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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Mar-11(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
Broiler/fryer	157,199 (2)	159,233
Light hens	1,761	1,712
Heavy hens	1,497	1,424

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

NOTE: ******* WEEK ENDING 05-Mar-11 THOUSAND HEAD)*******

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	473	25	498
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	250	25	275
Same week yr ago	239	23	262
To-date/2011*	3,339	96	3,435
To-date/2010*	2,979	44	3,023

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	2,040	1,535	3,575
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,760	1,890	3,650
Same week yr ago	1,418	1,309	2,727
To-date/2011*	16,418	13,693	30,111
To-date/2010*	15,915	11,862	27,777

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 05-Mar-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	159,519	1,567	1,510	3,077	465
Avg Wt	5.58	3.27	8.05	5.62	6.84
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	157,502	1,510	1,865	3,375	440
Same wk yr ago	158,789	1,179	1,286	2,465	402
Avg Wt	5.60	3.16	7.70	5.53	6.77
To-date/2011*	1,436,908	13,079	13,597	26,676	4,056
To-date/2010*	1,427,121	12,936	11,818	24,754	3,696

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.5 million head, or 3.5 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 05-Mar-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	43,551	71,090	24,704	20,174	159,519
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.49	6.77	8.34	5.58
% of total /1	27%	45%	15%	13%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	37,263 3.83	80,770 5.35	17,967 6.80	22,789 8.42	158,789 5.60
% of total /1	23%	51%	12%	14%	100%
To date/2011*	338,860	650,823	234,492	212,733	1,436,908
To date/2010*	363,310	716,863	172,073	174,875	1,427,121

/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 05-Mar-11
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,716	2,462	10	9	4,197
Avg Wt	16.96	39.23	27.02	28.88	30.07
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,744	2,397	18	4	4,163
Same wk yr ago	1,706	2,605	29	8	4,348
Avg Wt	16.70	38.08	26.70	31.57	29.00
To-date/2011*	15,667	22,622	138	48	38,475
To-date/2010*	15,923	22,690	252	65	38,930

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

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