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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Dec-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
Broiler/fryer	170,096 (2)	168,456
Light hens	1,762	1,195
Heavy hens	1,660	1,619

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

**\*\*\*DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING\*\*\***

<b>NOTE:</b>	***** WEEK ENDING 11-Dec-10 THOUSAND HEAD)*****		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	369	12	381
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	466	0	466
Same week yr ago	509	0	509
To-date/2010*	16,729	542	17,271
To-date/2009*	15,483	43	15,526

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,546	1,606	3,152
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,509	1,503	3,012
Same week yr ago	1,911	1,412	3,323
To-date/2010*	83,099	69,938	153,037
To-date/2009*	77,503	73,403	150,906

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 11-Dec-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	166,590	1,177	1,594	2,771	417
Avg Wt	5.69	3.58	8.13	6.20	6.59
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	164,288	1,043	1,503	2,546	391
Same wk yr ago	158,204	1,402	1,412	2,814	425
Avg Wt	5.65	3.29	7.78	5.54	6.85
To-date/2010*	7,904,749	66,370	69,396	135,766	20,657
To-date/2009*	7,712,977	62,020	73,360	135,380	20,130

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.6 million head, or 14.7 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 11-Dec-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	40,980	67,826	31,168	26,616	166,590
Avg Live Wgt	3.61	5.41	6.67	8.47	5.69
% of total /1	24%	41%	19%	16%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	32,390	68,321	37,334	26,243	164,288
Avg Live Wgt	3.91	5.35	6.65	8.46	5.86
% of total /1	20%	41%	23%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	32,381 3.86	78,483 5.45	22,269 6.75	25,071 8.54	158,204 5.65
% of total /1	20%	50%	14%	16%	100%
To date/2010*	1,901,136	3,752,922	1,287,699	962,992	7,904,749
To date/2009*	1,922,621	3,886,192	1,080,263	823,901	7,712,977

/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 11-Dec-10  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	2,018	2,742	23	5	4,788
Avg Wt	16.59	38.48	25.77	35.10	29.19
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,982	2,579	54	18	4,633
Same wk yr ago	2,277	2,661	21	3	4,962
Avg Wt	16.20	38.20	25.06	39.28	28.05
To-date/2010*	91,424	127,785	1,077	356	220,642
To-date/2009*	94,312	129,280	1,150	307	225,049

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

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