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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 09-Aug-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 08/09/08	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/02/08
Broiler/fryer	170,594	171,456
Light hens	1,353	1,561
Heavy hens	1,793	1,717

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

WEEK ENDING 02-Aug-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	450	0	450
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	470	0	470
Same week yr ago	313	0	313
To-date/2008	10,252	38	10,290
To-date/2007	7,762	23	7,785

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,870	1,747	3,617
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,935	1,812	3,747
Same week yr ago	1,428	1,659	3,087
To-date/2008	53,722	49,334	103,056
To-date/2007	42,319	44,523	86,842

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 02-Aug-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	166,665	1,420	1,747	3,167
Avg Wt	5.56	3.19	7.87	5.77
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	163,014	1,465	1,812	3,277
Same wk yr ago	163,741	1,115	1,659	2,774
Avg Wt	5.31	3.30	8.09	6.16
To-date/2008	5,089,757	43,470	49,296	92,766
To-date/2007	4,955,154	34,557	44,500	79,057

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 168.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.7 million head, or 0.1 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 02-Aug-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	40,570	80,718	28,296	17,081	166,665
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.39	6.94	8.30	5.56
% of total /1	24%	49%	17%	10%	100%
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	48,698	78,813	26,860	9,370	163,741
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.38	6.93	8.27	5.31
% of total /1	30%	48%	16%	6%	100%
To date/2008	1,321,166	2,479,453	746,262	524,876	5,089,757
To date/2007	1,330,893	2,490,310	775,732	358,219	4,955,154

/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 02-Aug-08
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,076	3,023	51	9	5,159
Avg Wt	16.25	37.08	24.30	26.23	28.55
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,174	2,825	27	17	5,053
Same wk yr ago	2,017	2,779	42	20	4,858
Avg Wt	16.22	36.80	24.49	26.97	28.11
To-date/2008	61,310	84,756	717	300	147,083
To-date/2007	59,963	80,146	587	169	140,865

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