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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Aug-09(THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 08/29/09	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/22/09
Broiler/fryer	169,470	165,952
Light hens	1,433	1,550
Heavy hens	1,760	1,552

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****
WEEK ENDING 22-Aug-09 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	525	0	525
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	441	0	441
Same week yr ago	373	4	377
To-date/2009*	10,254	19	10,273
To-date/2008*	11,176	50	11,226

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,937	1,531	3,468
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,742	1,763	3,505
Same week yr ago	1,774	1,879	3,653
To-date/2009*	53,081	49,648	102,729
To-date/2008*	57,674	53,630	111,304

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 22-Aug-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	163,995	1,412	1,531	2,943
Avg Wt	5.53	3.24	7.86	5.64
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	163,237	1,301	1,763	3,064
Same wk yr ago	167,350	1,401	1,875	3,276
Avg Wt	5.49	3.37	7.79	5.90
To-date/2009	5,189,706	42,827	49,629	92,456
To-date/2008	5,455,775	46,498	53,580	100,078

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.0 million head, or 6.5 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 22-Aug-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	41,447	85,232	20,412	16,904	163,995
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.46	6.96	8.32	5.53
% of total /1	25%	52%	13%	10%	100%
Last week	38,747	88,316	20,657	15,517	163,237
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.45	6.93	8.07	5.52
% of total /1	24%	54%	13%	9%	100%
Year Ago 2/	42,652	80,292	27,612	16,794	167,350
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.44	6.79	8.13	5.49
% of total /1	25%	48%	17%	10%	100%
To date/2009	1,341,235	2,610,071	735,329	503,071	5,189,706
To date/2008	1,416,109	2,655,914	807,433	576,319	5,455,775

/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 22-Aug-09
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,018	2,626	6	6	4,656
Avg Wt	16.86	36.81	23.82	29.90	28.14
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,017	2,658	26	16	4,717
Same wk yr ago	2,111	2,896	66	2	5,075
Avg Wt	16.42	37.30	23.86	57.17	28.45
To-date/2009	63,735	85,380	760	190	150,065
To-date/2008	66,314	91,087	834	329	158,564

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