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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 03-May-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 05/10/08	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/03/08
Broiler/fryer	172,588	168,746
Light hens	1,604	1,333
Heavy hens	1,715	1,657

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

WEEK ENDING 03-May-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	412	11	423
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	411	7	418
Same week yr ago	294	0	294
To-date/2008	5,788	30	5,818
To-date/2007	3,993	14	4,007

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,638	1,767	3,405
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,593	1,711	3,304
Same week yr ago	1,526	1,324	2,850
To-date/2008	30,738	27,348	58,086
To-date/2007	24,192	24,341	48,533

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 03-May-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	168,654	1,226	1,756	2,982
Avg Wt	5.54	3.33	7.81	5.97
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	165,215	1,182	1,704	2,886
Same wk yr ago	165,839	1,232	1,324	2,556
Avg Wt	5.44	3.33	8.17	5.84
To-date/2008	2,944,318	24,950	27,318	52,268
To-date/2007	2,833,308	20,199	24,327	44,526

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 170.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 170.7 million head, or 0.6 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 03-May-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	46,295	76,336	26,680	19,343	168,654
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.46	6.67	8.33	5.54
% of total /1	27%	45%	16%	12%	100%
Last week	45,000	81,560	21,747	16,608	165,215
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.44	6.84	8.30	5.48
% of total /1	28%	49%	13%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	43,378 3.80	82,830 5.34	26,936 6.96	12,686 8.30	165,839 5.44
% of total /1	26%	50%	16%	8%	100%
To date/2008	781,353	1,413,354	445,818	303,793	2,944,318
To date/2007	763,102	1,449,321	407,968	212,917	2,833,308

/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 03-May-08
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,961	2,710	13	0	4,684
Avg Wt	16.15	38.71	23.50	0.00	29.22
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,998	2,761	8	1	4,768
Same wk yr ago	1,734	2,667	17	12	4,430
Avg Wt	16.35	38.15	26.12	33.76	29.56
To-date/2008	34,077	49,156	341	160	83,734
To-date/2007	33,371	45,355	254	83	79,065

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