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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Feb-09(THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/21/09	02/14/09
Broiler/fryer	157,138	159,496
Light hens	1,288	1,236
Heavy hens	1,304	1,533

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

WEEK ENDING 14-Feb-09 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	246	0	246
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	280	0	280
Same week yr ago	281	0	281
To-date/2009	1,506	11	1,517
To-date/2008	1,798	4	1,802

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,352	1,572	2,924
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,526	1,545	3,071
Same week yr ago	1,596	1,576	3,172
To-date/2009	9,298	9,437	18,735
To-date/2008	10,468	9,112	19,580

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 14-Feb-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	154,549	1,106	1,572	2,678
Avg Wt	5.48	3.30	7.85	5.97
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	155,496	1,246	1,545	2,791
Same wk yr ago	163,748	1,315	1,576	2,891
Avg Wt	5.57	3.17	8.05	5.83
To-date/2009	933,565	7,792	9,426	17,218
To-date/2008	991,951	8,670	9,108	17,778

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.4 million head, or 1.2 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 14-Feb-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	41,184	76,740	22,902	13,723	154,549
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.43	6.96	8.26	5.48
% of total /1	27%	49%	15%	9%	100%
Last week	39,331	76,847	24,565	14,753	155,496
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.33	6.98	8.26	5.49
% of total /1	25%	49%	16%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	42,681	75,855	25,987	19,225	163,748
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.39	6.40	8.59	5.57
% of total /1	26%	46%	16%	12%	100%
To date/2009	238,297	469,191	136,594	89,483	933,565
To date/2008	270,205	470,170	150,069	101,507	991,951

- /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 14-Feb-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)	YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,064	2,527	35	6	4,632
Avg Wt	17.00	39.73	25.40	29.07	29.48
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,678	2,735	27	16	4,456
Same wk yr ago	1,922	2,701	10	26	4,659
Avg Wt	16.39	39.33	24.13	26.50	29.76
To-date/2009	10,995	15,978	190	65	27,228
To-date/2008	11,363	17,031	93	66	28,553

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