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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**FOR WEEK ENDING 11-Dec-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
Broiler/fryer	168,456 (2)	162,684
Light hens	1,195	1,147
Heavy hens	1,619	1,513

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

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

**NOTE:**      **\*\*\*\*\* WEEK ENDING 04-Dec-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)\*\*\*\*\***

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	466	0	466
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	95	23	118
Same week yr ago	508	0	508
To-date/2010*	16,360	530	16,890
To-date/2009*	14,974	43	15,017

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,509	1,503	3,012
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	912	867	1,779
Same week yr ago	1,567	1,383	2,950
To-date/2010*	81,553	68,332	149,885
To-date/2009*	75,592	71,991	147,583

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 04-Dec-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	164,288	1,043	1,503	2,546	391
Avg Wt	5.86	3.23	8.13	6.12	7.03
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	129,230	817	844	1,661	394
Same wk yr ago	160,222	1,059	1,383	2,442	470
Avg Wt	5.73	3.30	7.75	5.82	6.89
To-date/2010*	7,738,159	65,193	67,802	132,995	20,240
To-date/2009*	7,554,753	60,618	71,948	132,566	19,705

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.3 million head, or 10.7 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 04-Dec-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	32,390	68,321	37,334	26,243	164,288
Avg Live Wgt	3.91	5.35	6.65	8.46	5.86
% of total /1	20%	41%	23%	16%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	28,609	54,737	26,921	18,963	129,230
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.39	6.65	8.42	5.76
% of total /1	22%	42%	21%	15%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	33,388 3.87	82,173 5.41	22,839 6.71	21,822 8.71	160,222 5.73
% of total /1	21%	51%	14%	14%	100%
To date/2010*	1,860,156	3,685,096	1,256,531	936,376	7,738,159
To date/2009*	1,890,240	3,807,709	1,057,994	798,830	7,554,773

/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 04-Dec-10  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,982	2,579	54	18	4,633
Avg Wt	16.64	39.63	39.47	27.05	29.74
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	978	1,575	19	2	2,574
Same wk yr ago	2,141	2,589	15	7	4,752
Avg Wt	16.49	38.34	28.44	42.43	28.47
To-date/2010*	89,406	125,043	1,054	351	215,854
To-date/2009*	92,035	126,619	1,129	304	220,087

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

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