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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Mar-11(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
Broiler/fryer	159,233 (2)	161,353
Light hens	1,712	1,625
Heavy hens	1,424	1,677

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

NOTE: ******* WEEK ENDING 26-Feb-11 THOUSAND HEAD)*******

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	250	25	275
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	252	0	252
Same week yr ago	217	21	238
To-date/2011*	2,866	71	2,937
To-date/2010*	2,740	21	2,761

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	1,890	3,650
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,692	1,633	3,325
Same week yr ago	1,573	1,279	2,852
To-date/2011*	14,378	12,158	26,536
To-date/2010*	14,497	10,553	25,050

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 26-Feb-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	157,502	1,510	1,865	3,375	440
Avg Wt	5.70	3.23	7.21	5.43	6.84
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	162,177	1,440	1,633	3,073	462
Same wk yr ago	158,311	1,356	1,258	2,614	400
Avg Wt	5.49	3.31	7.90	5.52	6.53
To-date/2011*	1,277,389	11,512	12,087	23,599	3,591
To-date/2010*	1,268,332	11,757	10,532	22,289	3,294

(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 159.4 million head, or 1.0 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 26-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	35,387	75,719	23,662	22,734	157,502
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.39	6.90	8.37	5.70
% of total /1	22%	48%	15%	15%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	35,606	72,335	28,777	25,459	162,177
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.32	6.74	8.31	5.71
% of total /1	22%	44%	18%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	44,858 3.83	74,436 5.41	18,620 6.66	20,397 8.31	158,311 5.49
% of total /1	28%	47%	12%	13%	100%
To date/2011*	295,309	579,733	209,788	192,559	1,277,389
To date/2010*	326,047	636,093	154,106	152,086	1,268,332

/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 26-Feb-11
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,744	2,397	18	4	4,163
Avg Wt	18.07	39.61	24.80	29.21	30.51
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,931	2,609	9	6	4,555
Same wk yr ago	1,674	2,535	20	4	4,233
Avg Wt	17.24	38.55	24.49	27.77	28.95
To-date/2011*	13,951	20,160	128	39	34,278
To-date/2010*	14,217	20,085	223	57	34,582

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

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