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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**FOR WEEK ENDING 25-Sep-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
Broiler/fryer	168,264 (2)	169,399
Light hens	1,523	1,732
Heavy hens	1,363	1,414

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

**\*\*\*DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING\*\*\***

<b>NOTE:</b>	***** WEEK ENDING 25-Sep-10 THOUSAND HEAD)*****		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	351	27	378
Head sltr Comparisons			
	417	0	417
Same week yr ago	306	7	313
To-date/2010*	12,957	418	13,375
To-date/2009*	12,031	26	12,057

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,915	1,512	3,427
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,904	1,466	3,370
Same week yr ago	1,757	1,606	3,363
To-date/2010*	66,482	54,010	120,492
To-date/2009*	61,175	57,260	118,435

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

**WEEK ENDING 25-Sep-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	166,576	1,564	1,485	3,049	465
Avg Wt	5.67	3.16	8.05	5.54	6.90
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	168,707	1,487	1,466	2,953	440
Same wk yr ago	160,363	1,451	1,599	3,050	397
Avg Wt	5.55	3.20	7.81	5.62	6.73
To-date/2010*	6,127,319	53,525	53,592	107,117	15,902
To-date/2009*	5,992,284	49,144	57,234	106,378	15,571

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.68 million head, or 6.4 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 25-Sep-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	37,666	84,032	24,548	20,330	166,576
Avg Live Wgt	3.93	5.47	6.81	8.37	5.67
% of total /1	23%	50%	15%	15%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	36,703	81,586	26,025	24,393	168,707
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.50	6.78	8.19	5.68
% of total /1	22%	53%	15%	15%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	35,827 3.85	85,301 5.42	23,319 6.84	15,916 8.21	160,363 5.55
% of total /1	22%	53%	15%	10%	100%
To date/2010*	1,507,407	2,996,363	920,215	703,334	6,127,319
To date/2009*	1,525,119	3,029,292	847,060	590,813	5,992,284

/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 25-Sep-10  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,739	2,814	27	11	4,591
Avg Wt	16.46	36.58	27.49	34.20	28.90
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,871	2,750	28	12	4,661
Same wk yr ago	1,716	2,902	43	26	4,687
Avg Wt	17.13	36.44	27.37	25.26	29.22
To-date/2010*	68,048	96,929	795	270	166,042
To-date/2009*	72,851	98,779	933	243	172,806

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

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