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

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
Broiler/fryer	136,268 (2)	170,096
Light hens	1,312	1,762
Heavy hens	1,093	1,660

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

NOTE: ******* WEEK ENDING 18-Dec-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)*******

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	289	8	297
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	369	12	381
Same week yr ago	447	0	447
To-date/2010*	17,018	550	17,568
To-date/2009*	15,930	43	15,973

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,927	1,665	3,592
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,546	1,606	3,152
Same week yr ago	1,594	1,328	2,922
To-date/2010*	85,026	71,603	156,629
To-date/2009*	79,097	74,731	153,828

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 18-Dec-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	164,020	1,638	1,657	3,295	482
Avg Wt	5.72	3.12	8.07	5.61	6.90
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	166,590	1,177	1,594	2,771	417
Same wk yr ago	159,331	1,147	1,328	2,475	438
Avg Wt	5.53	3.27	7.76	5.68	6.68
To-date/2010*	8,068,769	68,008	71,053	139,061	21,139
To-date/2009*	7,872,308	63,167	74,688	137,855	20,568

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.0 million head, or 12.2 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 18-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	39,071	67,599	35,121	22,229	164,020
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.42	6.74	8.39	5.72
% of total /1	24%	41%	21%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	40,980	67,826	31,168	26,616	166,590
Avg Live Wgt	3.61	5.41	6.67	8.47	5.69
% of total /1	24%	41%	19%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	39,883 3.89	80,836 5.38	20,139 6.69	18,473 8.50	159,331 5.53
% of total /1	25%	51%	13%	11%	100%
To date/2010*	1,940,207	3,820,521	1,322,820	985,221	8,068,769
To date/2009*	1,962,504	3,967,028	1,100,402	842,374	7,872,308

/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 18-Dec-10
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,839	2,624	16	12	4,491
Avg Wt	16.26	39.60	26.85	30.77	29.97
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,018	2,742	23	5	4,788
Same wk yr ago	1,938	2,605	11	12	4,566
Avg Wt	16.30	38.69	25.92	28.67	29.13
To-date/2010*	93,263	130,409	1,093	368	225,133
To-date/2009*	96,250	131,885	1,161	319	229,615

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

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