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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**FOR WEEK ENDING 21-May-11(THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	166,304 (2)	163,199
Light hens	1,641	1,725
Heavy hens	1,423	1,409

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

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

**NOTE:**      **\*\*\*\*\* WEEK ENDING 14-May-11 THOUSAND HEAD)\*\*\*\*\***

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	542	0	542
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	499	0	499
Same week yr ago	426	12	438
To-date/2011*	7,627	153	7,780
To-date/2010*	6,869	138	7,007

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	2,164	1,361	3,525
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,044	1,563	3,607
Same week yr ago	1,829	1,480	3,309
To-date/2011*	35,353	28,068	63,421
To-date/2010*	34,811	25,671	60,482

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 14-May-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	165,491	1,622	1,361	2,983	424
Avg Wt	5.85	3.35	8.00	5.47	6.83
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	159,052	1,545	1,563	3,108	417
Same wk yr ago	161,500	1,403	1,468	2,871	444
Avg Wt	5.58	3.18	7.72	5.50	6.88
To-date/2011*	3,030,742	27,726	27,915	55,641	8,427
To-date/2010*	3,035,308	27,942	25,533	53,475	7,856

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.5 million head, or 4.4 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 14-May-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	33,557	70,913	34,908	26,113	165,491
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.41	6.83	8.42	5.85
% of total /1	20%	43%	21%	16%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	34,884	67,067	34,636	22,465	159,052
Avg Live Wgt	3.77	5.49	6.78	8.37	5.79
% of total /1	22%	42%	22%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	40,761 3.72	69,455 5.41	31,420 6.70	19,864 8.28	161,500 5.58
% of total /1	25%	43%	20%	12%	100%
To date/2011*	707,975	1,345,330	523,840	453,597	3,030,742
To date/2010*	762,027	1,467,229	422,959	383,093	3,035,308

/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 14-May-2011

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,812	2,740	34	3	4,589
Avg Wt	16.80	39.61	27.00	51.14	30.52
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,829	2,642	18	7	4,496
Same wk yr ago	1,828	2,563	19	7	4,417
Avg Wt	17.14	38.57	24.62	27.81	28.88
To-date/2011*	33,319	48,405	414	129	82,267
To-date/2010*	33,696	48,071	425	125	82,317

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

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