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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION`
FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Sep-11(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	164,434 (2)	162,748
Light hens	1,234	1,589
Heavy hens	1,784	1,492

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 17-Sep-11 THOUSAND HEAD

Head	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
	388	0	388
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	270	13	283
Same week yr ago	417	0	417
To-date/2011*	13,825	384	14,209
To-date/2010*	12,616	346	12,962

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

Head	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
	1,973	1,602	3,575
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,563	1,592	3,155
Same week yr ago	1,904	1,466	3,370
To-date/2011*	64,508	57,422	121,930
To-date/2010*	64,577	52,453	117,030

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 17-Sep-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Head	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
	159,518	1,585	1,602	3,187	443
Avg Wt	5.87	3.21	7.94	5.59	6.73
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	141,495	1,293	1,579	2,872	397
Same wk yr ago	168,707	1,487	1,466	2,953	440
Avg Wt	5.68	3.20	8.14	5.65	6.98
To-date/2011*	5,880,530	50,683	57,038	107,721	16,009
To-date/2010*	5,960,743	51,961	52,107	104,068	15,437

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.5 million

head, or 7.2 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 17-Sep-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	39,295	59,179	35,251	25,793	159,518
Avg Live Wgt	3.97	5.53	6.71	8.39	5.87
% of total /1	25%	37%	22%	16%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	31,802	60,909	29,700	19,084	141,495
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.43	6.67	8.36	5.73
% of total /1	22%	43%	21%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	36,703 3.88	81,586 5.50	26,025 6.78	24,393 8.19	168,707 5.68
% of total /1	22%	48%	15%	15%	100%
To date/2011*	1,356,227	2,559,698	1,098,837	865,768	5,880,530
To date/2010*	1,469,741	2,912,331	895,667	683,004	5,960,743

/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				17-Sep-2011
	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	2,050	2,645	14	2	4,711
Avg Wt	17.32	38.30	30.03	41.95	29.15
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,725	2,161	25	2	3,913
Same wk yr ago	1,871	2,750	28	12	4,661
Avg Wt	17.00	36.51	27.09	41.87	28.72
To-date/2011*	66,878	95,006	771	257	162,912
To-date/2010*	66,309	94,115	768	259	161,451

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

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