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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Apr-11(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
Broiler/fryer	161,724 (2)	159,886
Light hens	1,190	1,643
Heavy hens	1,317	1,508

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	426	0	426
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	420	0	420
Same week yr ago	224	24	248
To-date/2011*	4,633	96	4,729
To-date/2010*	4,110	80	4,190

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,916	1,499	3,415
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,843	1,498	3,341
Same week yr ago	1,682	1,305	2,987
To-date/2011*	22,223	18,166	40,389
To-date/2010*	21,452	16,124	37,576

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

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	158,041	1,490	1,499	2,989	443
Avg Wt	5.64	3.22	8.16	5.70	6.84
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	160,009	1,423	1,498	2,921	472
Same wk yr ago	157,866	1,458	1,281	2,739	430
Avg Wt	5.54	3.46	7.78	5.48	6.79
To-date/2011*	1,912,788	17,590	18,070	35,660	5,402
To-date/2010*	1,903,796	17,342	16,044	33,386	4,924

(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 160.0 million head, or 1.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 26-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	42,231	66,446	27,592	21,772	158,041
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.46	6.78	8.27	5.64
% of total /1	27%	42%	17%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	39,167	77,076	21,137	22,629	160,009
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.44	6.84	8.34	5.65
% of total /1	25%	48%	13%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	42,712 3.79	70,337 5.45	24,723 6.64	20,094 8.21	157,866 5.54
% of total /1	27%	44%	16%	13%	100%
To date/2011*	461,592	862,564	309,518	279,114	1,912,788
To date/2010*	484,697	945,273	236,866	236,960	1,903,796

/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-Mar-11
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,799	2,543	34	7	4,383
Avg Wt	17.78	39.21	26.39	33.12	30.30
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,789	2,516	22	12	4,339
Same wk yr ago	1,817	2,493	12	2	4,324
Avg Wt	17.22	39.42	24.48	59.71	29.35
To-date/2011*	20,939	30,267	248	80	51,534
To-date/2010*	21,436	30,262	294	90	52,082

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

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