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

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/29/08	11/22/08
Broiler/fryer	121,773	160,422
Light hens	848	1,387
Heavy hens	1,003	1,684

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

WEEK ENDING 22-Nov-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	216	6	222
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	215	0	215
Same week yr ago	263	0	263
To-date/2008	14,535	68	14,603
To-date/2007	12,223	36	12,259

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,516	1,743	3,259
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,616	1,650	3,266
Same week yr ago	838	978	1,816
To-date/2008	78,819	76,996	155,815
To-date/2007	63,657	68,832	132,489

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 22-Nov-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	156,960	1,300	1,737	3,037
Avg Wt	5.52	3.22	7.61	5.73
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	159,887	1,401	1,650	3,051
Same wk yr ago	129,511	575	978	1,553
Avg Wt	5.64	3.41	7.99	6.29
To-date/2008	7,699,424	64,284	76,928	141,212
To-date/2007	7,597,914	51,434	68,796	120,230

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.9 million head, or 7.1 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 22-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	42,144	75,627	20,566	18,623	156,960
Avg Live Wgt	3.79	5.38	6.86	8.46	5.52
% of total /1	27%	48%	13%	12%	100%
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	29,668	62,310	22,762	14,771	129,511
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.39	6.85	8.36	5.64
% of total /1	23%	48%	18%	11%	100%
To date/2008	1,970,152	3,717,693	1,162,270	849,309	7,699,424
To date/2007	2,011,232	3,774,584	1,237,219	574,879	7,597,914

/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 22-Nov-08
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,205	2,899	19	7	5,130
Avg Wt	16.75	37.94	24.34	34.33	28.78
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,735	2,894	9	0	5,638
Same wk yr ago	965	1,745	16	8	2,734
Avg Wt	15.29	38.84	27.40	29.60	30.43
To-date/2008	95,995	130,250	1,362	435	228,042
To-date/2007	93,728	124,573	1,131	243	219,675

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