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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 01-May-10(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
Broiler/fryer	165,587	163,515
Light hens	1,535	1,658
Heavy hens	1,435	1,482

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

NOTE:	***** WEEK ENDING 24-Apr-10 THOUSAND HEAD)*****		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	286	24	310
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	454	11	465
Same week yr ago	414	0	414
To-date/2010*	5,405	115	5,520
To-date/2009*	4,472	11	4,483

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,818	1,482	3,300
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,052	1,325	3,377
Same week yr ago	1,578	1,679	3,257
To-date/2010*	28,960	21,296	50,256
To-date/2009*	23,948	24,258	48,206

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 24-Apr-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	162,987	1,532	1,458	2,990
Avg Wt	5.64	3.31	7.82	5.51
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	161,552	1,598	1,314	2,912
Same wk yr ago	158,718	1,164	1,679	2,843
Avg Wt	5.53	3.42	7.78	5.99
To-date/2010*	2,544,587	23,555	21,181	44,736
To-date/2009*	2,476,417	19,476	24,247	43,723

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.0 million head, or 5.4 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 24-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	38,353	80,343	22,143	22,148	162,987
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.48	6.65	8.54	5.64
% of total /1	23%	49%	14%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	37,469	76,654	24,171	23,258	161,552
Avg Live Wgt	3.92	5.44	6.63	8.36	5.60
% of total /1	23%	48%	15%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	41,799 3.91	73,933 5.35	27,264 6.89	15,722 8.40	158,718 5.53
% of total /1	26%	47%	17%	10%	100%
To date/2010*	642,540	1,249,876	329,440	322,731	2,544,587
To date/2009*	644,199	1,241,354	360,045	230,819	2,476,417

/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 24-Apr-10
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,601	2,639	30	2	4,272
Avg Wt	16.98	37.97	25.16	33.41	30.01
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,934	2,498	24	10	4,466
Same wk yr ago	2,128	2,634	38	1	4,801
Avg Wt	16.85	37.96	35.02	34.65	28.58
To-date/2010*	28,529	40,171	373	105	69,178
To-date/2009*	29,872	41,494	432	90	71,888

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

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