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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Feb-09(THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 02/07/09	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/31/09
Broiler/fryer	159,459	154,070
Light hens	1,263	1,538
Heavy hens	1,319	1,509

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****
WEEK ENDING 31-Jan-09 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	267	0	267
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	184	0	184
Same week yr ago	326	0	330
To-date/2009	980	11	991
To-date/2008	1,207	4	1,211

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,651	1,394	3,045
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,542	1,389	2,931
Same week yr ago	1,783	1,528	3,311
To-date/2009	6,420	6,320	12,740
To-date/2008	7,242	5,968	13,210

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 31-Jan-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	148,079	1,384	1,394	2,778
Avg Wt	5.59	3.21	7.62	5.42
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	148,579	1,358	1,389	2,747
Same wk yr ago	166,095	1,457	1,524	2,981
Avg Wt	5.47	3.12	8.05	5.64
To-date/2009	623,520	5,440	6,309	11,749
To-date/2008	662,757	6,035	5,964	11,999

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 149.9 million head, or 8.3 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 31-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	37,286	76,671	17,074	17,048	148,079
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.42	7.05	8.68	5.59
% of total /1	25%	52%	12%	11%	100%
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	47,515	76,927	27,102	14,551	166,095
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.45	6.83	8.22	5.47
% of total /1	29%	46%	16%	9%	100%
To date/2009	157,782	315,604	89,127	61,007	623,520
To date/2008	182,953	318,254	96,289	65,261	662,757

/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 31-Jan-09
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,785	2,611	35	7	4,438
Avg Wt	16.86	39.68	25.41	29.61	30.37
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,683	2,617	26	1	4,327
Same wk yr ago	1,877	2,867	16	1	4,761
Avg Wt	16.03	39.30	30.73	61.15	30.10
To-date/2009	7,253	10,716	128	43	18,140
To-date/2008	7,450	11,429	56	24	18,959

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