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## ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Mar-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
Broiler/fryer	159,886 (2)	163,126
Light hens	1,643	1,559
Heavy hens	1,508	1,507

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

NOTE:	**** WEEK	ENDING 19-Mar-11	THOUSAND HEAD) ****
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	420	0	420
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	448	0	448
Same week yr ago	442	0	442
To-date/2011*	4,207	96	4,303
To-date/2010*	3,886	56	3,942

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

Hond	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,843	1,498	3 <b>,</b> 341
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,046	1,476	3,522
Same week yr ago	1,908	1,426	3,334
To-date/2011*	20,307	16 <b>,</b> 667	36 <b>,</b> 974
To-date/2010*	19,770	14,819	34,589

## LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 19-Mar-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	
	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks
		Thousands			
Head	160,009	1,423	1,498	2,921	472
Avg Wt	5.65	3.21	7.86	5.59	6.86
Head sltr comparis	ons				
Last week	157,830	1,598	1,476	3,074	431
Same wk yr ago	159,740	1,466	1,426	2,892	400
Avg Wt	5.58	3.19	7.62	5.37	6.86
To-date/2011*	1,754,747	16,100	16,571	32,671	4,959
To-date/2010*	1,745,930	15,884	14,763	30,647	4,494

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.7 million head, or 1.6 million more than estimated available.

## YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 19-Mar-11

	A	В	С	D	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	39,167	77,076	21,137	22,629	160,009
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.44	6.84	8.34	5.65
% of total /1	25%	48%	13%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	41,334	68,219	26,297	21,980	157,830
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.41	6.71	8.46	5.63
% of total /1	26%	43%	17%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/	40,585	78 <b>,</b> 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%
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To date/2011*	419,361	796,118	281,926	257,342	1,754,747
To date/2010*	441,985	874,936	212,143	216,866	1,745,930

<sup>/1</sup> 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 19-Mar-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkevs
Head	1,789	2,516	22	12	4,339
Avg Wt	16.63	39.13	24.63	27.66	29.75
Head sltr comparisons	3				
Last week	1,684	2,586	54	13	4,337
Same wk yr ago	1,849	2,580	9	13	4,451
Avg Wt	16.84	38.42	27.16	31.06	29.60
To-date/2011*	19,140	27 <b>,</b> 724	214	73	47,151
To-date/2010*	19,619	27 <b>,</b> 769	282	88	47 <b>,</b> 758

\*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.

<sup>/2</sup> Comparable week.