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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Aug-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/23/08	08/16/08
Broiler/fryer	169,331	170,013
Light hens	1,526	1,592
Heavy hens	1,835	1,757

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

	WEEK	ENDING 16-Aug-08 (THOUSAND	HEAD)
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	309	0	309
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	339	8	347
Same week yr ago	318	0	318
To-date/2008	10,900	46	10,946
To-date/2007	8,374	23	8,397

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,769	1,728	3,497
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,611	1,812	3,423
Same week yr ago	1,363	1,524	2,887
To-date/2008	57,102	52,874	109,976
To-date/2007	45,241	47,715	92,956

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 16-Aug-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	167,289	1,460	1,728	3,188
Avg Wt	5.51	3.24	7.94	5.79
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	167,406	1,272	1,804	3,076
Same wk yr ago	165,682	1,045	1,524	2,569
Avg Wt	5.40	3.19	8.04	6.07
To-date/2008	5,424,452	46,202	52,828	99,030
To-date/2007	5,286,263	36,867	47,692	84,559

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 166.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.3 million head, or 2.6 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 16-Aug-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	41,233	82,506	25,642	17,908	167,289
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.40	6.81	8.05	5.51
% of total /1	25%	49%	15%	11%	100%
Last week	44,663	82,441	26,119	14,183	167,406
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.42	6.94	8.09	5.45
% of total /1	27%	49%	16%	8%	100%
Year Ago 2/	45,607	80,771	33,427	5,877	165,682
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.43	6.95	8.38	5.40
% of total /1	28%	48%	20%	4%	100%
To date/2008	1,407,062	2,644,400	798,023	574,967	5,424,452
To date/2007	1,420,851	2,657,522	839,214	368,676	5,286,263

- /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 16-Aug-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)	YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,076	2,864	28	27	4,995
Avg Wt	15.76	37.21	24.11	26.60	28.16
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,186	2,853	30	1	5,070
Same wk yr ago	2,041	2,657	43	1	4,742
Avg Wt	15.90	36.08	26.22	48.86	27.31
To-date/2008	65,572	90,473	775	328	157,148
To-date/2007	64,079	85,506	684	171	150,440

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