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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Jul-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 07/05/08	PREVIOUS WEEK 06/21/08
Broiler/fryer	151,747	170,146
Light hens	1,237	1,586
Heavy hens	1,335	1,795

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

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

WEEK ENDING 27-Jun-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	343	0	343
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	244	4	248
Same week yr ago	187	0	187
To-date/2008	8,536	34	8,570
To-date/2007	6,368	14	6,382

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,907	1,711	3,618
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,709	1,691	3,400
Same week yr ago	1,284	1,682	2,966
To-date/2008	45,166	40,725	85,891
To-date/2007	35,510	36,602	72,112

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 28-JUN-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	168,743	1,564	1,711	3,275
Avg Wt	5.50	3.28	7.71	5.59
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	166,930	1,465	1,687	3,152
Same wk yr ago	166,260	1,097	1,682	2,779
Avg Wt	5.55	3.21	8.07	6.15
To-date/2008	4,274,421	36,630	40,691	77,321
To-date/2007	4,145,918	29,142	36,588	65,730

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 166.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.6 million head, or 5.2 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 28-Jun-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	43,143	82,255	24,452	18,893	168,743
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.39	6.83	8.15	5.50
% of total /1	26%	49%	14%	11%	100%
Last week	41,907	78,958	19,451	26,614	166,930
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.35	6.62	8.48	5.62
% of total /1	25%	47%	12%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/	44,303	86,365	26,126	9,466	166,260
Avg Live Wgt	3.79	5.40	7.07	10.94	5.55
% of total /1	27%	49%	17%	7%	100%
To date/2008	1,122,021	2,070,618	624,737	457,045	4,274,421
To date/2007	1,116,351	2,096,772	626,968	305,827	4,145,918

/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 28-JUN-08  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,111	2,893	29	18	5,051
Avg Wt	16.35	38.17	24.97	28.09	29.04
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,064	2,774	6	0	4,844
Same wk yr ago	2,057	2,701	38	0	4,796
Avg Wt	16.64	37.69	23.92	0.00	28.55
To-date/2008	51,174	70,821	584	261	122,840
To-date/2007	50,210	66,339	409	117	117,075

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