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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Jan09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 01/03/09	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/27/08
Broiler/fryer	131,016	122,413
Light hens	1,102	1,052
Heavy hens	899	730

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****
WEEK ENDING 19-Dec-08 & 27-Dec-08 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head			
Head sltr Comparisons	**A V A I L A B L E**		
Last Week			
Same week yr ago			
To-date/2008			
To-date/2007			

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

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Head			
Head sltr Comparisons	**A V A I L A B L E**		
Last Week			
Same week yr ago			
To-date/2008			
To-date/2007			

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 27-Dec-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	108,455	991	755	1,746
Avg Wt	5.53	3.25	7.82	5.23
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	153,795	1,380	1,411	2,791
Same wk yr ago	123,442	767	973	1,740
Avg Wt	5.52	3.14	8.02	5.87
To-date/2008	8,396,968	70,204	83,231	153,435
To-date/2007	8,402,576	57,751	75,786	133,537

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 146.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 109.8 million head, or 36.8 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 27-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	24,945	56,397	15,184	11,929	108,455
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.40	6.90	8.35	5.53
% of total /1	23%	52%	14%	11%	100%
Last week	36,911	79,973	21,531	15,380	153,795
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.42	6.88	8.35	5.48
% of total /1	24%	52%	14%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	30,591	63,250	15,747	13,854	123,442
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.40	6.92	8.38	5525
% of total /1	25%	51%	13%	11%	100%
To date/2008	2,138,506	4,073,656	1,261,007	923,799	8,396,968
To date/2007	2,222,059	4,158,652	1,364,973	656,892	8,402,576

/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 27-Dec-08
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,277	1,817	4	2	3,100
Avg Wt	15.91	39.00	23.14	28.03	29.46
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,280	2,694	20	15	5,009
Same wk yr ago	1,416	1,890	4	0	3,314
Avg Wt	15.82	40.07	26.47	0.00	29.68
To-date/2008	105,103	142,273	1,445	483	249,268
To-date/2007	103,465	137,385	1,252	286	242,388

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