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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 13-Mar-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/13/10	03/06/10
Broiler/fryer	161,830	158,860
Light hens	1,637	1,300
Heavy hens	1,479	1,296

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

NOTE: *** WEEK ENDING 06-Mar-10 (THOUSAND HEAD) *******

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	239	23	262
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	217	21	238
Same week yr ago	386	0	386
To-date/2010*	2,979	44	3,023
To-date/2009*	2,407	11	2,418

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,573	1,279	2,852
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,559	1,265	2,824
Same week yr ago	1,455	1,449	2,904
To-date/2010*	14,497	10,553	25,050
To-date/2009*	12,064	12,209	24,273

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 06-Mar-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	158,789	1,179	1,286	2,465
Avg Wt	5.60	3.16	7.70	5.53
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	158,311	1,356	1,258	2,614
Same wk yr ago	153,409	1,183	1,430	2,613
Avg Wt	5.53	3.21	7.81	5.73
To-date/2010*	1,427,121	12,936	11,818	24,754
To-date/2009*	1,396,841	11,226	13,628	24,854

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.7 million head, or 3.8 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 06-Mar-10

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	37,263	80,770	17,967	22,789	158,789
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.35	6.80	8.42	5.60
% of total /1	23%	51%	12%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	44,858	74,436	18,620	20,397	158,311
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.41	6.66	8.73	5.49
% of total /1	28%	47%	12%	13%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	37,736 3.85	80,808 5.37	21,205 7.06	13,660 8.73	153,409 5.53
% of total /1	25%	52%	14%	9%	100%
To date/2010*	363,310	716,863	172,073	174,875	1,427,121
To date/2009*	352,411	710,872	202,736	130,822	1,396,841

/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 06-Mar-10
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,706	2,605	29	8	4,348
Avg Wt	16.70	38.08	26.70	31.57	29.61
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,674	2,535	20	4	4,233
Same wk yr ago	1,970	2,631	8	3	4,612
Avg Wt	16.42	38.44	24.42	23.73	29.00
To-date/2010*	15,923	22,690	252	65	38,930
To-date/2009*	17,163	23,628	214	70	41,075

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

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