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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 06-Sep-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 09/06/08	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/30/08
Broiler/fryer	151,687	168,881
Light hens	1,215	1,322
Heavy hens	1,521	1,704

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

WEEK ENDING 30-Aug-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	203	0	203
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	373	4	377
Same week yr ago	186	0	186
To-date/2008	11,476	50	11,526
To-date/2007	8,865	23	8,888

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,442	1,708	3,150
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,774	1,879	3,653
Same week yr ago	1,220	1,563	2,783
To-date/2008	60,318	56,461	116,779
To-date/2007	47,921	50,900	98,821

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 30-Aug-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	168,672	1,239	1,708	2,947
Avg Wt	5.53	3.27	7.75	5.87
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	167,350	1,401	1,875	3,276
Same wk yr ago	171,530	1,034	1,563	2,597
Avg Wt	5.37	3.30	8.12	6.20
To-date/2008	5,760,474	48,842	56,411	105,253
To-date/2007	5,624,589	39,056	50,877	89,933

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 163.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.4 million head, or 7.0 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 30-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	41,846	81,647	26,814	18,365	168,672
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.39	6.82	8.15	5.53
% of total /1	25%	48%	16%	11%	100%
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	48,657	88,053	26,309	8,511	171,530
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.39	7.02	8.79	5.37
% of total /1	28%	51%	16%	5%	100%
To date/2008	1,491,560	2,806,339	852,449	610,126	5,760,474
To date/2007	1,520,863	2,824,077	897,973	381,676	5,624,589

/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 30-Aug-08
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,856	2,739	48	7	4,650
Avg Wt	16.02	37.20	23.58	30.92	28.60
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,111	2,896	66	2	5,075
Same wk yr ago	2,361	2,796	37	2	5,196
Avg Wt	16.47	36.20	24.07	31.37	27.15
To-date/2008	69,539	96,108	889	337	166,873
To-date/2007	68,602	91,008	748	175	160,533

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