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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Oct-09(THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 10/24/09	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/17/09
Broiler/fryer	168,057	165,043
Light hens	1,257	1,265
Heavy hens	1,538	1,581

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****
WEEK ENDING 17-Oct-09 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	188	0	188
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	294	8	302
Same week yr ago	215	0	215
To-date/2009*	12,814	43	12,857
To-date/2008*	13,382	50	13,432

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,308	1,564	2,872
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,659	1,625	3,284
Same week yr ago	1,496	1,803	3,299
To-date/2009*	65,673	62,008	127,681
To-date/2008*	69,863	67,638	137,501

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 17-Oct-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	160,360	1,120	1,564	2,684
Avg Wt	5.69	3.24	7.82	5.91
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	161,582	1,365	1,617	2,982
Same wk yr ago	161,915	1,281	1,803	3,084
Avg Wt	5.62	3.25	7.83	5.93
To-date/2009	6,475,234	52,859	61,965	114,824
To-date/2008	6,757,988	56,481	67,588	124,069

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.3 million head, or 5.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 17-Oct-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	33,107	85,987	21,156	20,110	160,360
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.40	6.87	8.70	5.69
% of total /1	21%	54%	13%	12%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	34,721	79,695	23,799	23,367	161,582
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.42	6.72	8.48	5.72
% of total /1	22%	49%	15%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/	36,593	76,792	29,358	19,172	161,915
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.31	6.82	8.28	5.62
% of total /1	23%	47%	18%	12%	100%
To date/2009*	1,631,133	3,276,513	912,375	655,213	6,475,234
To date/2008*	1,726,531	3,274,824	1,020,883	735,750	6,757,988

/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 17-Oct-09
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,656	2,822	22	10	4,510
Avg Wt	17.20	37.28	26.22	27.83	29.83
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,642	2,793	21	4	4,460
Same wk yr ago	1,882	2,959	17	3	4,861
Avg Wt	16.61	37.93	26.50	29.32	29.63
To-date/2009*	77,814	107,210	997	278	186,299
To-date/2008*	81,812	113,283	1,235	404	196,734

*Note: Year-to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

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