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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Apr-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/19/08	04/12/08
Broiler/fryer	168,876	168,048
Light hens	1,666	1,696
Heavy hens	1,558	1,503

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

	WEEK	ENDING 12-Apr-08 (THOUSAND	HEAD)
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	333	0	333
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	479	0	479
Same week yr ago	239	0	239
To-date/2008	4,654	12	4,666
To-date/2007	3,157	14	3,171

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,882	1,494	3,376
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,040	1,482	3,522
Same week yr ago	1,353	1,376	2,729
To-date/2008	25,629	22,299	47,928
To-date/2007	19,942	20,305	40,247

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 12-Apr-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	165,977	1,549	1,494	3,043
Avg Wt	5.57	3.32	8.01	5.62
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	166,456	1,561	1,482	3,043
Same wk yr ago	159,407	1,114	1,376	2,490
Avg Wt	5.39	3.14	8.02	5.84
To-date/2008	2,444,531	20,975	22,287	43,262
To-date/2007	2,346,495	16,785	20,291	37,076

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 167.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.0 million head, or 0.6 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 12-Apr-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	43,254	78,447	26,622	17,654	165,977
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.48	6.80	8.32	5.57
% of total /1	26%	47%	16%	11%	100%
Last week	42,812	79,164	27,171	17,309	166,456
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.47	6.87	8.29	5.56
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% of total /1	26%	48%	16%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	45,675	71,701	32,679	9,352	1594079
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.39	6.93	8.20	5.39
% of total /1	29%	44%	21%	6%	100%
To date/2008	646,308	1,177,474	370,156	250,593	2,444,531
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To date/2007	640,168	1,210,057	322,785	173,485	2,346,495

- /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 12-Apr-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)	YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,872	2,658	36	0	4,566
Avg Wt	16.43	39.03	26.66	0.00	29.67
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,923	2,646	37	25	4,631
Same wk yr ago	1,983	2,524	24	15	4,546
Avg Wt	16.64	37.61	25.80	31.11	28.38
To-date/2008	28,125	40,966	274	147	69,512
To-date/2007	27,647	37,497	213	70	65,427

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