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## ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Mar-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/08/08	03/01/08
Broiler/fryer	170,642	166,086
Light hens	1,401	1,353
Heavy hens	1,472	1,543

## U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA \*\*\*DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING\*\*\*

WEEK ENDING 23-Feb-08 (THOUSAND HEAD) LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL 0 126 126 Head Head sltr Comparisons Last Week 281 0 281 Same week yr ago 189 0 189 To-date/2008 2,110 4 2,114 To-date/2007 14 1,625 1,639

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,330	1,546	2,876
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,596	1,576	3,172
Same week yr ago	1,331	1,427	2,758
To-date/2008	13,089	11,781	24,870
To-date/2007	10,360	10,916	21,276

## LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 01-Mar-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	165,910	1,409	1,542	2,951
Avg Wt	5.49	3.48	8.02	5.85
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	166,700	1,204	1,546	2,750
Same wk yr ago	160,025	1,085	1,465	2,550
Avg Wt	5.37	3.16	8.05	5.97
To-date/2008	1,460,589	12,388	13,319	25,707
To-date/2007	1,396,222	9,820	12,367	22,187

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 168.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.9 million head, or 0.5 million less than estimated available.

## YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 01-Mar-08

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	45,295	78,836	26,178	15,601	165,910
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.44	6.89	8.24	5.49
% of total /1	27%	48%	16%	9%	100%
Last week	43,371	80,947	24,199	18,183	166,700
Avq Live Wqt	3.91	5.40	6.89	8.25	5.54
% of total /1	26%	49%	14%	11%	100%
Year Ago 2/	46,238	82,757	15,903	15,127	160,025
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.46	7.03	8.22	5.37
% of total /1	29%	52%	10%	9%	100%
To date/2008	392,476	698,732	218,648	150,733	1,460,589
To date/2007	383,748	741,415	165,867	105,192	1,396,222

- /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-Mar-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD		
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL	
Head	1,949	2,816	8	4	4,777	
Avg Wt	16.16	39.21	24.51	30.38	29.77	
Head sltr comparisons						
Last week	2,051	2,735	8	2	4,796	
Same wk yr ago	1,688	2,423	18	12	4,141	
Avg Wt	17.44	38.41	28.13	24.66	29.78	
To-date/2008	16,732	24,864	116	73	41,785	
To-date/2007	15,924	22,278	119	40	38,361	

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.