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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Oct-09(THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 10/31/09	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/24/09
Broiler/fryer	167,531	168,057
Light hens	1,215	1,257
Heavy hens	1,488	1,538

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****
WEEK ENDING 24-Oct-09 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	185	0	185
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	188	0	188
Same week yr ago	171	12	183
To-date/2009*	12,999	43	13,042
To-date/2008*	13,553	62	13,615

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,313	1,531	2,844
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,308	1,564	2,872
Same week yr ago	1,488	1,638	3,126
To-date/2009*	66,986	63,539	130,525
To-date/2008*	71,351	69,276	140,627

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 24-Oct-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	160,963	1,128	1,531	2,659
Avg Wt	5.62	3.16	7.69	5.77
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	160,360	1,120	1,564	2,684
Same wk yr ago	163,319	1,317	1,626	2,943
Avg Wt	5.57	3.25	7.74	5.73
To-date/2009	6,636,197	53,987	63,496	117,483
To-date/2008	6,921,307	57,798	69,214	127,012

(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 162.9 million head, or 6.5 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 24-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	38,181	78,029	24,138	20,615	160,963
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.40	6.69	8.39	5.62
% of total /1	24%	48%	15%	13%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	37,680	76,046	30,894	18,699	163,319
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.33	6.73	8.25	5.57
% of total /1	23%	47%	19%	11%	100%
To date/2009*	1,669,314	3,354,542	936,513	675,828	6,636,197
To date/2008*	1,764,211	3,350,870	1,051,777	754,449	6,921,307

/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 24-Oct-09
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,075	2,991	24	15	5,105
Avg Wt	17.10	34.99	28.15	29.32	27.67
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,656	2,822	22	10	4,510
Same wk yr ago	2,317	2,975	39	16	5,347
Avg Wt	17.29	38.18	26.96	27.06	29.01
To-date/2009*	79,889	110,201	1,021	293	191,404
To-date/2008*	84,129	116,258	1,274	420	202,081

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

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