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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 27-Feb-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/27/10	02/20/10
Broiler/fryer	159,868	152,849
Light hens	1,531	1,415
Heavy hens	1,269	1,231

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

NOTE: *** WEEK ENDING 20-Feb-10 (THOUSAND HEAD) *******

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	252	0	252
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	308	0	308
Same week yr ago	140	0	140
To-date/2010*	2,523	0	2,523
To-date/2009*	1,645	11	1,656

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,559	1,265	2,824
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,647	1,201	2,848
Same week yr ago	1,312	1,323	2,635
To-date/2010*	12,924	9,274	22,198
To-date/2009*	10,609	10,760	21,369

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 20-FEB-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	159,096	1,307	1,265	2,572
Avg Wt	5.52	3.15	7.73	5.40
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	156,281	1,339	1,201	2,540
Same wk yr ago	154,812	1,172	1,323	2,495
Avg Wt	5.48	3.25	7.94	5.74
To-date/2010*	1,110,021	10,401	9,274	19,675
To-date/2009*	1,088,377	8,964	10,749	19,713

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.0 million head, or 3.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 20-Feb-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	39,365	78,475	21,528	19,728	159,096
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.34	6.68	8.34	5.52
% of total /1	25%	49%	14%	12%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	42,907	78,091	18,521	16,762	156,281
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.47	6.83	8.26	5.48
% of total /1	27%	50%	12%	11%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	40,200 3.87	78,105 5.42	22,881 6.94	13,626 8.15	154,812 5.48
% of total /1	26%	50%	15%	9%	100%
To date/2010*	281,189	561,657	135,486	131,689	1,110,021
To date/2009*	278,497	547,296	159,475	103,109	1,088,377

/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 20-Feb-10
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,862	2,625	30	12	4,529
Avg Wt	16.75	39.33	25.47	26.32	29.92
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,869	2,424	35	12	4,340
Same wk yr ago	2,020	2,454	7	1	4,482
Avg Wt	17.60	39.61	26.63	60.77	29.67
To-date/2010*	12,543	17,550	203	53	30,349
To-date/2009*	13,015	18,432	197	66	31,710

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

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