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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 13-Dec-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 12/13/08	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/06/08
Broiler/fryer	160,436	164,685
Light hens	1,508	1,485
Heavy hens	1,442	1,582

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****
WEEK ENDING 06-Dec-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	258	0	258
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	290	0	290
Same week yr ago	339	7	346
To-date/2008	15,083	68	15,151
To-date/2007	12,876	47	12,923

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	1,573	3,198
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,122	1,104	2,226
Same week yr ago	1,645	1,593	3,239
To-date/2008	81,566	79,673	161,239
To-date/2007	66,844	71,847	138,691

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 06-Dec-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	160,358	1,367	1,573	2,940
Avg Wt	5.59	3.28	7.64	5.61
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	116,875	832	1,104	1,936
Same wk yr ago	169,272	1,306	1,586	2,892
Avg Wt	5.61	3.65	7.36	5.68
To-date/2008	7,976,657	66,483	79,605	146,088
To-date/2007	7,936,278	53,968	71,800	125,768

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.3 million head, or 13.1 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 06-Dec-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	37,139	82,088	24,204	16,927	160,358
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.44	6.81	8.41	5.59
% of total /1	23%	51%	15%	11%	100%
Last week	29,219	53,763	17,531	16,362	116,875
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.35	6.88	8.51	5.56
% of total /1	25%	46%	15%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/	44,181	80,709	28,146	16,236	169,272
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.52	6.98	8.36	5.61
% of total /1	26%	48%	17%	9%	100%
To date/2008	2,036,510	3,853,544	1,204,005	882,598	7,976,657
To date/2007	2,097,680	3,928,931	1,300,288	609,379	7,936,278

/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 06-Dec-08
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,099	2,932	26	20	5,077
Avg Wt	16.73	38.68	23.72	26.88	29.48
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,101	1,781	8	8	2,898
Same wk yr ago	2,260	2,894	33	9	5,196
Avg Wt	16.21	38.95	26.72	43.74	28.99
To-date/2008	99,195	134,963	1,396	463	236,017
To-date/2007	98,151	130,294	1,213	259	229,917

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