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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Oct-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 10/18/08	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/11/08
Broiler/fryer	164,205	166,390
Light hens	1,352	1,459
Heavy hens	1,791	1,704

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

WEEK ENDING 11-Oct-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	237	0	237
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	242	0	242
Same week yr ago	262	0	262
To-date/2008	13,264	50	13,314
To-date/2007	10,628	36	10,664

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,590	1,730	3,320
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,446	1,801	3,247
Same week yr ago	1,294	1,609	2,903
To-date/2008	69,569	66,958	136,527
To-date/2007	55,815	59,884	115,699

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 11-Oct-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	163,786	1,353	1,730	3,083
Avg Wt	5.60	3.23	7.75	5.77
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	164,393	1,204	1,801	3,005
Same wk yr ago	167,086	1,032	1,609	2,641
Avg Wt	5.52	3.15	7.93	6.06
To-date/2008	6,732,100	56,305	66,908	123,213
To-date/2007	6,624,980	45,187	59,848	105,035

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 161.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.4 million head, or 4.5 million more than estimated available.

Note revision to last week - D.C.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 11-Oct-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	36,653	78,359	29,229	19,545	163,786
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.33	6.80	8.23	5.60
% of total /1	22%	48%	18%	12%	100%
Last week	38,745	77,786	28,034	*19,828*	*164,393*
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.38	6.78	8.27	5.58
% of total /1	22%	48%	17%	13%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	46,637 3.77	75,536 5.47	27,892 6.94	17,022 8.26	167,087 5.52
% of total /1	28%	45%	17%	10%	100%
To date/2008	1,723,543	3,266,810	1,009,727	732,020	6,732,100
To date/2007	1,774,044	3,316,747	1,074,134	460,055	6,624,980

/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 11-Oct-08
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,864	2,924	53	12	4,853
Avg Wt	17.05	37.87	27.05	32.80	29.74
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,798	2,975	119	13	4,905
Same wk yr ago	1,844	2,822	35	11	4,712
Avg Wt	16.21	36.93	25.25	26.29	27.81
To-date/2008	81,299	112,606	1,225	402	195,532
To-date/2007	80,536	107,270	970	215	188,991

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