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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Nov-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 11/22/08	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/15/08
Broiler/fryer	160,422	162,492
Light hens	1,387	1,371
Heavy hens	1,684	1,693

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****
WEEK ENDING 15-Nov-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	215	0	215
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	212	0	212
Same week yr ago	338	0	338
To-date/2008	14,319	62	14,381
To-date/2007	11,960	36	11,996

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,616	1,650	3,266
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,509	1,616	3,125
Same week yr ago	1,612	1,562	3,174
To-date/2008	77,303	75,253	152,556
To-date/2007	62,819	67,854	130,673

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 15-Nov-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	159,887	1,401	1,650	3,051
Avg Wt	5.51	3.25	7.75	5.68
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	163,184	1,297	1,616	2,913
Same wk yr ago	167,330	1,274	1,562	2,836
Avg Wt	5.51	3.40	7.98	5.92
To-date/2008	7,542,464	62,984	75,191	138,175
To-date/2007	7,468,403	50,859	67,818	118,677

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 154.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.8 million head, or 7.4 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 15-Nov-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	39,620	78,354	21,824	20,089	159,887
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.36	6.74	8.26	5.51
% of total /1	25%	49%	14%	12%	100%
Last week	42,008	73,735	23,245	24,196	163,184
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.41	6.76	8.29	5.59
% of total /1	26%	45%	14%	15%	100%
Year Ago 2/	47,125	75,345	25,576	19,284	167,330
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.37	6.92	8.34	5.51
% of total /1	28%	45%	15%	12%	100%
To date/2008	1,928,008	3,642,066	1,141,704	830,686	7,542,464
To date/2007	1,981,564	3,712,274	1,214,457	560,108	7,468,403

/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 15-Nov-08
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,735	2,894	9	0	5,638
Avg Wt	17.48	37.94	27.86	0.00	28.00
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,826	2,952	28	0	5,806
Same wk yr ago	2,121	2,763	58	2	4,944
Avg Wt	16.51	38.46	25.11	65.63	28.90
To-date/2008	93,790	127,351	1,343	428	222,912
To-date/2007	92,763	122,828	1,115	235	216,941

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