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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Jul-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 07/26/08	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/19/08
Broiler/fryer	168,873	172,378
Light hens	1,587	1,359
Heavy hens	1,818	1,800

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

WEEK ENDING 19-Jul-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	412	0	412
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	175	4	179
Same week yr ago	244	3	247
To-date/2008	9,332	38	9,370
To-date/2007	7,153	20	7,173

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,846	1,873	3,719
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,527	1,825	3,352
Same week yr ago	1,289	1,680	2,969
To-date/2008	49,917	45,775	95,692
To-date/2007	39,520	41,131	80,651

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 19-JUL-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	167,803	1,434	1,873	3,307
Avg Wt	5.47	3.34	7.52	5.71
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	171,673	1,352	1,821	3,173
Same wk yr ago	165,807	1,045	1,677	2,722
Avg Wt	5.46	3.35	8.01	6.22
To-date/2008	4,760,078	40,585	45,737	86,322
To-date/2007	4,626,995	32,367	41,111	73,478

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 168.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.8 million head, or 1.8 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 19-Jul-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	38,762	87,923	22,110	19,008	167,803
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.34	6.75	8.05	5.47
% of total /1	23%	53%	13%	11%	100%
Last week	39,775	85,775	24,445	21,678	171,673
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.29	6.75	8.42	5.55
% of total /1	23%	50%	14%	13%	100%
Year Ago 2/	45,086	77,774	31,448	11,499	165,807
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.38	7.02	8.28	5.46
% of total /1	27%	47%	19%	7%	100%
To date/2008	1,239,689	2,316,270	692,432	511,687	4,760,078
To date/2007	1,243,822	2,327,586	717,652	337,935	4,626,995

/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 19-Jul-08
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,230	2,773	22	1	5,026
Avg Wt	16.33	38.68	24.48	58.57	28.71
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,262	2,912	20	2	5,196
Same wk yr ago	1,934	2,840	29	29	4,832
Avg Wt	16.05	36.50	24.11	27.92	28.19
To-date/2008	57,060	78,898	639	274	136,871
To-date/2007	55,885	74,458	503	146	130,992

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