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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Jan-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/19/08	01/12/08
Broiler/fryer	172,244	175,526
Light hens	1,657	1,572
Heavy hens	1,433	1,552

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****

WEEK ENDING 29-Dec-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	50	0	50
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	375	0	375
Same week yr ago	78	0	78
To-date/2007	13,584	58	13,642
To-date/2006	8,052	53	8,105

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	817	973	1,790
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,850	1,570	3,420
Same week yr ago	1,134	782	1,916
To-date/2007	71,335	75,844	147,179
To-date/2006	63,774	76,793	140,567

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 12-Jan-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	168,128	1,581	1,524	3,105
Avg Wt	5.58	3.30	7.91	5.56
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	136,027	1,105	1,123	2,228
Same wk yr ago	160,409	1,141	1,285	2,426
Avg Wt	5.42	3.21	7.77	5.51
To-date/2008	304,155	2,686	2,647	5,333
To-date/2007	294,726	2,027	2,611	4,638

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 163.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 170.2 million head, or 6.7 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 12-Jan-08

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	41,635	84,443	23,608	18,442	168,128
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.48	6.89	8.25	5.58
% of total /1	25%	50%	14%	11%	100%
Last week	33,605	68,778	18,202	15,442	136,027
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.46	6.94	8.32	5.59
% of total /1	25%	51%	13%	11%	100%
Year Ago 2/	42,431	83,697	24,265	10,016	160,409
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.44	6.94	8.21	5.42
% of total /1	27%	52%	15%	6%	100%
To date/2008	75,240	153,221	41,810	33,884	304,155
To date/2007	77,640	153,152	42,550	21,384	294,726

/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 12-Jan-08
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,926	2,939	12	6	4,883
Avg Wt	16.03	40.31	26.79	27.74	30.68
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,369	2,282	7	1	3,659
Same wk yr ago	1,713	2,506	2	10	4,231
Avg Wt	16.41	38.93	29.11	28.49	29.77
To-date/2008	3,295	5,221	19	7	8,542
To-date/2007	3,189	4,664	10	12	7,875

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