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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Jan-11(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
Broiler/fryer	137,483 (2)	136,268
Light hens	1,370	1,312
Heavy hens	1,242	1,093

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

NOTE: ******* WEEK ENDING 25-Dec-10 THOUSAND HEAD)*******

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	300	0	300
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	289	8	297
Same week yr ago	273	0	273
To-date/2010*	17,318	550	17,868
To-date/2009*	16,203	43	16,246

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,597	1,072	2,669
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,927	1,665	3,592
Same week yr ago	1,247	873	2,120
To-date/2010*	86,623	72,675	159,298
To-date/2009*	80,344	75,604	155,948

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 25-Dec-10 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	134,724	1,297	1,072	2,369	388
Avg Wt	5.71	3.00	8.02	5.27	6.84
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	164,020	1,638	1,657	3,295	482
Same wk yr ago	115,268	974	873	1,847	380
Avg Wt	5.45	3.26	7.73	5.37	6.91
To-date/2010*	8,203,493	69,305	72,125	141,430	21,527
To-date/2009*	7,987,576	64,141	75,561	139,702	20,948

(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 25-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	36,337	57,315	20,658	20,414	134,724
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.53	6.75	8.43	5.71
% of total /1	27%	43%	15%	15%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	28,720	63,389	9,334	13,825	115,268
Avg Live Wgt	3.76	5.41	6.72	8.29	5.45
% of total /1	25%	55%	8%	12%	100%
To date/2010*	1,976,544	3,877,836	1,343,478	1,005,635	8,203,493
To date/2009*	1,991,224	4,030,417	1,109,736	856,199	7,987,576

/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-Dec-10
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,404	2,050	7	1	3,462
Avg Wt	16.48	39.43	27.00	59.28	30.10
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,839	2,624	16	12	4,491
Same wk yr ago	1,017	1,824	10	8	2,859
Avg Wt	16.24	38.48	26.89	29.20	30.50
To-date/2010*	94,667	132,459	1,100	369	228,595
To-date/2009*	97,267	133,709	1,171	327	232,474

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

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