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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 14-Mar-09(THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 03/14/09	PREVIOUS WEEK 03/07/09
Broiler/fryer	156,477	154,203
Light hens	1,379	1,288
Heavy hens	1,439	1,402

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****
WEEK ENDING 07-Mar-09 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	386	0	386
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	376	0	376
Same week yr ago	453	0	453
To-date/2009	2,408	11	2,419
To-date/2008	2,755	12	2,767

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,569	1,430	2,999
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,455	1,449	2,904
Same week yr ago	1,806	1,475	3,281
To-date/2009	13,634	13,639	27,273
To-date/2008	15,391	13,683	29,074

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 07-Mar-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	153,409	1,183	1,430	2,613
Avg Wt	5.53	3.21	7.81	5.73
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	155,055	1,079	1,449	2,528
Same wk yr ago	164,514	1,353	1,475	2,828
Avg Wt	5.52	3.20	8.05	5.73
To-date/2009	1,396,841	11,226	13,628	24,854
To-date/2008	1,489,075	12,636	13,671	26,307

(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 155.3 million head, or 2.3 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 07-Mar-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	37,736	80,808	21,205	13,660	153,409
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.37	7.06	8.73	5.53
% of total /1	25%	52%	14%	9%	100%
Last week	36,178	82,768	22,056	14,053	155,055
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.40	7.02	8.28	5.52
% of total /1	23%	54%	14%	9%	100%
Year Ago 2/	43,635	81,639	22,844	16,396	164,514
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.49	6.90	8.33	5.52
% of total /1	27%	49%	14%	10%	100%
To date/2009	352,411	710,872	202,736	130,822	1,396,841
To date/2008	402,506	711,592	223,290	151,687	1 489,075

/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 07-Mar-09
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,970	2,631	8	3	4,612
Avg Wt	16.42	38.44	24.42	23.73	29.00
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,178	2,565	9	1	4,753
Same wk yr ago	1,822	2,876	23	6	4,727
Avg Wt	16.37	38.25	24.62	31.35	29.74
To-date/2009	17,163	23,628	214	70	41,075
To-date/2008	17,185	25,458	132	78	42,853

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