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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 04-Oct-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 10/04/08	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/27/08
Broiler/fryer	166,061	167,323
Light hens	1,321	1,353
Heavy hens	1,799	1,798

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

WEEK ENDING 27-Sep-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	400	0	400
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	329	0	329
Same week yr ago	290	0	290
To-date/2008	12,785	50	12,835
To-date/2007	10,117	26	10,143

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,677	1,783	3,460
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,508	1,890	3,398
Same week yr ago	1,340	1,546	2,886
To-date/2008	66,533	63,427	129,960
To-date/2007	53,067	56,667	109,734

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 27-Sep-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	164,981	1,277	1,783	3,060
Avg Wt	5.58	3.15	7.69	5.80
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	165,893	1,179	1,890	3,069
Same wk yr ago	173,849	1,050	1,546	2,596
Avg Wt	5.43	3.50	8.04	6.20
To-date/2008	6,403,921	53,748	63,377	117,125
To-date/2007	6,286,637	42,950	56,641	99,953

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 163.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.0 million head, or 4.0 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 27-Sep-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	36,433	78,954	28,922	20,672	164,981
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.32	6.68	8.15	5.58
% of total /1	22%	48%	17%	13%	100%
Last week	39,428	78,371	27,591	20,503	165,893
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.31	6.73	8.15	5.56
% of total /1	24%	47%	17%	12%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	45,905 3.78	85,073 5.35	28,064 6.95	14,807 8.09	173,849 5.43
% of total /1	26%	49%	16%	9%	100%
To date/2008	1,648,145	3,110,665	952,464	692,647	6,403,921
To date/2007	1,684,621	3,158,739	1,016,779	426,779	6,286,637

/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 27-Sep-08
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,114	2,873	37	9	5,033
Avg Wt	17.25	38.07	25.14	31.23	29.22
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,072	2,801	59	6	4,938
Same wk yr ago	2,014	2,864	19	0	4,897
Avg Wt	16.34	37.01	24.27	0.00	28.46
To-date/2008	77,637	106,707	1,053	377	185,774
To-date/2007	76,745	101,718	895	202	179,560

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