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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 17-May-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 05/17/08	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/10/08
Broiler/fryer	173.803	172,588
Light hens	1,529	1,604
Heavy hens	1,770	1,715

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

WEEK ENDING 10-May-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	489	0	489
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	412	11	423
Same week yr ago	293	0	293
To-date/2008	6,277	30	6,307
To-date/2007	4,286	14	4,300

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	2,026	1,768	3,794
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,638	1,767	3,405
Same week yr ago	1,319	1,604	2,923
To-date/2008	32,764	29,116	61,880
To-date/2007	25,511	25,945	51,456

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 10-May-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	169,819	1,537	1,768	3,305
Avg Wt	5.59	3.24	7.97	5.77
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	168,654	1,226	1,756	2,982
Same wk yr ago	161,829	1,026	1,604	2,630
Avg Wt	5.49	3.33	8.12	6.25
To-date/2008	3,114,137	26,487	29,086	55,573
To-date/2007	2,995,137	21,225	25,931	47,156

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 170.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 171.9 million head, or 1.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 10-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	40,287	86,060	25,747	17,725	169,819
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.47	6.83	8.26	5.59
% of total /1	24%	51%	15%	10%	100%
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	43,056 3.84	78,202 5.42	28,480 6.95	12,091 8.41	161,829 5.49
% of total /1	27%	48%	18%	7%	100%
To date/2008	821,640	1,499,414	471,565	321,518	3,114,137
To date/2007	806,158	1,527,523	436,448	225,008	2,995,137

/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 10-May-08
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,223	2,750	31	0	5,004
Avg Wt	16.59	39.01	24.32	0.00	28.96
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,961	2,710	13	0	4,684
Same wk yr ago	1,834	2,790	12	1	4,637
Avg Wt	16.23	37.27	23.84	60.50	28.92
To-date/2008	36,300	51,906	372	160	88,738
To-date/2007	35,205	48,145	266	86	83,702

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