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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 15-May-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
Broiler/fryer	167,419	165,289
Light hens	1,513	1,552
Heavy hens	1,510	1,495

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

NOTE:	***** WEEK ENDING 15-May-10 (THOUSAND HEAD) *****		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	426	12	438
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	568	0	568
Same week yr ago	282	0	282
To-date/2010*	6,869	138	7,007
To-date/2009*	5,512	11	5,523

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,829	1,480	3,309
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,149	1,474	3,623
Same week yr ago	1,841	1,501	3,342
To-date/2010*	34,811	25,671	60,482
To-date/2009*	29,565	28,573	58,138

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 15-May-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	161,500	1,403	1,468	2,871
Avg Wt	5.58	3.18	7.72	5.50
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	165,664	1,581	1,474	3,055
Same wk yr ago	159,312	1,559	1,501	3,060
Avg Wt	5.56	3.22	7.85	5.49
To-date/2010*	3,035,308	27,942	25,533	53,475
To-date/2009*	2,952,319	24,053	28,562	52,615

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.5 million head, or 4.6 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 15-May-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	40,761	69,455	31,420	19,864	161,500
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.41	6.70	8.28	5.58
% of total /1	25%	43%	20%	12%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	39,502	73,499	33,291	19,372	165,664
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.43	6.69	8.28	5.58
% of total /1	24%	44%	20%	12%	100%
Year Ago 2/	41,421	76,470	25,490	19,931	159,312
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.41	6.87	8.45	5.56
% of total /1	26%	48%	16%	10%	100%
To date/2010*	762,027	1,467,229	422,959	383,093	3,035,308
To date/2009*	767,138	1,473,819	434,870	276,497	2,952,319

/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 15-May-10
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,828	2,563	19	7	4,417
Avg Wt	17.14	38.57	24.62	27.81	29.62
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,756	2,571	18	9	4,354
Same wk yr ago	2,006	2,749	10	6	4,771
Avg Wt	16.10	38.21	26.65	26.00	28.88
To-date/2010*	33,696	48,071	425	125	82,317
To-date/2009*	35,641	49,748	508	100	85,997

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

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