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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 23-May-09(THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 05/23/09	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/16/09
Broiler/fryer	164,951	162,796
Light hens	1,553	1,569
Heavy hens	1,364	1,485

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****
WEEK ENDING 16-May-09 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	282	0	282
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	367	0	367
Same week yr ago	442	0	442
To-date/2009	5,513	11	5,524
To-date/2008	6,533	30	6,563

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,841	1,501	3,342
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,929	1,548	3,477
Same week yr ago	2,031	1,812	3,843
To-date/2009	29,566	28,573	58,139
To-date/2008	33,504	29,805	63,309

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 16-May-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	159,312	1,559	1,501	3,060
Avg Wt	5.56	3.22	7.85	5.49
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	159,004	1,562	1,548	3,110
Same wk yr ago	169,562	1,589	1,812	3,401
Avg Wt	5.49	3.26	7.88	5.72
To-date/2009	2,952,319	24,053	28,562	52,615
To-date/2008	3,147,672	26,971	29,775	56,746

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.2 million head, or 3.1 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 16-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	41,421	76,470	25,490	15,931	159,312
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.41	6.87	8.45	5.56
% of total /1	26%	48%	16%	10%	100%
Last week	41,969	77,510	23,198	16,327	159,004
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.42	6.87	8.43	5.54
% of total /1	26%	49%	15%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	45,155	82,424	23,386	18,597	169,562
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.40	6.73	8.22	5.49
% of total /1	27%	48%	14%	11%	100%
To date/2009	767,138	1,473,819	434,870	276,492	2,952,319
To date/2008	833,190	1,513,060	476,749	324,673	2,147,672

/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 16-May-09
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,006	2,749	10	6	4,771
Avg Wt	16.10	38.21	26.65	26.00	28.88
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,956	2,727	21	2	4,706
Same wk yr ago	2,450	2,430	34	25	4,939
Avg Wt	18.78	38.85	25.57	38.96	28.80
To-date/2009	35,641	49,748	508	100	85,997
To-date/2008	37,381	52,054	399	184	90,018

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