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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION`**  
**FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Dec-11(THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	152,559 (2)	151,720
Light hens	1,531	1,198
Heavy hens	1,699	1,510

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**  
**WEEK ENDING 03-DEC-11 THOUSAND HEAD**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
SOURCE:	AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION		
	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	Hens
Head	0	0	0

Head sltr Comparisons

Last Week	126	0	126
Same week yr ago	466	0	466
To-date/2011*	16,076	462	16,538
To-date/2010*	16,360	530	16,890

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

	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,155	1,477	2,632
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	775	820	1,595
Same week yr ago	1,509	1,503	3,012
To-date/2011*	80,098	73,963	154,061
To-date/2010*	81,553	68,332	149,885

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 03-DEC-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	-----Thousands-----				
	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	
	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks
Head	148,055	1,155	1,477	2,632	429
Avg Wt	5.86	3.13	7.81	5.76	6.85
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	112,679	649	820	1,469	312
Same wk yr ago	164,288	1,043	1,503	2,546	391
Avg Wt	5.86	3.23	8.13	6.12	7.03
To-date/2011*	7,521,984	64,022	73,501	137,523	20,606
To-date/2010*	7,738,159	65,193	67,802	132,995	20,240

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 143.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 149.9 million head, or 6.3 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 03-DEC-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	31,170	63,558	25,033	28,294	148,055
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.43	6.73	8.40	5.86
% of total /1	21%	43%	17%	19%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	28,261	46,840	19,283	18,295	112,679
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.54	6.79	8.43	5.76
% of total /1	25%	42%	17%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	32,390 3.91	68,321 5.35	37,334 6.65	26,243 8.46	164,288 5.86
% of total /1	20%	41%	23%	16%	100%
To date/2011*	1,720,483	3,222,339	1,444,015	1,135,147	7,521,984
To date/2010*	1,860,156	3,685,096	1,256,531	936,376	7,738,159

/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				03-DEC-2011
	Young	Young	Young	Old	Total
Head	1,977	2,603	20	33	4,633
Avg Wt	16.60	38.21	29.42	30.62	28.90
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,052	1,494	8	5	2,559
Same wk yr ago	1,982	2,579	54	18	4,633
Avg Wt	16.64	39.63	39.47	27.05	28.47
To-date/2011*	90,024	123,873	1,063	396	215,356
To-date/2010*	89,406	125,043	1,054	351	215,854

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