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

	CURRENT WEEK 05/09/09	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/02/09
Broiler/fryer	159,048	162,186
Light hens	1,699	1,707
Heavy hens	1,530	1,476

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****
WEEK ENDING 02-May-09 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	391	0	319
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	414	0	414
Same week yr ago	412	11	423
To-date/2009	4,864	11	4,875
To-date/2008	5,602	30	5,632

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,847	1,266	3,113
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,578	1,679	3,257
Same week yr ago	1,638	1,767	3,405
To-date/2009	25,906	25,524	51,430
To-date/2008	29,447	26,225	55,672

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 02-May-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	157,586	1,566	1,266	2,832
Avg Wt	5.50	3.28	7.67	5.24
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	158,718	1,164	1,679	2,843
Same wk yr ago	168,654	1,226	1,756	2,982
Avg Wt	5.54	3.33	7.81	5.97
To-date/2009	2,634,003	21,042	25,513	46,555
To-date/2008	2,808,291	23,845	26,195	50,040

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.5 million head, or 0.6 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 02-May-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	39,549	78,485	26,137	13,415	157,586
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.43	6.86	9.00	5.50
% of total /1	25%	49%	17%	9%	100%
Last week	41,799	73,933	27,264	15,722	158,718
Avg Live Wgt	3.91	5.35	6.89	8.40	5.53
% of total /1	26%	47%	17%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	46,295	76,336	26,680	19,343	168,654
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.46	6.67	8.33	5.54
% of total /1	27%	45%	16%	12%	100%
To date/2009	683,748	1,319,839	386,182	244,234	2,634,003
To date/2008	747,748	1,344,576	427,616	288,351	2,808,291

/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 02-May-09
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,807	2,778	45	2	4,632
Avg Wt	16.34	37.11	31.04	57.74	28.96
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,128	2,634	38	1	4,801
Same wk yr ago	1,961	2,710	13	0	4,684
Avg Wt	16.15	38.71	23.50	0.00	29.22
To-date/2009	31,679	44,272	477	92	76,520
To-date/2008	32,708	46,874	334	159	80,075

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