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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Apr-10(THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	
	158,527	160,719	
Light hens	1,821	1,588	
Heavy hens	1,275	1,273	

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

NOTE:	****	WEEK	ENDING 27-Mar-10	THOUSAND HEAD) ****
	LIGHT	HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	224		24	248
Head sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	442		0	442
Same week yr ago	368		0	368
To-date/2010*	4,110		80	4,190
To-date/2009*	3,355		11	3,366

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

Head	LIGHT HENS 1,682	HEAVY HENS 1,305	TOTAL 2,987
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,908	1,426	3,334
Same week yr ago	1,565	1,471	3,036
To-date/2010*	21,452	16,124	37,576
To-date/2009*	18,174	18,064	36,238

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 27-Mar-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	157,866	1,458	1,281	2,739
Avg Wt	5.54	3.46	7.78	5.48
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	159,740	1,466	1,426	2,892
Same wk yr ago	155,520	1,197	1,471	2,668
Avg Wt	5.50	3.25	7.75	5.73
To-date/2010*	1,903,796	17,342	16,044	33,386
To-date/2009*	1,860,294	14,819	18,053	32,872

(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 159.8 million head, or 2.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 27-Mar-10

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
	4.25 lbs & down	4.26 - 6.25 lbs	6.26 - 7.75 lbs	7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	42,712	70,337	24,723	20,094	157,866
Avg Live Wgt	3.79	5.45	6.64	8.21	5.54
% of total /1	27%	44%	16%	13%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	40,585	78,825	19,038	21,292	159,740
Avg Live Wgt	3.92	5.46	6.64	8.20	5.58
% of total /1	25%	49%	13%	13%	100%
Year Ago 2/	39,361	82,016	19,778	14,365	155,520
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.44	7.02	8.30	5.50
% of total /1	25%	53%	13%	9%	100%
To date/2010* To date/2009*	484,697	945,273	236,866	236,960	1,903,796
	479,143	945,214	264,053	171,884	1,860,294

^{/1} May not total to 100% due to rounding.

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 27-Mar-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,817	2,493	12	2	4,324
Avg Wt	17.22	39.34	24.48	59.71	30.01
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,849	2,580	9	13	4,451
Same wk yr ago	1,845	2,576	36	3	4,460
Avg Wt	16.38	38.69	25.91	33.58	29.35
To-date/2010*	21,436	30,262	294	90	52,082
To-date/2009*	22,490	31,554	310	81	54,435

^{*}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.

^{/2} Comparable week.