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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 09-Jan-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 01/09/10	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/02/10
Broiler/fryer	161,853	126,980
Light hens	1,491	1,401
Heavy hens	1,210	916

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

NOTE: *** WEEK ENDING 26-Dec-09 (THOUSAND HEAD) *******

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	273	0	273
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	447	0	447
Same week yr ago	157	0	157
To-date/2009*	16,203	43	16,246
To-date/2008*	15,843	69	15,912

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,247	873	2,120
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,594	1,328	2,922
Same week yr ago	1,148	755	1,903
To-date/2009*	80,344	75,604	155,948
To-date/2008*	84,942	82,177	167,119

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 02-Jan-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	129,872	1,320	929	2,249
Avg Wt	5.62	3.29	7.84	5.17
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	115,268	974	873	1,847
Same wk yr ago	127,532	984	1,054	2,038
Avg Wt	5.54	3.20	7.83	5.59
To-date/2009*	8,117,428	65,461	76,490	141,951
To-date/2008*	8,388,473	70,083	83,162	153,245

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 131.4 million head, or 22.3 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 02-Jan-10

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	26,132	66,879	19,793	17,068	129,872
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.32	6.61	8.38	5.62
% of total /1	20%	52%	15%	13%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	28,720	63,389	9,334	13,825	115,268
Avg Live Wgt	3.76	5.41	6.72	8.29	5.45
% of total /1	25%	55%	8%	12%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	29,792 3.84	63,917 5.39	22,487 6.76	11,336 8.35	127,532 5.54
% of total /1	23%	50%	18%	9%	100%
To date/2009*	2,017,336	4,097,296	1,129,529	873,267	8,117,428
To date/2008*	2,134,693	4,068,795	1,265,292	919,693	8,388,473

/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 02-Jan-10
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,205	1,979	8	2	3,194
Avg Wt	16.97	38.92	25.90	25.10	30.60
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,017	1,824	10	8	2,859
Same wk yr ago	1,116	2,023	9	8	3,156
Avg Wt	16.41	40.00	31.04	28.92	31.60
To-date/2009*	98,472	135,688	1,179	329	235,668
To-date/2008*	104,850	141,978	1,447	490	248,765

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

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