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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Mar-13(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	---------- Thousand head ---------	
Broiler/fryer	157,242 (2)	154,574
Light hens	1,788	1,603
Heavy hens	1,424	1,320

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 16-Marb-2013
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	373	0	373
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	418	0	418
Same week yr ago	386	0	386
To-date/2013*	3,426	0	3,426
To-date/2012*	3,200	36	3,236

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,811	1,333	3,144
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,852	1,309	3,161
Same week yr ago	2,138	1,332	3,470
To-date/2013*	20,323	15,426	35,749
To-date/2012*	20,177	16,585	36,762

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

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 16-Mar-13 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	----------Thousands----------				
Head	151,262	1,438	1,333	2,771	414
Avg Wt	5.86	3.25	7.80	5.44	6.46
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	153,392	1,434	1,309	2,743	361
Same wk yr ago	153,056	1,752	1,332	3,084	408
Avg Wt	5.74	3.07	8.10	5.24	6.47
To-date/2013*	1,663,289	16,535	14,961	31,496	4,265
To-date/2012*	1,645,246	16,977	16,549	33,526	4,693

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 153.1 million head, or 0.6 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 16-Mar-2013

	A 4.25 lbs & down	B 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	C 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	D 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	40,492	52,157	31,657	26,956	151,262
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.48	6.83	8.53	5.86
% of total /1	27%	34%	21%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	36,987	59,660	30,932	25,813	153,392
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.37	6.80	8.59	5.83
% of total /1	24%	39%	20%	17%	100%
Year Ago 2/	38,346	64,800	25,166	24,744	153,056
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.41	6.72	8.55	5.74
% of total /1	25%	42%	16%	16%	100%
To date/2013*	416,642	613,887	336,133	296,627	1,663,289
To date/2012*	389,491	708,643	295,889	251,223	1,645,246
% Change YTD	7%	-13%	14%	18%	1%

/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 16-Mar-2013

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,614	2,517	5	14	4,150
Avg Wt	17.31	40.72	28.05	27.72	31.56
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,740	2,546	25	2	4,313
Same wk yr ago	1,828	2,610	10	2	4,450
Avg Wt	16.94	40.73	25.89	68.00	30.94
To-date/2013*	18,446	27,483	247	184	46,360
To-date/2012*	18,876	27,147	237	84	46,344

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

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