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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Sep-09(THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 09/26/09	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/19/09
Broiler/fryer	163,323	166,578
Light hens	1,510	1,326
Heavy hens	1,586	1,525

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****
WEEK ENDING 19-Sep-09 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	401	0	401
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	390	0	390
Same week yr ago	329	0	329
To-date/2009*	47,693	19	11,745
To-date/2008*	51,366	50	12,338

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,604	1,608	3,212
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,508	1,341	2,742
Same week yr ago	1,508	1,890	3,398
To-date/2009*	59,419	55,654	115,073
To-date/2008*	63,654	60,521	124,175

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 19-Sep-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	163,511	1,203	1,608	2,811
Avg Wt	5.57	3.14	7.82	5.82
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	148,041	1,011	1,341	2,352
Same wk yr ago	165,893	1,179	1,890	3,069
Avg Wt	5.56	3.13	7.76	5.98
To-date/2009	5,831,921	47,693	55,635	103,328
To-date/2008	6,102,913	51,366	60,471	111,837

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.5 million head, or 7.1 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 19-Sep-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	35,539	88,111	19,789	20,072	163,511
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.36	6.81	8.20	5.57
% of total /1	22%	54%	12%	12%	100%
Last week	37,639	73,596	19,045	17,761	148,041
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.31	6.74	8.24	5.54
% of total /1	25%	47%	13%	12%	100%
Year Ago 2/	39,428	78,371	27,591	20,503	165,893
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.31	6.73	8.15	5.56
% of total /1	24%	47%	17%	12%	100%
To date/2009	1,489,292	2,943,911	823,741	574,897	5,831,921
To date/2008	1,578,107	2,962,933	905,340	656,533	6,102,913

/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 19-Sep-09
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,901	2,773	42	15	4,731
Avg Wt	16.88	36.88	25.37	28.69	28.72
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,644	2,302	24	2	3,972
Same wk yr ago	2,072	2,801	59	6	4,938
Avg Wt	16.63	37.57	25.05	29.37	28.62
To-date/2009	71,135	95,877	890	217	168,119
To-date/2008	74,154	101,552	1,009	367	177,082

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