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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Jan-09(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 01/31/09	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/24/09
Broiler/fryer	154,070	152,125
Light hens	1,538	1,495
Heavy hens	1,509	1,410

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

WEEK ENDING 17-Jan-09 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	305	11	316
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	224	0	224
Same week yr ago	360	0	360
To-date/2009	529	11	540
To-date/2008	533	0	533

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,629	1,974	3,603
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,598	1,563	3,161
Same week yr ago	1,987	1,442	3,429
To-date/2009	3,227	3,537	6,764
To-date/2008	3,741	2,966	6,707

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 24-Jan-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	148,579	1,358	1,389	2,747
Avg Wt	5.48	3.40	7.87	5.66
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	160,046	1,324	1,963	3,287
Same wk yr ago	159,983	1,370	1,474	2,844
Avg Wt	5.48	3.25	7.87	5.64
To-date/2009	475,441	4,056	4,915	8,971
To-date/2008	496,662	4,578	4,440	9,018

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 150.4 million head, or 6.8 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 24-Jan-09

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	39,864	73,306	21,376	14,033	148,579
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.39	6.99	8.25	5.48
% of total /1	27%	49%	14%	10%	100%
Last week	41,594	79,091	26,929	12,432	160,046
Avg Live Wgt	3.65	5.33	6.97	8.30	5.40
% of total /1	26%	49%	17%	8%	100%
Year Ago 2/	45,951	72,822	23,833	17,377	159,983
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.42	6.85	8.28	5.48
% of total /1	29%	45%	15%	11%	100%
To date/2009	120,496	238,933	72,053	43,959	475,441
To date/2008	135,438	241,327	69,187	50,710	496,662

/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 24-Jan-09
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,683	2,617	26	1	4,327
Avg Wt	16.51	40.33	27.21	29.23	30.98
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,938	2,661	46	33	4,678
Same wk yr ago	1,787	2,764	19	0	4,570
Avg Wt	16.07	40.15	24.49	0.00	30.67
To-date/2009	5,468	8,105	93	36	13,702
To-date/2008	5,573	8,562	40	23	14,198

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