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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Apr-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
Broiler/fryer	163,515	164,220
Light hens	1,658	1,689
Heavy hens	1,482	1,320

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

NOTE: ******* WEEK ENDING 17-Apr-10 (THOUSAND HEAD) *******

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	454	11	465
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	438	0	438
Same week yr ago	270	0	270
To-date/2010*	5,119	91	5,210
To-date/2009*	4,058	11	4,069

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	2,052	1,325	3,377
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,887	1,135	3,022
Same week yr ago	1,458	1,511	2,969
To-date/2010*	27,142	19,814	46,956
To-date/2009*	22,370	22,579	44,949

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 17-Apr-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	161,552	1,598	1,314	2,912
Avg Wt	5.60	3.10	7.83	5.23
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	160,053	1,449	1,135	2,584
Same wk yr ago	155,008	1,188	1,511	2,699
Avg Wt	5.54	3.18	7.89	5.82
To-date/2010*	2,381,600	22,023	19,723	41,746
To-date/2009*	2,317,699	18,312	22,568	40,880

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.5 million head, or 4.8 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 17-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	37,469	76,654	24,171	23,258	161,552
Avg Live Wgt	3.92	5.44	6.63	8.30	5.60
% of total /1	23%	48%	15%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	44,557	75,121	19,748	20,627	160,053
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.42	6.68	8.30	5.49
% of total /1	28%	47%	12%	13%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	41,588 3.93	73,717 5.42	22,779 6.83	16,924 8.28	155,008 5.54
% of total /1	27%	47%	15%	11%	100%
To date/2010*	604,187	1,169,533	307,297	300,583	2,381,600
To date/2009*	602,400	1,167,421	332,781	215,097	2,317,699

/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 17-Apr-10
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,934	2,498	24	10	4,466
Avg Wt	16.99	38.65	24.60	29.44	29.17
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,885	2,428	18	2	4,333
Same wk yr ago	1,757	2,279	23	2	4,061
Avg Wt	17.32	36.81	25.69	63.01	28.32
To-date/2010*	26,928	37,532	343	103	64,906
To-date/2009*	27,744	38,860	394	89	67,087

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

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