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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Apr-09(THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 04/18/09	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/11/09
Broiler/fryer	156,279	153,203
Light hens	1,279	1,197
Heavy hens	1,497	1,457

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****
WEEK ENDING 11-Apr-09 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	139	0	139
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	294	0	294
Same week yr ago	333	0	333
To-date/2009	3,789	11	3,800
To-date/2008	4,468	12	4,480

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,251	1,444	2,695
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,487	1,560	3,047
Same week yr ago	1,882	1,494	3,376
To-date/2009	20,913	21,068	41,981
To-date/2008	24,338	21,176	45,514

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 11-Apr-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	148,483	1,112	1,444	2,556
Avg Wt	5.49	3.26	7.86	5.86
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	153,914	1,193	1,560	2,753
Same wk yr ago	165,977	1,549	1,494	3,043
Avg Wt	5.57	3.32	8.01	5.62
To-date/2009	2,162,691	17,124	21,057	38,181
To-date/2008	2,308,504	19,870	21,164	41,034

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 150.3 million head, or 4.9 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 11-Apr-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	43,541	69,529	21,676	13,737	148,483
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.47	7.00	8.25	5.49
% of total /1	29%	47%	15%	9%	100%
Last week	38,128	78,961	24,273	12,552	153,914
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.36	7.00	8.31	5.49
% of total /1	25%	51%	16%	8%	100%
Year Ago 2/	43,254	78,447	26,622	17,654	165,977
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.48	6.80	8.32	5.57
% of total /1	26%	47%	16%	11%	100%
To date/2009	560,812	1,093,704	310,002	198,173	2,162,691
To date/2008	612,703	1,108,696	351,954	235,151	2,308,504

/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 11-Apr-09
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,624	2,393	39	1	4,057
Avg Wt	16.56	38.37	27.00	29.53	29.53
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,873	2,634	22	5	4,534
Same wk yr ago	1,872	2,658	36	0	4,566
Avg Wt	16.43	39.03	26.66	0.00	29.67
To-date/2009	25,987	36,581	371	87	63,026
To-date/2008	26,756	38,684	267	146	65,853

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