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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Mar-09(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 03/07/09	PREVIOUS WEEK 02/28/09
Broiler/fryer	154,203	157,173
Light hens	1,288	1,226
Heavy hens	1,402	1,448

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING

WEEK ENDING 28-Feb-09 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	376	0	376
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	140	0	140
Same week yr ago	378	8	386
To-date/2009	2,022	11	2,033
To-date/2008	2,302	12	2,314

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,455	1,449	2,904
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,312	1,323	2,635
Same week yr ago	1,787	1,550	3,337
To-date/2009	12,065	12,209	24,274
To-date/2008	13,585	12,208	25,793

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 28-Feb-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	155,055	1,079	1,449	2,528
Avg Wt	5.52	3.33	7.88	5.94
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	154,812	1,172	1,323	2,495
Same wk yr ago	165,910	1,409	1,542	2,951
Avg Wt	5.49	3.48	8.02	5.85
To-date/2009	1,243,432	10,043	12,198	22,241
To-date/2008	1,324,561	11,283	12,196	23,479

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.9 million head, or 1.2 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 28-Feb-09

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	36,178	82,768	22,056	14,053	155,055
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.40	7.02	8.28	5528
% of total /1	23%	54%	14%	9%	100%
Last week	40,200	78,105	22,881	13,626	154,812
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.42	6.94	8.15	5.48
% of total /1	26%	50%	15%	9%	100%
Year Ago 2/	45,295	78,736	26,178	15,601	165,910
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.44	6.89	8.24	5.49
% of total /1	27%	48%	16%	9%	100%
To date/2009	314,675	630,064	181,531	117,162	1,243,432
To date/2008	358,871	629,953	200,446	135,291	1 324,561

/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 28-Feb-09
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,178	2,565	9	1	4,753
Avg Wt	16.95	39.14	25.07	63.18	28.95
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,020	2,454	7	1	4,482
Same wk yr ago	1,949	2,816	8	4	4,777
Avg Wt	16.16	39.21	24.51	30.38	29.76
To-date/2009	15,193	20,997	206	67	36,463
To-date/2008	15,363	22,582	109	72	38,126

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