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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Jan09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/10/09	01/03/09
Broiler/fryer	163,012	120,433
Light hens	1,516	1,102
Heavy hens	1,535	899

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA ***DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING***

WEEK ENDING 20-Dec-08 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	369	0	369
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	331	0	331
Same week yr ago	375	0	375
To-date/2008	15,783	68	15,851
To-date/2007	13,564	59	13,623

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,749	1,411	3,160
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,681	1,460	3,141
Same week yr ago	1,850	1,570	3,420
To-date/2008	84,996	82,544	167,540
To-date/2007	70,548	74,872	145,420

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 03-Jan-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	127,532	984	1,054	2,038
Avg Wt	5.54	3.20	7.83	5.59
Head sltr comparisons	}			
Last week	108,455	991	755	1,746
Same wk yr ago	136,027	1,105	1,123	2,228
Avg Wt	5.59	3.22	7.96	5.61
To-date/2008	8,524,500	71,188	84,285	155,473
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 145.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 129.1 million head, or 16.4 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 03-Jan-09

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	29,792	63,917	22,487	11,336	127,532
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.39	6.76	8.35	5.54
% of total /1	23%	50%	18%	9%	100%
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	33,605	68,778	18,202	15,442	136,027
Ava Live Wat	3.86	5.46	6.94	8.32	5.59
% of total /1	25%	51%	13%	11%	100%
To date/2008	2,168,298	4,137,573	1,283,494	935,135	8,524,500
To date/2007	2,222,059	4,158,652	1,364,973	656,892	8,402,576
10 date/2007	2,222,039	4,130,032	1,30 1 ,9/3	030,092	0,402,370

- /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 03-Jan-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG ((B)	YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,116	2,023	9	8	3,156
Avg Wt	16.41	40.00	31.04	28.92	31.60
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,277	1,817	4	2	3,100
Same wk yr ago	1,369	2,282	7	1	3,659
Avg Wt	16.74	40.28	26.22	62.33	31.45
To-date/2008	106,219	144,260	1,454	491	252,424
To-date/2007	103,465	137,385	1,252	286	242,388

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.