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

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	160,719	162,075
Light hens	1,588	1,551
Heavy hens	1,273	1,443

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	442	0	442
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	465	12	477
Same week yr ago	279	0	279
To-date/2010*	3,886	56	3,942
To-date/2009*	2,987	11	2,998

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,908	1,426	3,334
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,947	1,531	3,478
Same week yr ago	1,431	1,497	2,928
To-date/2010*	19,770	14,819	34,589
To-date/2009*	16,609	16,593	33,202

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 20-Mar-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	159,740	1,466	1,426	2,892
Avg Wt	5.58	3.19	7.62	5.37
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	159,069	1,482	1,519	3,001
Same wk yr ago	154,153	1,152	1,497	2,649
Avg Wt	5.37	3.22	7.61	5.70
To-date/2010*	1,745,930	15,884	14,763	30,647
To-date/2009*	1,704,774	13,622	16,582	30,204

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.7 million head, or 7.0 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 20-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	40,585	78,825	19,038	21,292	159,740
Avg Live Wgt	3.92	5.46	6.64	8.20	5.58
% of total /1	25%	49%	13%	13%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	41,481 3.71	78,153 5.33	20,511 6.92	14,008 8.25	154,153 5.37
% of total /1	27%	51%	13%	9%	100%
To date/2010*	441,985	874,936	212,143	216,866	1,745,930
To date/2009*	439,782	863,198	244,275	157,519	1,704,774

/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-Mar-10
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,849	2,580	9	13	4,451
Avg Wt	16.84	38.42	27.16	31.06	29.41
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,847	2,499	21	10	4,377
Same wk yr ago	1,739	2,678	33	5	4,455
Avg Wt	16.66	38.05	23.94	44.15	29.60
To-date/2010*	19,619	27,769	282	88	47,758
To-date/2009*	20,645	28,978	274	78	49,975

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

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