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

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
Broiler/fryer	159,896	158,527
Light hens	1,552	1,821
Heavy hens	1,139	1,275

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

NOTE:	***** WEEK ENDING 03-Apr-10 (THOUSAND HEAD) *****		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	117	0	117
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	224	24	248
Same week yr ago	294	0	294
To-date/2010*	4,227	80	4,307
To-date/2009*	3,649	11	3,660

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,751	1,230	2,981
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,682	1,305	2,987
Same week yr ago	1,487	1,560	3,047
To-date/2010*	23,203	17,354	40,557
To-date/2009*	19,661	19,624	39,285

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 03-Apr-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	156,199	1,634	1,230	2,864
Avg Wt	5.55	3.16	7.81	5.16
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	157,866	1,458	1,281	2,739
Same wk yr ago	153,914	1,193	1,560	2,753
Avg Wt	5.49	3.14	7.79	5.77
To-date/2010*	2,059,995	18,976	17,274	36,250
To-date/2009*	2,014,208	16,012	19,613	35,625

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.1 million head, or 0.0 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 03-Apr-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	37,464	72,485	26,512	19,738	156,199
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.29	6.53	8.68	5.55
% of total /1	24%	46%	17%	13%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	42,712	70,337	24,723	20,094	157,866
Avg Live Wgt	3.79	5.45	6.64	8.21	5.54
% of total /1	27%	44%	16%	13%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	38,128 3.88	78,961 5.36	24,273 7.00	12,552 8.31	153,914 5.49
% of total /1	25%	51%	16%	8%	100%
To date/2010*	522,161	1,017,758	263,378	256,698	2,059,995
To date/2009*	517,271	1,024,175	288,326	184,436	2,014,208

/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 03-Apr-10
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,673	2,344	7	1	4,025
Avg Wt	17.42	39.02	22.40	54.18	30.02
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,817	2,493	12	2	4,324
Same wk yr ago	1,873	2,634	22	5	4,534
Avg Wt	16.02	38.52	25.52	38.00	29.16
To-date/2010*	23,109	32,606	301	91	56,107
To-date/2009*	24,363	34,188	332	86	58,969

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

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