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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Dec-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/26/09	12/19/09
Broiler/fryer	126,587	158,109
Light hens	1,097	1,592
Heavy hens	897	1,238

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

WEEK ENDING 19-Dec-09 THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	447	0	447
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	509	0	509
Same week yr ago	369	0	369
To-date/2009*	15,930	43	15,973
To-date/2008*	15,686	69	15,755

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,594	1,328	2,922
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,911	1,412	3,323
Same week yr ago	1,749	1,411	3,160
To-date/2009*	79,097	74,731	153,828
To-date/2008*	83,794	81,422	165,216

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 19-Dec-09 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	159,331	1,147	1,328	2,475
Avg Wt	5.53	3.27	7.76	5.68
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	158,204	1,402	1,412	2,814
Same wk yr ago	153,795	1,380	1,411	2,791
Avg Wt	5.48	3.20	7.71	5.48
To-date/2009*	7,872,288	63,167	74,688	137,855
To-date/2008*	8,152,486	68,108	81,353	149,461

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 146.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.3 million head, or 14.5 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 19-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	39,883	80,836	20,139	18,473	159,331
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.38	6.69	8.50	5.53
% of total /1	25%	51%	13%	11%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	36,911 3.81	79,973 5.42	21,531 6.88	15,380 8.35	153,795 5.48
% of total /1	24%	52%	14%	10%	100%
To date/2009*	1,962,484	3,967,028	1,100,402	842,374	7,872,288
To date/2008*	2,079,956	3,948,481	1,227,621	896,428	8,152,486

/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 19-Dec-09
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,938	2,605	11	12	4,566
Avg Wt	16.30	38.69	25.92	28.67	29.13
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,277	2,661	21	3	4,962
Same wk yr ago	2,280	2,694	20	15	5,009
Avg Wt	16.53	40.89	28.75	30.12	29.72
To-date/2009*	96,250	131,885	1,161	319	229,615
To-date/2008*	102,457	138,138	1,434	480	242,509

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

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