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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Nov-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 11/15/08	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/08/08
Broiler/fryer	162,492	164,515
Light hens	1,371	1,307
Heavy hens	1,693	1,666

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

WEEK ENDING 08-Nov-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	212	0	212
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	242	0	242
Same week yr ago	248	0	248
To-date/2008	14,104	62	14,166
To-date/2007	11,622	36	11,658

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,509	1,616	3,125
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,625	1,588	3,213
Same week yr ago	1,300	1,457	2,757
To-date/2008	75,687	73,603	149,290
To-date/2007	61,207	66,292	127,499

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 08-Nov-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	163,184	1,297	1,616	2,913
Avg Wt	5.59	3.24	7.77	5.75
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	162,059	1,383	1,588	2,971
Same wk yr ago	169,962	1,052	1,457	2,509
Avg Wt	5.61	3.77	7.94	6.19
To-date/2008	7,382,577	61,583	73,541	135,124
To-date/2007	7,301,073	49,585	66,256	115,841

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 159.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.0 million head, or 4.7 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 08-Nov-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	42,008	73,735	23,245	24,196	163,184
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.41	6.76	8.29	5.59
% of total /1	26%	45%	14%	15%	100%
Last week	48,564	70,329	26,656	16,510	162,059
Avg Live Wgt	3.68	5.42	6.75	8.31	5.41
% of total /1	30%	43%	17%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	43,969	77,699	27,595	20,699	169,962
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.42	6.93	8.32	5.61
% of total /1	26%	46%	16%	12%	100%
To date/2008	1,888,388	3,563,712	1,119,880	810,597	7,382,577
To date/2007	1,934,439	3,636,929	1,188,881	540,824	7,301,073

/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 08-Nov-08
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,826	2,952	28	0	5,806
Avg Wt	17.75	37.71	23.51	0.00	27.93
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,731	2,965	25	7	5,728
Same wk yr ago	2,705	3,192	41	4	5,942
Avg Wt	16.46	36.06	26.85	24.49	27.07
To-date/2008	91,055	124,457	1,334	428	217,274
To-date/2007	90,642	120,065	1,057	233	211,997

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