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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

**FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Jul-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	164,620 (2)	157,299
Light hens	1,407	1,479
Heavy hens	1,739	1,957

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**  
**WEEK ENDING 14-Jul-12**  
**(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	119	0	119
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	119	0	119
Same week yr ago	271	13	284
To-date/2012*	8,168	36	8,204
To-date/2011*	10,723	285	11,008

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. and CANADA**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,515	1,853	3,368
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,105	1,647	2,752
Same week yr ago	1,661	1,566	3,227
To-date/2012*	53,298	43,381	96,679
To-date/2011*	49,792	42,837	92,629

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 14-Jul-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	156,299	1,396	1,853	3,249	472
Avg Wt	5.56	3.28	7.72	5.81	5.92
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	142,699	986	1,647	2,633	370
Same wk yr ago	159,646	1,390	1,553	2,943	428
Avg Wt	5.78	3.21	7.66	5.56	5.56
To-date/2012*	4,245,174	45,130	43,345	88,475	11,682
To-date/2011*	4,467,878	39,069	42,252	81,321	12,169

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.2 million head, or 1.1 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 14-July-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	38,031	73,471	17,674	27,123	156,299
Avg Live Wgt	3.61	5.34	6.61	8.23	5.56
% of total /1	29%	41%	16%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	41,034	58,618	23,204	19,843	142,699
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.48	6.89	8.32	5.65
% of total /1	29%	41%	16%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	39,458 3.82	67,596 5.48	28,794 6.83	23,798 8.59	159,646 5.78
% of total /1	25%	42%	18%	15%	100%
To date/2012*	1,038,131	1,795,501	767,464	644,078	4,245,174
To date/2011*	1,023,296	1,946,906	814,800	682,876	4,467,878

/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-Jul-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,778	2,430	45	0	4,253
Avg Wt	16.48	38.23	26.68	0.00	29.01
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,575	2,316	26	2	3,919
Same wk yr ago	1,983	2,633	23	15	4,654
Avg Wt	16.43	38.39	27.33	24.24	28.93
To-date/2012*	50,470	70,655	604	190	121,919
To-date/2011*	50,127	71,781	588	202	122,698

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