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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Mar-11(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
Broiler/fryer	163,126 (2)	157,199
Light hens	1,559	1,761
Heavy hens	1,507	1,497

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

NOTE: ******* WEEK ENDING 12-Mar-11 THOUSAND HEAD)*******

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	448	0	448
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	473	25	498
Same week yr ago	465	12	477
To-date/2011*	3,787	96	3,883
To-date/2010*	3,444	56	3,500

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	2,046	1,476	3,522
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,040	1,535	3,575
Same week yr ago	1,947	1,531	3,478
To-date/2011*	18,464	15,169	33,633
To-date/2010*	17,862	13,393	31,255

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 12-Mar-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	157,830	1,598	1,476	3,074	431
Avg Wt	5.63	3.09	7.99	5.44	6.90
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	159,519	1,567	1,510	3,077	465
Same wk yr ago	159,069	1,482	1,519	3,001	398
Avg Wt	5.57	3.12	7.84	5.51	6.90
To-date/2011*	1,594,738	14,677	15,073	29,750	4,487
To-date/2010*	1,586,190	14,418	13,337	27,755	4,094

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.7 million head, or 1.6 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 12-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	41,334	68,219	26,297	21,980	157,830
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.41	6.71	8.46	5.63
% of total /1	26%	43%	17%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	38,090 3.91	79,248 5.34	21,032 6.70	20,699 8.39	159,069 5.57
% of total /1	24%	50%	13%	13%	100%
To date/2011*	380,194	719,042	260,789	234,713	1,594,738
To date/2010*	401,400	796,111	193,105	195,574	1,586,190

/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 12-Mar-11
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,684	2,586	54	13	4,337
Avg Wt	17.24	39.06	24.73	27.79	30.37
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,716	2,462	10	9	4,197
Same wk yr ago	1,847	2,499	21	10	4,377
Avg Wt	16.68	38.51	25.80	30.30	30.24
To-date/2011*	17,351	25,208	192	61	42,812
To-date/2010*	17,770	25,189	273	75	43,307

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

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