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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Feb-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/16/08	02/09/08
Broiler/fryer	168,971	166,284
Light hens	1,315	1,235
Heavy hens	1,562	1,571

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

WEEK ENDING 02-Feb-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	326	4	330
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	348	0	348
Same week yr ago	157	14	171
To-date/2008	1,393	4	1,397
To-date/2007	965	14	979

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,783	1,528	3,311
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,718	1,474	3,192
Same week yr ago	1,359	1,323	2,682
To-date/2008	8,533	7,091	15,624
To-date/2007	6,332	6,727	13,059

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 09-Feb-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	165,446	1,320	1,568	2,888
Avg Wt	5.52	3.29	8.10	5.90
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	166,095	1,457	1,524	2,981
Same wk yr ago	157,501	1,121	1,425	2,556
Avg Wt	5.35	3.28	7.94	5.90
To-date/2008	964,230	8,460	8,655	17,115
To-date/2007	918,114	6,488	8,148	14,636

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 167.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.5 million head, or 0.2 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 09-Feb-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	44,571	76,061	27,793	17,021	165,446
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.44	6.74	8.26	5.52
% of total /1	27%	46%	17%	10%	100%
Last week	47,515	76,928	27,102	14,551	166,096
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.45	6.83	8.22	5.47
% of total /1	29%	46%	16%	9%	100%
Year Ago 2/	44,640	84,897	16,277	11,687	157,501
Avg Live Wgt	3.79	5.48	6.92	8.14	5.35
% of total /1	28%	54%	10%	8%	100%
To date/2008	261,129	463,094	142,284	97,724	964,231
To date/2007	243,866	490,299	117,776	66,173	918,114

/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 09-Feb-08
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,991	2,901	27	16	4,935
Avg Wt	16.24	39.19	25.71	30.36	29.83
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,877	2,867	16	1	4,761
Same wk yr ago	2,149	2,491	12	7	4,659
Avg Wt	17.05	38.80	24.84	35.16	28.73
To-date/2008	10,810	16,612	90	41	27,553
To-date/2007	10,414	14,825	78	23	25,340

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