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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION ` FOR WEEK ENDING 28-Apr-12(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	Thousand he	ead
Broiler/fryer	152,091 (2)	155,261
Light hens	2,061	2,046
Heavy hens	1,439	1,500

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA WEEK ENDING 21-Apr-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Head	LIGHT HENS 447	HEAVY HENS 0	TOTAL HENS 447
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	309	0	309
Same week yr ago	411	12	423
To-date/2012*	4,913	36	4,949
To-date/2011*	6,320	133	6,453

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

	TOTAL U.S.	FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE	E U.S. and CANADA
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	2,416	1,483	3,899
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,137	1,402	3,539
Same week yr ago	1,930	1,399	3,329
To-date/2012*	30,894	23,496	54,390
To-date/2011*	29,303	23,620	52,923

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 21-Apr-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	
	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks
Head	154,825	1,969	1,483	3,452	389
Avg Wt	5.72	3.14	7.92	5.19	6.86
Head sltr compar:	isons				
Last week	153,060	1,828	1,402	3,230	404
Same wk yr ago	154,657	1,519	1,387	2,906	431
Avg Wt	5.83	3.26	8.18	5.61	6.75
To-date/2012*	2,401,246	25,981	23,460	49,441	6,738
To-date/2011*	2,550,050	22.983	23,487	46,470	7,160

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.7 million head, or 3.3 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 21-Apr-12

	A 4.25 lbs	В 4.26 -	C 6.26 -	D 7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	40,216	63,191	28,854	22,564	154,825
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.41	6.80	8.54	5.72
% of total /1	26%	41%	19%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	35,181	65,332	32,611	19,936	153,060
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.47	6.85	8.55	5.79
% of total /1	23%	43%	21%	13%	100%
Year Ago 2/	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%
To date/2012*	577,083	1,030,764	434,401	358,998	2,401,246
To date/2011*	605,208	1,142,198	426,928	375,716	2,550,050

^{/1} 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 21-Apr-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,992	2,610	28	2	4,632
Avg Wt	16.19	40.62	25.10	39.68	30.02
Head sltr comparisons	S				
Last week	1,926	2,516	20	6	4,468
Same wk yr ago	1,592	2,475	13	4	4,084
Avg Wt	17.16	38.71	22.50	42.24	28.58
To-date/2012*	28,393	39,701	337	108	68,539
To-date/2011*	27,875	40,402	343	115	68,735

^{*}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.

^{/2} Comparable week.