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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 04-Apr-09(THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 04/04/09	PREVIOUS WEEK 03/28/09
Broiler/fryer	156,557	158,873
Light hens	1,297	1,311
Heavy hens	1,520	1,498

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****
WEEK ENDING 28-Mar-09 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	368	0	368
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	279	0	279
Same week yr ago	278	0	278
To-date/2009	3,356	11	3,367
To-date/2008	3,656	12	3,668

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,565	1,471	3,036
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,431	1,497	2,928
Same week yr ago	1,925	1,568	3,493
To-date/2009	18,175	18,064	36,239
To-date/2008	20,416	18,200	38,616

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 28-Mar-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	155,520	1,197	1,471	2,668
Avg Wt	5.50	3.25	7.75	5.73
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	154,153	1,152	1,497	2,649
Same wk yr ago	160,207	1,647	1,568	3,215
Avg Wt	5.59	3.31	7.99	5.59
To-date/2009	1,860,294	14,819	18,053	32,872
To-date/2008	1,976,071	16,760	18,188	34,948

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.4 million head, or 0.3 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 28-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	39,361	82,016	19,778	14,365	155,520
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.44	7.02	8.30	5.50
% of total /1	25%	53%	13%	9%	100%
Last week	41,481	78,153	20,511	14,008	154,153
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.33	6.92	8.25	5.37
% of total /1	27%	51%	13%	9%	100%
Year Ago 2/	38,955	74,915	31,296	15,041	160,207
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.44	6.84	8.33	5.59
% of total /1	24%	47%	20%	9%	100%
To date/2009	479,143	945,214	264,053	171,884	1,860,294
To date/2008	526,637	951,085	298,161	200,188	1 976,071

/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 28-Mar-09
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,845	2,576	36	3	4,460
Avg Wt	16.38	38.69	25.91	33.58	29.35
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,739	2,678	33	5	4,455
Same wk yr ago	1,939	2,660	13	14	4,626
Avg Wt	16.18	38.94	26.00	26.72	29.33
To-date/2009	22,490	31,554	310	81	54,435
To-date/2008	22,961	33,380	194	121	56,656

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