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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION` `
FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Mar-12(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	151,601 (2)	151,968
Light hens	1,860	1,824
Heavy hens	1,307	1,474

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 10-Mar-12 THOUSAND HEAD

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION			
	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	Hens
Head	334	0	334

Head sltr Comparisons

Last Week	418	0	418
Same week yr ago	448	0	448
To-date/2012*	2,814	36	2,850
To-date/2011*	3,787	96	3,883

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

	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	Hens
Head	2,021	1,395	3,416

Head sltr Comparisons

Last Week	1,764	1,451	3,215
Same week yr ago	2,046	1,476	3,522
To-date/2012*	18,039	15,253	33,292
To-date/2011*	18,464	15,169	33,633

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 10-Mar-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	Ducks
	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	
Head	150,226	1,687	1,395	3,082	440
Avg Wt	5.79	3.39	7.89	5.43	6.83
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	151,684	1,346	1,451	2,797	474
Same wk yr ago	157,830	1,598	1,476	3,074	431
Avg Wt	5.63	3.09	7.99	5.44	6.90
To-date/2012*	1,492,190	15,225	15,217	30,442	4,285
To-date/2011*	1,594,738	14,677	15,073	29,750	4,487

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 152.1 million

head, or 0.7 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 10-Mar-12

	A 4.25 lbs & down	B 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	C 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	D 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	36,099	64,870	24,540	24,717	150,226
Avg Live Wgt	3.79	5.49	6.70	8.58	5.79
% of total /1	24%	43%	16%	17%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	35,282	64,654	27,921	23,827	151,684
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.44	6.74	8.50	5.78
% of total /1	23%	43%	18%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/	41,334	68,219	26,297	21,980	157,830
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.41	6.71	8.46	5.63
% of total /1	26%	43%	17%	14%	100%
To date/2012*	351,145	643,843	270,723	226,479	1,492,190
To date/2011*	380,194	719,042	260,789	234,713	1,594,738

/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 10-Mar-2012

	Young	Young	Young	Old	Total
Head	1,734	2,559	39	9	4,341
Avg Wt	17.16	40.91	27.64	31.21	31.28
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,814	2,400	14	7	4,235
Same wk yr ago	1,684	2,586	54	13	4,337
Avg Wt	17.24	39.06	24.73	27.79	30.24
To-date/2012*	17,048	24,537	227	82	41,894
To-date/2011*	17,351	25,208	192	61	42,812

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