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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Apr-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
Broiler/fryer	164,220	159,896
Light hens	1,689	1,552
Heavy hens	1,320	1,139

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

NOTE:	***** WEEK ENDING 10-Apr-10 (THOUSAND HEAD) *****		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	438	0	438
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	117	0	117
Same week yr ago	139	0	139
To-date/2010*	4,665	80	4,745
To-date/2009*	3,788	11	3,799

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,887	1,135	3,022
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,751	1,230	2,981
Same week yr ago	1,251	1,444	2,695
To-date/2010*	25,090	18,489	43,579
To-date/2009*	20,912	21,068	41,980

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

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	160,053	1,449	1,135	2,584
Avg Wt	5.49	3.37	7.84	5.33
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	156,199	1,634	1,230	2,864
Same wk yr ago	148,483	1,112	1,444	2,556
Avg Wt	5.49	3.26	7.86	5.86
To-date/2010*	2,220,048	20,425	18,409	38,834
To-date/2009*	2,162,691	17,124	21,057	38,181

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.0 million head, or 4.8 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 10-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	44,557	75,121	19,748	20,627	160,053
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.48	6.68	8.30	5.49
% of total /1	28%	47%	12%	13%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	43,541 3.90	69,529 5.47	21,676 7.00	13,737 8.25	148,483 5.49
% of total /1	29%	47%	15%	9%	100%
To date/2010*	566,718	1,092,879	283,126	277,325	2,220,048
To date/2009*	560,812	1,093,704	310,002	198,173	2,162,691

/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 10-Apr-10
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,885	2,428	18	2	4,333
Avg Wt	17.18	39.01	25.25	60.53	29.47
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,673	2,344	7	1	4,025
Same wk yr ago	1,624	2,393	39	1	4,057
Avg Wt	16.56	38.37	27.00	29.53	29.53
To-date/2010*	24,994	35,034	319	93	60,440
To-date/2009*	25,987	36,581	371	87	63,026

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

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