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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 25-Apr-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 04/25/09	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/18/09
Broiler/fryer	159,334	156,687
Light hens	1,277	1,279
Heavy hens	1,654	1,497

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

WEEK ENDING 18-Apr-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	270	0	270
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	139	0	139
Same week yr ago	311	0	311
To-date/2009	4,059	11	4,070
To-date/2008	4,779	12	4,791

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,458	1,511	2,969
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,251	1,444	2,695
Same week yr ago	1,878	1,571	3,449
To-date/2009	22,371	22,579	44,950
To-date/2008	26,216	22,747	48,963

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 18-Apr-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	155,008	1,188	1,511	2,699
Avg Wt	5.54	3.18	7.89	5.82
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	148,483	1,112	1,444	2,556
Same wk yr ago	165,918	1,567	1,571	3,138
Avg Wt	5.59	3.22	7.94	5.58
To-date/2009	2,317,699	18,312	22,568	40,880
To-date/2008	2,474,422	21,437	22,735	44,172

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.9 million head, or 0.3 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 18-Apr-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	41,588	73,717	22,779	16,924	155,008
Avg Live Wgt	3.93	5.42	6.83	8.28	5.54
% of total /1	27%	47%	15%	11%	100%
Last week	43,541	69,529	21,676	13,737	148,483
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.47	7.00	8.25	5.49
% of total /1	29%	47%	15%	9%	100%
Year Ago 2/	43,450	77,984	27,235	17,249	165,918
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.50	6.86	8.36	5.59
% of total /1	26%	47%	17%	10%	100%
To date/2009	602,400	1,167,421	332,781	215,097	2,317,699
To date/2008	656,153	1,186,680	379,189	252,400	2,474,422

/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 18-Apr-09
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,757	2,279	23	2	4,061
Avg Wt	17.32	36.81	25.69	63.01	28.32
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,624	2,393	39	1	4,057
Same wk yr ago	1,993	2,719	46	12	4,770
Avg Wt	16.20	38.70	25.24	27.46	29.14
To-date/2009	27,744	38,860	394	89	67,087
To-date/2008	28,749	41,403	313	158	70,623

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