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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Mar-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/22/08	03/15/08
Broiler/fryer	163,435	166,846
Light hens	1,349	1,089
Heavy hens	1,411	1,530

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 21-Mar-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	290	0	290
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	453	0	453
Same week yr ago	293	0	293
To-date/2008	3,231	12	3,243
To-date/2007	2,366	14	2,380

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,378	1,557	2,935
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,806	1,475	3,281
Same week yr ago	1,516	1,220	2,736
To-date/2008	18,060	16,363	34,423
To-date/2007	14,591	14,957	29,548

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 15-Mar-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	166,377	1,088	1,557	2,645
Avg Wt	5.50	3.19	7.97	6.00
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	164,514	1,353	1,475	2,828
Same wk yr ago	158,088	1,223	1,220	2,443
Avg Wt	5.39	3.21	7.96	5.58
To-date/2008	1,791,480	14,829	16,351	31,180
To-date/2007	1,715,656	12,225	14,943	27,168

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.4 million head, or 2.0 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 15-Mar-08

	A	В	С	D	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	40,986	84,915	23,056	17,420	166,377
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.40	6.84	8.25	5.50
% of total /1	25%	51%	14%	10%	100%
Last week	43,635	81,639	22,844	16,396	164,514
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.49	6.90	8.33	5.52
% of total /1	27%	49%	14%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	43,661	82,762	19,437	12,228	158,088
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.47	7.00	8.13	5.39
% of total /1	28%	52%	12%	8%	100%
To date/2008	477,097	865,286	264,548	184,549	1,791,480
To date/2007	468,461	908,570	210,327	128,298	1,715,656

- /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 15-Mar-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,028	2,715	38	26	4,807
Avg Wt	16.15	38.62	25.16	28.06	28.98
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,822	2,876	23	6	4,727
Same wk yr ago	2,112	2,486	15	3	4,616
Avg Wt	17.99	38.57	25.36	30.44	29.11
To-date/2008	20,582	30,455	177	105	51,319
To-date/2007	19,837	27,434	156	47	47,474

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