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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Jan-09(THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/17/09	01/10/09
Broiler/fryer	165,189	163,012
Light hens	1,552	1,516
Heavy hens	1,926	1,535

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

WEEK ENDING 03-Jan-09 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	77	0	77
Head sltr Comparisons	3		
Last Week	157	0	157
Same week yr ago	186	0	186
To-date/2008	16,017	68	16,085
To-date/2007	13,614	59	13,673

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,061	1,054	2,115
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,148	755	1,903
Same week yr ago	1,291	1,123	2,414
To-date/2009	87,205	84,353	171,558
To-date/2008	71,365	75,845	147,210

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 10-Jan-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	166,816	1,374	1,563	2,937
Avg Wt	5.58	3.28	7.82	5.70
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	127,532	984	1,054	2,038
Same wk yr ago	168,128	1,581	1,524	3,105
Avg Wt	5.58	3.30	7.91	5.56
To-date/2008	166,816	1,374	1,563	2,937
To-date/2007	304,155	2,686	2,647	5,333

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 147.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.8 million head, or 21.7 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 10-Jan-09

	(A) 4.25 lbs	(B) 4.26 -	(C) 6.26 -	(D) 7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	% up	Total
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Head	39,038	86,536	23,748	17,494	166,816
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.38	6.99	8.57	5.58
% of total /1	23%	52%	14%	11%	100%
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	41,635	84,443	23,608	18,442	168,128
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.48	6.89	8.25	5.58
% of total /1	25%	50%	14%	11%	100%
To date/2009	39,038	86,536	23,748	17,494	166,816
To date/2008	75,240	153,221	41,810	33,884	304,155

- /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 10-Jan-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,847	2,827	21	2	4,697
Avg Wt	16.17	39.53	27.89	2.00	30.28
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,116	2,023	9	8	3,156
Same wk yr ago	1,926	2,939	12	6	4,883
Avg Wt	16.03	40.31	26.79	27.74	30.68
To-date/2009	1,847	2,827	21	2	4,697
To-date/2008	3,295	5,221	19	7	8,542

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