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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 27-Sep-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/27/08	09/20/08
Broiler/fryer	167,323	170,276
Light hens	1,353	1,291
Heavy hens	1,798	1,834

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

OTAL
329
357
303
435
853

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,508	1,890	3,398
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,715	1,769	3,484
Same week yr ago	1,405	1,548	2,953
To-date/2008	64,856	61,644	126,500
To-date/2007	51,727	55,121	106,848

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 20-Sep-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	165,893	1,179	1,890	3,069
Avg Wt	5.56	3.13	7.76	5.98
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	167,637	1,358	1,769	3,127
Same wk yr ago	170,377	1,102	1,548	2,650
Avg Wt	5.58	3.36	8.23	6.20
To-date/2008	6,238,940	52,471	61,594	114,065
To-date/2007	6,112,788	41,900	55,095	96,995

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 162.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.9 million head, or 5.1 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 20-Sep-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	39,428	78,371	27,591	20,503	165,893
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.31	6.73	8.15	5.56
% of total /1	24%	47%	17%	12%	100%
Last week	44,733	82,495	21,465	18,944	167,637
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.38	6.77	8.24	5.46
% of total /1	27%	49%	13%	8%	100%
Year Ago 2/	36,676	89,522	31,019	13,160	170,377
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.37	7.06	8.24	5.58
% of total /1	22%	52%	18%	8%	100%
To date/2008	1,611,712	3,031,711	923,542	671,975	6,238,940
To date/2007	1,638,716	3,073,666	988,715	411,691	6,112,788

- /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 20-Sep-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (HENS	B) TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,072	2,801	59	6	4,938
Avg Wt	16.63	37.57	25.05	29.37	28.62
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,137	2,671	46	18	4,872
Same wk yr ago	2,036	2,801	28	21	4,886
Avg Wt	16.38	36.99	27.15	28.41	28.31
To-date/2008	75,523	103,834	1,016	368	180,741
To-date/2007	74,731	98,854	876	202	174,663

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