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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 07-May-11(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
Broiler/fryer	154,626 (2)	159,256
Light hens	1,604	1,648
Heavy hens	1,543	1,474

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****
NOTE: ********* WEEK ENDING 30-Apr**-11** THOUSAND HEAD)*****

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	312	20	332
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	411	12	423
Same week yr ago	470	11	481
To-date/2011*	6,586	153	6,739
To-date/2010*	5,875	126	6,001

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,888	1,524	3,412
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,930	1,399	3,329
Same week yr ago	1,873	1,421	3,294
To-date/2011*	31,145	25,144	56,289
To-date/2010*	30,833	22,717	53,550

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 30-Apr-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	----------Thousands----------				
Head	156,149	1,576	1,504	3,080	426
Avg Wt	5.80	3.17	8.37	5.71	6.91
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	154,657	1,519	1,387	2,906	431
Same wk yr ago	163,557	1,403	1,410	2,813	450
Avg Wt	5.68	3.20	7.88	5.55	6.72
To-date/2011*	2,706,199	24,559	24,991	49,550	7,586
To-date/2010*	2,708,144	24,958	22,591	47,549	6,990

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.0 million head, or 2.4 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 30-Apr-11

	A 4.25 lbs & down	B 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	C 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	D 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	34,326	65,152	27,368	29,303	156,149
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.36	6.77	8.54	5.80
% of total /1	22%	42%	17%	19%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	36,818	63,792	30,153	23,894	154,657
Avg Live Wgt	3.92	5.45	6.79	8.60	5.83
% of total /1	24%	41%	20%	15%	100%
Year Ago 2/	39,224	74,399	28,808	21,126	163,557
Avg Live Wgt	3.92	5.43	6.74	8.39	5.68
% of total /1	24%	45%	18%	13%	100%
To date/2011*	639,534	1,207,350	454,296	405,019	2,706,199
To date/2010*	681,764	1,324,275	358,248	343,857	2,708,144

/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 30-Apr-11
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,803	2,621	18	4	4,446
Avg Wt	16.70	39.41	26.68	41.71	30.15
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,592	2,475	13	4	4,084
Same wk yr ago	1,583	2,766	15	4	4,368
Avg Wt	16.41	37.89	24.65	47.41	28.96
To-date/2011*	29,678	43,023	361	119	73,181
To-date/2010*	30,112	42,937	388	109	73,546

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

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