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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Apr-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
Broiler/fryer	161,780 (2)	162,211
Light hens	1,640	1,304
Heavy hens	1,382	1,362

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

NOTE: ******* WEEK ENDING 16-Apr-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)*******

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	505	0	505
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	316	0	316
Same week yr ago	454	11	465
To-date/2011*	5,863	121	5,984
To-date/2010*	5,119	91	5,210

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,826	1,337	3,163
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,809	1,392	3,201
Same week yr ago	2,052	1,325	3,377
To-date/2011*	27,327	22,221	49,548
To-date/2010*	27,142	19,814	46,956

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 16-Apr-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	160,335	1,321	1,337	2,658	421
Avg Wt	5.77	3.15	8.09	5.63	6.36
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	159,746	1,493	1,392	2,885	475
Same wk yr ago	161,552	1,598	1,314	2,912	396
Avg Wt	5.60	3.10	7.83	5.23	6.88
To-date/2011*	2,395,393	21,464	22,100	43,564	6,729
To-date/2010*	2,381,600	22,023	19,723	41,746	6,113

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.3 million head, or 4.0 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 16-Apr-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	29,615	77,918	29,150	23,652	160,335
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.38	6.76	8.29	5.77
% of total /1	18%	49%	18%	15%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	37,126	72,079	28,740	21,801	159,746
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.37	6.78	8.42	5.69
% of total /1	23%	45%	18%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	37,469 3.92	76,654 5.44	24,171 6.63	23,258 8.36	161,552 5.60
% of total /1	23%	48%	15%	14%	100%
To date/2011*	568,390	1,078,406	396,775	351,822	2,395,393
To date/2010*	604,187	1,169,533	307,297	300,583	2,381,600

/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 16-Apr-11
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,928	2,500	19	3	4,450
Avg Wt	16.94	39.79	22.50	47.68	29.82
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,724	2,602	18	2	4,346
Same wk yr ago	1,934	2,498	24	10	4,466
Avg Wt	16.99	38.65	24.60	29.44	28.32
To-date/2011*	26,283	37,927	330	111	64,651
To-date/2010*	26,928	37,532	343	8%	64,906

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

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