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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION`
FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Oct-11(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	154,803 (2)	153,435
Light hens	1,292	1,322
Heavy hens	1,605	1,693

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 15-Oct-11 THOUSAND HEAD

Head	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
	244	13	257
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	183	0	183
Same week yr ago	220	25	245
To-date/2011*	14,642	421	15,063
To-date/2010*	14,005	398	14,403

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

Head	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
	1,493	1,723	3,216
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,635	1,789	3,424
Same week yr ago	1,494	1,554	3,048
To-date/2011*	70,590	64,200	134,790
To-date/2010*	71,841	58,345	130,186

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 15-Oct-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Head	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
	150,088	1,249	1,710	2,959	434
Avg Wt	5.86	3.22	7.77	5.85	6.74
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	153,823	1,452	1,789	3,241	444
Same wk yr ago	166,049	1,274	1,529	2,803	397
Avg Wt	5.85	3.26	8.14	5.92	6.92
To-date/2011*	6,501,074	55,948	63,779	119,727	17,723
To-date/2010*	6,627,019	57,836	57,947	115,783	17,177

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 151.9 million head, or 1.3 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 15-Oct-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	31,344	56,377	41,492	20,875	150,088
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.33	6.77	8.50	5.86
% of total /1	21%	37%	28%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	34,939	58,199	34,513	26,172	153,823
Avg Live Wgt	3.61	5.36	6.76	8.46	5.80
% of total /1	23%	38%	22%	17%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	35,229 3.85	66,531 5.46	39,060 6.66	25,229 8.40	166,049 5.85
% of total /1	21%	40%	24%	15%	100%
To date/2011*	1,488,744	2,792,180	1,254,346	965,804	6,501,074
To date/2010*	1,613,522	3,215,672	1,023,816	774,009	6,627,019

/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				15-Oct-2011
	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,970	2,597	24	5	4,596
Avg Wt	16.44	38.43	25.39	31.17	28.93
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,974	2,626	32	9	4,641
Same wk yr ago	1,897	2,980	21	2	4,900
Avg Wt	17.24	36.83	25.40	32.01	29.83
To-date/2011*	74,566	105,472	868	282	181,188
To-date/2010*	73,635	105,380	885	293	180,193

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

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