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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION` `**  
**FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Oct-11(THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	155,831 (2)	154,803
Light hens	1,249	1,292
Heavy hens	1,709	1,605

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**  
**WEEK ENDING 22-Oct-11 THOUSAND HEAD**

Head	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
	75	15	90

Head sltr Comparisons

Last Week	244	13	257
Same week yr ago	113	12	125
To-date/2011*	14,717	436	15,153
To-date/2010*	14,118	410	14,528

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

Head	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
	1,306	1,692	2,998

Head sltr Comparisons

Last Week	1,493	1,723	3,216
Same week yr ago	1,321	1,403	2,724
To-date/2011*	71,896	65,892	137,788
To-date/2010*	73,162	59,748	132,910

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 22-Oct-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	155,241	1,231	1,677	2,908	401
Avg Wt	5.81	3.27	7.93	5.96	6.83
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	150,088	1,249	1,710	2,959	434
Same wk yr ago	162,546	1,208	1,391	2,599	444
Avg Wt	5.76	3.32	8.16	5.91	6.82
To-date/2011*	6,656,315	57,179	65,456	122,635	18,124
To-date/2010*	6,789,565	59,044	59,338	118,382	17,621
% Change YTD	-2%	-3%	10%	4%	3%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.1 million head, or 5.2 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 22-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	33,360	61,871	37,000	23,010	155,241
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.34	6.76	8.42	5.81
% of total /1	21%	40%	24%	15%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	36,258 3.81	65,805 5.40	36,567 6.62	23,916 8.41	162,546 5.76
% of total /1	22%	40%	23%	15%	100%
To date/2011*	1,522,104	2,854,051	1,291,346	988,814	6,656,315
To date/2010*	1,649,780	3,281,477	1,060,383	797,925	6,789,565

/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				22-Oct-2011
	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	2,326	2,681	30	29	5,066
Avg Wt	17.55	38.99	26.73	28.70	29.02
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,970	2,597	24	5	4,596
Same wk yr ago	2,419	3,087	23	3	5,532
Avg Wt	16.73	35.31	25.43	47.77	27.67
To-date/2011*	76,892	108,153	898	311	186,254
To-date/2010*	76,054	108,467	908	296	185,725

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

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