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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Dec-09(THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/05/09	11/28/09
Broiler/fryer	156,646	124,922
Light hens	1,177	646
Heavy hens	1,357	605

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA ***DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING***

WEEK ENDING 28-Nov-09 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	292	0	292
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	463	0	463
Same week yr ago	290	0	290
To-date/2009*	14,466	43	14,509
To-date/2008*	14,728	69	14,797

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,075	923	1,998
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,688	1,376	3,064
Same week yr ago	1,122	1,104	2,226
To-date/2009*	74,025	70,608	144,633
To-date/2008*	78,739	76,978	155,717

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 28-Nov-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	121,430	783	923	1,706
Avg Wt	5.58	3.26	7.56	5.59
Head sltr compariso	ons			
Last week	157,644	1,225	1,376	2,601
Same wk yr ago	116,875	832	1,104	1,936
Avg Wt	5.56	3.31	7.65	5.78
To-date/2009*	7,394,531	59,559	70,565	130,124
To-date/2008*	7,680,272	64,011	76,909	140,920

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 146.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 122.9 million head, or 23.3 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 28-Nov-09

	(A) 4.25 lbs	(B) 4.26 -	(C) 6.26 -	(D) 7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	33,200 3.87	59,703 5.52	10,083 6.64	18,444 8.32	121,430 5.58
Avg Live Wgt % of total /1	27%	50%	8%	15%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	39,651	77,005	22,923	18,085	157,664
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.35	6.62	8.35	5.50
% of total /1	25%	49%	15%	11%	100%
Year Ago 2/	29,219	53,763	17,531	16,362	116,875
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.35	6.88	8.51	5.56
% of total /1	25%	46%	15%	14%	100%
To date/2009*	1,855,852	3,725,536	1,035,155	777,008	7,393,551
To date/2008*	1,965,766	3,699,678	1,161,599	850,229	7,677,272

- /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 28-Nov-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	870	1,682	7	0	2,559
Avg Wt	14.10	38.66	26.88	0.00	30.28
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,865	3,111	10	0	4,986
Same wk yr ago	1,101	1,781	8	8	2,898
Avg Wt	16.60	39.72	27.35	27.53	30.87
To-date/2009*	89,894	124,030	1,114	297	215,335
To-date/2008*	95,727	129,749	1,363	442	227,281

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

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.