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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 31-May-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/31/08	05/24/08
Broiler/fryer	155,748	1690433
Light hens	1,109	1,500
Heavy hens	1,355	1,697

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

	WEEK	ENDING 24-May-08 (THOUSAND	HEAD)
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	253	0	253
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	442	0	442
Same week yr ago	187	0	187
To-date/2008	6,972	30	7,002
To-date/2007	4.831	14	4.845

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,697	1,706	3,403
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,031	1,812	3,843
Same week yr ago	1,337	1,527	2,864
To-date/2008	36,492	32,634	69,126
To-date/2007	28,291	29,004	57,295

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 24-May-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	167,881	1,444	1,706	3,150
Avg Wt	5.54	3.29	7.92	5.80
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	169,562	1,589	1,812	3,401
Same wk yr ago	167,665	1,150	1,527	2,677
Avg Wt	5.50	3.30	8.05	6.01
To-date/2008	3,451,580	29,520	32,604	62,124
To-date/2007	3,327,286	23,460	28,990	52,450

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 168.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.9 million head, or 1.2 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 24-May-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	40,536	90,331	17,960	19,054	167,881
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.46	6.84	8.27	5.54
% of total /1	24%	54%	11%	11%	100%
Last week	45,155	82,424	23,386	18,597	169,562
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.40	6.73	8.22	5.49
% of total /1	27%	48%	14%	11%	100%
Year Ago 2/	42,410	83,346	28,447	13,462	167,665
Avg Live Wgt	3.79	5.44	6.92	8.31	5.50
% of total /1	25%	50%	17%	8%	100%
To date/2008	907,331	1,672,169	512,911	359,169	3,451,580
To date/2007	896,965	1,687,701	4938625	248,758	3,327,286

- /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 24-May-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)	YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,036	2,830	11	18	4,895
Avg Wt	16.27	38.24	24.42	28.22	29.03
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,450	2,430	34	25	4,939
Same wk yr ago	2,392	2,466	23	13	4,894
Avg Wt	16.82	38.38	24.31	30.63	27.76
To-date/2008	40,786	57,166	417	203	98,572
To-date/2007	39,700	53,310	306	103	93,419

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