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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**FOR WEEK ENDING 29-May-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
Broiler/fryer	172,550	167,419
Light hens	1,597	1,513
Heavy hens	1,405	1,510

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

<b>NOTE:</b>	<b>***** WEEK ENDING 22-May-10 (THOUSAND HEAD) *****</b>		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	387	15	402
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	426	12	438
Same week yr ago	0	0	0
To-date/2010*	7,256	153	7,409
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	1,767	1,505	3,272
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,829	1,480	3,309
Same week yr ago	1,431	1,396	2,827
To-date/2010*	36,578	27,176	63,754
To-date/2009*	30,996	29,969	60,965

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 22-May-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	163,850	1,380	1,490	2,870
Avg Wt	5.62	3.35	7.95	5.74
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	161,500	1,403	1,468	3,871
Same wk yr ago	161,125	1,431	1,395	2,827
Avg Wt	5.46	3.38	7.79	5.56
To-date/2010*	3,199,158	29,322	27,023	56,345
To-date/2009*	3,113,444	25,484	29,958	55,442

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.8 million head, or 5.3 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 22-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	41,324	71,153	33,344	18,029	163,850
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.42	6.73	8.34	5.62
% of total /1	25%	44%	20%	11%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	36,599 3.81	94,986 5.52	17,981 6.77	11,557 8.10	161,125 5.46
% of total /1	23%	59%	11%	7%	100%
To date/2010*	803,351	1,538,382	456,303	401,122	3,199,158
To date/2009*	803,737	1,568,807	452,851	288,049	3,113,444

/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 22-May-10  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,967	2,464	18	5	4,454
Avg Wt	16.97	38.96	27.89	37.26	29.20
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,828	2,563	19	7	4,417
Same wk yr ago	1,861	2,054	3	1	3,919
Avg Wt	16.27	37.62	20.55	41.18	27.47
To-date/2010*	35,663	50,535	443	130	86,771
To-date/2009*	37,502	51,802	511	101	89,916

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

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