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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 21-May-11(THOUSAND HEAD)

	Current Week	Previous Week
Class		
Broiler/fryer	166,495 (2)	166,304
Light hens	1,501	1,641
Heavy hens	1,416	1,423

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

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

NOTE: *** WEEK ENDING 21-May-11 THOUSAND HEAD)*******

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	450	26	476
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	542	0	542
Same week yr ago	387	15	402
To-date/2011*	8,077	179	8,256
To-date/2010*	7,256	153	7,409

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	2,019	1,490	3,509
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,164	1,361	3,525
Same week yr ago	1,767	1,505	3,272
To-date/2011*	37,372	29,558	66,930
To-date/2010*	36,578	27,176	63,754

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 21-May-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	163,547	1,569	1,464	3,033	428
Avg Wt	5.88	3.26	8.06	5.58	6.76
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	165,491	1,622	1,361	2,983	424
Same wk yr ago	163,850	1,380	1,490	2,870	451
Avg Wt	5.62	3.35	7.95	5.74	8.94
To-date/2011*	3,194,289	29,295	29,379	58,674	8,855
To-date/2010*	3,199,158	29,322	27,023	56,345	8,307

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.5 million head, or 2.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 21-May-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	30,459	69,207	33,418	30,463	163,547
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.40	6.68	8.35	5.88
% of total /1	19%	42%	20%	19%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	33,557	70,913	34,908	26,113	165,491
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.41	6.83	8.42	5.85
% of total /1	20%	43%	21%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/	41,324	71,153	33,344	18,029	163,850
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.42	6.73	8.34	5.62
% of total /1	25%	44%	20%	11%	100%
To date/2011*	738,434	1,414,537	557,258	484,060	3,194,289
To date/2010*	803,351	1,538,382	456,303	401,122	3,199,158

/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				21-May-2011
	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,968	2,627	13	8	4,616
Avg Wt	17.60	39.18	26.62	30.38	29.93
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,812	2,740	34	3	4,589
Same wk yr ago	1,967	2,464	18	5	4,454
Avg Wt	16.97	38.96	27.89	37.26	27.47
To-date/2011*	35,287	51,032	427	137	86,883
To-date/2010*	35,663	50,535	443	130	86,771

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

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