246
To-date/2007	605,003	4,165	5,404	9,569

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 167.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.9 million head, or 5.7 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 26-Jan-08

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	45,951	72,822	23,833	17,377	159,983
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.42	6.85	8.28	5.48
% of total /1	29%	45%	15%	11%	100%
Last week	47,852	84,062	21,746	14,891	168,551
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.38	6.84	8.27	5.58
% of total /1	28%	50%	15%	9%	100%
Year Ago 2/	44,449	87,100	17,622	10,714	159,885
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.39	7.16	8.27	5.53
% of total /1	28%	54%	11%	9%	100%
To date/2008	169,043	310,105	87,389	66,152	632,689
To date/2007	159,684	321,634	79,912	43,773	605,003

/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 26-Jan-08
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,787	2,764	19	0	4,570
Avg Wt	16.07	40.15	24.49	0.00	30.67
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,860	2,859	9	17	4,745
Same wk yr ago	1,757	2,540	7	0	4,304
Avg Wt	16.88	38.87	27.19	0.00	29.87
To-date/2008	6,942	10,844	47	24	17,857
To-date/2007	6,524	9,744	39	14	16,321

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