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

	CURRENT WEEK 11/08/08	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/01/08
Broiler/fryer	164,515	160,691
Light hens	1,307	1,523
Heavy hens	1,666	1,548

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****
WEEK ENDING 01-Nov-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	242	0	242
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	171	12	183
Same week yr ago	276	0	276
To-date/2008	13,892	62	13,954
To-date/2007	11,374	36	11,410

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,625	1,588	3,213
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,488	1,638	3,126
Same week yr ago	1,385	1,741	3,126
To-date/2008	74,178	71,987	146,165
To-date/2007	59,907	64,835	124,742

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 01-Nov-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	162,059	1,383	1,588	2,971
Avg Wt	5.41	3.33	7.75	5.69
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	163,319	1,317	1,626	2,943
Same wk yr ago	168,915	1,109	1,741	2,850
Avg Wt	5.56	3.42	7.92	6.17
To-date/2008	7,219,393	60,286	71,925	132,211
To-date/2007	7,131,111	48,533	64,799	113,332

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 159.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.0 million head, or 4.7 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 01-Nov08

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	48,564	70,329	26,656	16,510	162,059
Avg Live Wgt	3.68	5.42	6.75	8.31	5.41
% of total /1	30%	43%	17%	10%	100%
Last week	37,680	76,046	30,894	18,699	163,319
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.33	6.73	8.25	5.57
% of total /1	23%	47%	19%	11%	100%
Year Ago 2/	40,993	83,099	25,472	19,351	168,915
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.42	6.91	8.26	5.56
% of total /1	24%	49%	15%	12%	100%
To date/2008	1,846,380	3,489,977	1,096,635	786,401	7,219,393
To date/2007	1,890,470	3,559,230	1,161,286	520,125	7,131,111

/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 01-Nov-08
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,731	2,965	25	7	5,728
Avg Wt	18.04	37.76	26.93	27.04	28.30
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,317	2,975	39	16	5,347
Same wk yr ago	2,713	3,454	17	13	6,197
Avg Wt	16.74	35.23	27.44	25.86	27.09
To-date/2008	88,229	121,505	1,306	428	211,468
To-date/2007	87,937	116,873	1,016	229	206,055

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