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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Aug-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 08/02/08	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/26/08
Broiler/fryer	171,456	168,873
Light hens	1,561	1,587
Heavy hens	1,717	1,818

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

WEEK ENDING 26-Jul-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	470	0	470
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	412	0	412
Same week yr ago	296	3	299
To-date/2008	9,802	38	9,840
To-date/2007	7,449	23	7,472

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,935	1,812	3,747
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,846	1,873	3,719
Same week yr ago	1,371	1,733	3,104
To-date/2008	51,852	47,587	99,439
To-date/2007	40,891	42,864	83,755

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 26-JUL-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	163,014	1,465	1,812	3,277
Avg Wt	5.48	3.15	7.89	5.77
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	167,803	1,434	1,873	3,307
Same wk yr ago	164,418	1,075	1,730	2,805
Avg Wt	5.48	3.32	8.07	6.25
To-date/2008	4,923,092	42,050	47,549	89,599
To-date/2007	4,791,413	33,442	42,841	76,283

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 169.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.0 million head, or 4.1 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 26-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	40,907	82,465	25,534	14,108	163,014
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.37	7.05	8.10	5.48
% of total /1	25%	50%	16%	9%	100%
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	38,373 3.83	83,911 5.36	31,220 6.89	10,914 8.20	164,418 5.48
% of total /1	23%	51%	19%	7%	100%
To date/2008	1,280,596	2,398,735	717,966	525,795	4,923,092
To date/2007	1,282,195	2,411,497	748,872	348,849	4,791,413

/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 26-Jul-08
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,174	2,835	27	17	5,053
Avg Wt	15.75	38.02	25.81	37.13	28.37
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,230	2,773	22	1	5,026
Same wk yr ago	2,061	2,909	42	3	5,015
Avg Wt	15.93	36.95	26.73	46.78	28.23
To-date/2008	59,234	81,733	666	291	141,924
To-date/2007	57,946	77,367	545	149	136,007

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