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

	CURRENT WEEK 03/21/09	PREVIOUS WEEK 03/14/09
Broiler/fryer	157,179	156,477
Light hens	1,242	1,379
Heavy hens	1,447	1,439

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****
WEEK ENDING 14-Mar-09 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	301	0	301
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	386	0	386
Same week yr ago	290	0	290
To-date/2009	2,709	11	2,720
To-date/2008	3,045	12	3,057

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,545	1,457	3,002
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,569	1,430	2,999
Same week yr ago	1,378	1,557	2,935
To-date/2009	15,179	15,096	30,275
To-date/2008	16,769	15,240	32,009

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

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	153,780	1,244	1,457	2,701
Avg Wt	5.41	3.22	7.74	5.66
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	153,409	1,183	1,430	2,613
Same wk yr ago	166,377	1,088	1,557	2,645
Avg Wt	5.50	3.19	7.97	6.00
To-date/2009	1,550,621	12,470	15,085	27,555
To-date/2008	1,655,452	13,724	15,228	28,952

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 155.6 million head, or 1.5 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 14-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	45,890	74,173	21,028	12,689	156,780
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.46	6.96	8.27	5.41
% of total /1	30%	48%	14%	8%	100%
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	40,986	84,915	23,056	17,420	166,377
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.40	6.84	8.25	5.50
% of total /1	25%	51%	14%	10%	100%
To date/2009	398,301	785,045	223,764	143,511	1,550,621
To date/2008	443,492	796,507	246,346	169,107	1 655,452

/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-Mar-09
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,743	2,672	27	3	4,445
Avg Wt	17.85	38.36	26.10	39.91	30.24
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,970	2,631	8	3	4,612
Same wk yr ago	2,028	2,715	38	26	4,807
Avg Wt	16.15	38.62	25.16	28.06	28.98
To-date/2009	18,906	26,300	241	73	45,520
To-date/2008	19,213	28,173	170	104	47,660

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