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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Feb-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
Broiler/fryer	161,353 (2)	159,400
Light hens	1,625	1,573
Heavy hens	1,677	1,634

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

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

**NOTE:**      **\*\*\*\*\***      WEEK ENDING 19-Feb-11 (THOUSAND HEAD) **\*\*\*\*\***

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	252	0	252
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	439	0	439
Same week yr ago	252	0	252
To-date/2011*	2,616	46	2,662
To-date/2010*	2,523	0	2,523

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,692	1,633	3,325
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,857	1,557	3,414
Same week yr ago	1,559	1,265	2,824
To-date/2011*	12,618	10,268	22,886
To-date/2010*	12,924	9,274	22,198

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 19-Feb-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	162,177	1,440	1,633	3,073	462
Avg Wt	5.71	3.27	7.93	5.75	6.82
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	157,947	1,418	1,557	2,975	433
Same wk yr ago	159,096	1,307	1,265	2,572	435
Avg Wt	5.52	3.15	7.73	5.40	6.83
To-date/2011*	1,119,887	10,002	10,222	20,224	3,151
To-date/2010*	1,110,021	10,401	9,274	19,675	2,894

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.9 million head, or 1.5 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 19-Feb-11

	A 4.25 lbs & down	B 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	C 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	D 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	35,606	72,335	28,777	25,459	162,177
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.32	6.74	8.26	5.71
% of total /1	22%	44%	18%	16%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	36,313	74,734	24,886	22,014	157,947
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.41	6.77	8.22	5.66
% of total /1	23%	47%	16%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	39,365 3.82	78,475 5.34	21,528 6.68	19,728 8.34	159,096 5.52
% of total /1	25%	49%	14%	12%	100%
To date/2011*	259,922	504,014	186,126	169,825	1,119,887
To date/2010*	281,189	561,657	135,486	131,689	1,110,021

/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 19-Feb-11  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,931	2,609	9	6	4,555
Avg Wt	17.46	39.55	23.08	33.39	30.14
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,614	2,820	12	7	4,453
Same wk yr ago	1,862	2,625	30	12	4,529
Avg Wt	16.75	39.33	25.47	26.32	29.67
To-date/2011*	12,207	17,763	110	35	30,115
To-date/2010*	12,543	17,550	203	53	30,349

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

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