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# ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION` ` FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Dec-11(THOUSAND HEAD)

	Current Week	Previous Week		
Class				
Broiler/fryer	125,094 (2)	141,721		
Light hens	1,331	959		
Heavy hens	1,386	1,687		

### U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA WEEK ENDING 24-DEC-11 THOUSAND HEAD

	LIGHT HENS		HEAVY HENS		TOTAL	
SOURCE:	AGRICULTURE	CANADA,	POULTRY	DEVELOPMENT	DIVISION	
	Light		Heavy		Total	
	Hens		Hens		Hens	
Head	165			0		165
Head sltr Comparisons						
Last Week	191			0		191
Same week yr ago	300			0		300
To-date/2011*	16,725		4	74	17,	199
To-date/2010*	17,318		5.	50	17,	868

#### Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

	Light	Heavy	Total	
	Hens	Hens	Hens	
Head	1,146	1,611	2,757	
Head sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	1,682	1,574	3,256	
Same week yr ago	1,597	1,072	2,669	
To-date/2011*	84,675	78,690	163,365	
To-date/2010*	86,623	72,675	159,298	

# LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 24-DEC-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	136,566	981	1,611	2,592	398
Avg Wt	5.62	3.27	7.61	5.97	6.86
Head sltr comparis	ons				
Last week	148,975	1,491	1,574	3,065	451
Same wk yr ago	134,724	1,297	1,072	2,369	388
Avg Wt	5.71	3.00	8.02	5.27	6.84
To-date/2011*	7,959,527	67,950	78,216	146,166	21,903

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 141.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 138.2 million head, or 3.1 million less than estimated available.

## YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 24-DEC-11

	A	В	C	D	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	30,544	65,095	25,667	15,260	136,566
Avg Live Wgt	3.55	5.43	6.86	8.47	5.62
% of total /1	22%	48%	19%	11%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	38,356	65,362	21,516	23,741	148,975
Avq Live Wqt	3.67	5.45	6.88	8.30	5.65
% of total /1	26%	44%	14%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/	36,337	57,315	20,658	20,414	134,724
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.53	6.75	8.43	5.71
% of total /1	27%	43%	15%	15%	100%
To date/2011*	1,823,128	3,421,063	1,516,369	1,198,967	7,959,527
To date/2010*	1,976,544	3,877,836	1,343,478	1,005,635	8,203,493

<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 24-DEC-2011

	Young	Young	Young	Old	Total
Head	1,314	2,205	20	15	3,554
Avg Wt	15.93	40.50	25.81	28.22	31.28
Head sltr comparison	S				
Last week	1,569	2,454	20	25	4,068
Same wk yr ago	1,404	2,050	7	1	3,462
Avg Wt	16.48	39.43	27.00	59.28	30.50
To-date/2011*	94,703	131,321	1,116	445	227,585
To-date/2010*	94,667	132,459	1,100	369	228,595

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.

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