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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Mar-14 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	04/05/14 (1)	03/29/14
Class	-----	-----
	Thousand head	-----
Broiler/fryer	159,339 (2)	153,651
Light hens	1,710	1,850
Heavy hens	1,628	1,604
Total	162,677	157,105

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 29-Mar-2014
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	635	0	635
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	404	0	404
Same week yr ago	269	0	269
To-date/2014*	4,579	0	4,579
To-date/2013*	4,301	0	4,301

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	1,907	1,460	3,367
Head			
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,756	1,413	3,169
Same week yr ago	2,102	1,480	3,582
To-date/2014*	23,891	18,800	42,691
To-date/2013*	24,709	18,223	42,932

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 29-Mar-2014 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	150,843	1,272	1,460	2,732	351
Avg Wt	5.60	3.44	8.22	5.99	6.46
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	151,931	1,352	1,413	2,765	411
Same wk yr ago	149,707	1,833	1,480	3,313	419
Avg Wt	5.64	3.08	7.87	5.22	6.84
To-date/2014*	1,954,036	19,312	18,800	38,112	5,702
To-date/2013*	1,967,135	20,046	17,758	37,804	5,106

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 152.7 million head, or 1.1 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 29-Mar-2014

	A 4.25 lbs & down	B 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	C 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	D 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	45,910	53,738	26,888	24,307	150,843
Avg Live Wgt	3.52	5.30	6.76	8.88	5.60
% of total /1	30%	36%	18%	16%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	40,022	55,958	28,144	27,807	151,931
Avg Live Wgt	3.62	5.41	6.83	8.76	5.81
% of total /1	26%	37%	19%	18%	100%
Year Ago 2/	45,523	47,951	31,833	24,400	149,707
Avg Live Wgt	3.69	5.36	6.74	8.40	5.64
% of total /1	30%	32%	21%	16%	100%
To date/2014*	524,151	691,956	363,972	373,959	1,954,038
To date/2013*	503,983	714,904	397,432	350,816	1,967,135
% Change YTD	4%	-3%	-8%	7%	-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 22-Mar-2014

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,709	2,422	4	0	4,135
Avg Wt	17.04	41.41	26.15	0.00	31.32
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,793	2,364	7	0	4,164
Same wk yr ago	1,619	2,322	43	9	3,993
Avg Wt	16.82	40.74	24.00	27.64	30.83
To-date/2014*	21,173	29,454	255	68	50,950
To-date/2013*	21,729	32,335	319	210	54,593

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

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