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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 30-May-09(THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 05/30/09	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/23/09
Broiler/fryer	148,620	164,951
Light hens	1,288	1,553
Heavy hens	1,199	1,364

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****
WEEK ENDING 23-May-09 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	0	0	0
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	282	0	282
Same week yr ago	253	0	253
To-date/2009	5,513	11	5,524
To-date/2008	6,786	30	6,816

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,431	1,396	2,827
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,841	1,501	3,342
Same week yr ago	1,697	1,706	3,403
To-date/2009	30,997	29,969	60,966
To-date/2008	35,201	31,511	66,712

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 23-May-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	161,125	1,431	1,396	2,827
Avg Wt	5.46	3.38	7.79	5.56
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	159,312	1,559	1,501	3,060
Same wk yr ago	167,881	1,444	1,706	3,150
Avg Wt	5.54	3.29	7.92	5.80
To-date/2009	3,113,444	25,484	29,958	55,442
To-date/2008	3,315,553	28,415	31,481	59,896

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.1 million head, or 5.2 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 23-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	36,599	94,988	17,981	11,557	161,125
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.52	6.77	8.10	5.46
% of total /1	23%	59%	11%	7%	100%
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	40,536	90,331	17,960	19,054	167,881
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.46	6.84	8.27	5.54
% of total /1	24%	54%	11%	11%	100%
To date/2009	803,737	1,568,807	452,851	288,049	3,113,444
To date/2008	873,726	1,603,391	494,709	343,727	3,315,553

/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 23-May-09
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,861	2,054	3	1	3,919
Avg Wt	16.27	37.62	20.55	41.18	27.47
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,006	2,749	10	6	4,771
Same wk yr ago	2,036	2,830	11	18	4,895
Avg Wt	16.27	38.24	24.42	28.22	29.03
To-date/2009	37,502	51,802	511	101	89,916
To-date/2008	39,417	54,884	410	202	94,913

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