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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**FOR WEEK ENDING 06-Mar-10(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 03/06/10	PREVIOUS WEEK 02/27/10
Broiler/fryer	1588608	159,868
Light hens	1,300	1,531
Heavy hens	1,296	1,269

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

**NOTE: \*\*\*\*\* WEEK ENDING 27-Feb-10 THOUSAND HEAD)\*\*\*\*\***

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	217	21	238
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	252	0	252
Same week yr ago	376	0	376
To-date/2010*	2,740	21	2,761
To-date/2009*	2,021	11	2,032

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,573	1,279	2,852
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,559	1,265	2,824
Same week yr ago	1,455	1,449	2,904
To-date/2010*	14,497	10,553	25,050
To-date/2009*	12,064	12,209	24,273

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 27-FEB-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	158,311	1,356	1,258	2,614
Avg Wt	5.49	3.31	7.90	5.52
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	159,096	1,307	1,265	2,572
Same wk yr ago	155,055	1,079	1,449	2,528
Avg Wt	5.52	3.33	7.88	5.94
To-date/2010*	1,268,332	11,757	10,532	22,289
To-date/2009*	1,243,432	10,043	12,198	22,241

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.0 million head, or 4.0 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 27-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	44,858	74,436	18,620	20,397	158,311
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.41	6.66	8.31	5.49
% of total /1	25%	47%	12%	13%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	39,365	78,475	21,528	19,728	159,096
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.34	6.68	8.34	5.52
% of total /1	25%	49%	14%	12%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	36,178 3.81	82,768 5.40	22,056 7.02	14,053 8.28	155,055 5.52
% of total /1	23%	54%	14%	9%	100%
To date/2010*	326,047	636,093	154,106	152,086	1,268,332
To date/2009*	314,675	630,064	181,531	117,162	1,243,432

/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 27-Feb-10  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,674	2,535	20	4	4,233
Avg Wt	17.24	38.55	24.49	27.77	30.04
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,862	2,625	30	12	4,529
Same wk yr ago	2,178	2,565	9	1	4,753
Avg Wt	16.95	39.14	25.07	63.18	28.95
To-date/2010*	14,217	20,085	223	57	34,582
To-date/2009*	15,193	20,997	206	67	36,463

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

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