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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Oct-12(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class		Thousand	head	
Broiler/fryer	155,110	(2)		155,849
Light hens	1,233			1,438
Heavy hens	1,532			1,530

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA WEEK ENDING 13-Oct-2012

(THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	
Head	291	0	291	
Head sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	195	0	195	
Same week yr ago	244	13	257	
To-date/2012*	11,159	36	11,195	
To-date/2011*	14,345	398	14,743	

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

Head	Light Hens 1,571	Heavy Hens 1,545	Total Hens 3,116
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,579	1,602	3,181
Same week yr ago	1,493	1,723	3,216
To-date/2012*	73,684	66,828	140,512
To-date/2011*	70,293	64,177	134,470

^{*}Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 13-Oct-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	
	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks
		Thousands			
Head	154,969	1,280	1,545	2,825	458
Avg Wt	5.86	3.34	8.16	5.98	6.89
Head sltr comparia	sons				
Last week	154,442	1,384	1,602	2,986	405
Same wk yr ago	150,088	1,249	1,710	2,959	434
Avg Wt	5.86	3.22	7.77	5.85	6.74
To-date/2012*	6,257,782	62,525	66,792	129,317	16,987
To-date/2011*	6,501,074	55,948	63,779	119,727	17,723

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.9 million head, or 5.1 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 13-Oct-2012

	A	B	C	D	
	4.25 lbs & down	4.26 - 6.25 lbs	6.26 - 7.75 lbs	7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	36,697	55,260	36,599	26,412	154,969
Avg Live Wgt	3.65	5.40	6.82	8.53	5.86
% of total /1	22%	38%	21%	19%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	34,477	57,897	32,936	29,132	154,442
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.41	6.85	8.60	5.97
% of total /1	22%	38%	21%	19%	100%
Year Ago 2/	31,344	56,377	41,492	20,875	150,088
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.33	6.77	8.50	5.86
% of total /1	21%	37%	28%	14%	100%
To date/2012*	1,525,842	2,605,264	1,172,599	954,076	6,257,782
To date/2011*	1,488,744	2,792,180	1,254,346	965,804	6,501,074

^{/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 13-Oct-2012

	Young	Young	Young	Old	Total
	Hens	Toms	Breeders	Breeders	Turkeys
Head	1,669	2,747	42	0	4,458
Avg Wt	16.69	38.93	26.12	0.00	30.48
Head sltr comparison	S				
Last week	1,760	2,863	69	8	4,700
Same wk yr ago	1,970	2,597	24	5	4,596
Avg Wt	16.44	38.43	25.39	31.17	28.93
To-date/2012*	73,418	105,726	1,074	320	180,538
To-date/2011*	74,566	105,472	868	282	181,188

*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.