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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Aug-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 08/30/08	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/23/08
Broiler/fryer	168,881	169,331
Light hens	1,332	1,526
Heavy hens	1,704	1,835

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

WEEK ENDING 23-Aug-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	373	4	377
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	309	0	309
Same week yr ago	305	0	305
To-date/2008	11,273	50	11,323
To-date/2007	8,679	23	8,702

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,774	1,879	3,653
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,769	1,728	3,497
Same week yr ago	1,460	1,622	3,082
To-date/2008	58,876	54,753	113,629
To-date/2007	46,701	49,337	96,038

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 23-Aug-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	167,350	1,401	1,875	3,276
Avg Wt	5.49	3.37	7.79	5.90
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	167,289	1,460	1,728	3,188
Same wk yr ago	166,796	1,155	1,622	2,777
Avg Wt	5.30	3.38	8.07	6.12
To-date/2008	5,591,802	47,603	54,703	102,306
To-date/2007	5,453,059	38,022	49,508	87,336

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 165.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.4 million head, or 4.4 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 23-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	42,652	80,292	27,612	16,794	167,350
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.44	6.79	8.13	5.49
% of total /1	25%	48%	17%	10%	100%
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	51,355 3.86	78,502 5.38	32,450 6.99	4,489 8.21	166,796 5.30
% of total /1	31%	47%	19%	3%	100%
To date/2008	1,449,714	2,724,692	825,635	591,761	5,591,802
To date/2007	1,472,206	2,736,024	871,664	373,165	5,453,059

/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 23-Aug-08
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,111	2,896	66	2	5,075
Avg Wt	16.42	37.30	23.86	57.17	28.45
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,076	2,864	28	27	4,995
Same wk yr ago	2,162	2,706	27	2	4,897
Avg Wt	16.16	36.47	25.85	25.37	27.44
To-date/2008	67,683	93,369	841	330	162,223
To-date/2007	66,241	88,212	711	173	155,337

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