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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 20-Mar-10(THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	162,075	161,830
Light hens	1,551	1,637
Heavy hens	1,443	1,479

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING

NOTE:	***** WEEK ENDING 13-Mar-10 THOUSAND HEAD)*****		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	465	12	477
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	239	23	262
Same week yr ago	301	0	301
To-date/2010*	3,444	56	3,500
To-date/2009*	2,708	11	2,719

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,947	1,531	3,478
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,418	1,309	2,727
Same week yr ago	1,545	1,457	3,002
To-date/2010*	17,862	13,393	31,255
To-date/2009*	15,178	15,096	30,274

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 13-Mar-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	159,069	1,482	1,519	3,001
Avg Wt	5.57	3.12	7.84	5.51
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	158,789	1,179	1,286	2,465
Same wk yr ago	1537809	1,244	1,457	2,701
Avg Wt	5.41	3.22	7.74	5.66
To-date/2010*	1,586,190	14,418	13,337	27,755
To-date/2009*	1,550,621	12,470	15,085	27,555

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.0 million head, or 5.0 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 13-Mar-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	38,090	79,248	21,032	20,699	159,069
Avg Live Wgt	3.91	5.34	6.70	8.39	5.57
% of total /1	24%	50%	13%	13%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	37,263	80,770	17,967	22,789	159,789
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.35	6.80	8.42	5.60
% of total /1	23%	51%	12%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	45,890 3.82	74,173 5.46	21,028 6.96	12,689 8.27	153,780 5.41
% of total /1	30%	48%	14%	8%	100%
To date/2010*	401,400	796,111	193,105	195,574	1,586,190
To date/2009*	398,301	785,045	223,764	143,511	1,550,621

/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 13-Mar-10
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,847	2,499	21	10	4,348
Avg Wt	16.68	38.51	25.80	30.30	29.61
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,706	2,605	29	8	4,233
Same wk yr ago	1,743	2,672	27	3	4,612
Avg Wt	17.85	38.36	26.10	39.31	29.00
To-date/2010*	17,770	25,189	273	75	38,930
To-date/2009*	18,906	26,300	241	73	41,075

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

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