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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Dec-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/19/09	12/12/09
Broiler/fryer	158,109	162,214
Light hens	1,592	1,462
Heavy hens	1,238	1,393

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
*****DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING*****

WEEK ENDING 12-Dec-09 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	509	0	509
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	508	0	508
Same week yr ago	331	0	331
To-date/2009*	15,483	43	15,526
To-date/2008*	15,317	69	15,386

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,911	1,412	3,323
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,567	1,383	2,950
Same week yr ago	1,681	1,460	3,141
To-date/2009*	77,503	73,403	150,906
To-date/2008*	82,045	80,011	162,056

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 12-Dec-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	158,204	1,402	1,412	2,814
Avg Wt	5.65	3.29	7.78	5.54
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	160,222	1,059	1,383	2,442
Same wk yr ago	158,061	1,350	1,460	2,810
Avg Wt	5.45	3.23	7.65	5.53
To-date/2009*	7,712,957	62,020	73,360	135,380
To-date/2008*	7,998,691	66,728	79,942	146,670

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 145.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.1 million head, or 14.8 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 17-Dec-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	32,381	78,483	22,269	25,071	158,204
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.45	6.75	8.54	5.65
% of total /1	20%	50%	14%	16%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	33,388	82,173	22,839	21,822	160,222
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.41	6.71	8.71	5.73
% of total /1	21%	51%	14%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/ /2 Comparable week	40,140	83,742	20,287	13,892	158,061
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.41	6.91	8.30	5.45
% of total /1	25%	53%	13%	9%	100%
To date/2009*	1,922,601	3,886,192	1,080,263	823,901	7,712,957
To date/2008*	2,043,045	3,868,508	1,206,090	881,048	7,998,691

/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-Dec-09
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,277	2,661	21	3	4,962
Avg Wt	16.20	38.20	25.06	39.28	28.05
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,141	2,589	15	7	4,752
Same wk yr ago	2,351	2,763	25	3	5,142
Avg Wt	16.56	41.12	29.34	65.39	29.85
To-date/2009*	94,312	129,280	1,150	307	225,049
To-date/2008*	100,177	135,444	1,414	465	237,500

*Note: Year-to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

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