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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION` `
FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Dec-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	149,793 (2)	152,559
Light hens	1,505	1,531
Heavy hens	1,451	1,699

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 10-DEC-11 THOUSAND HEAD

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION			
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	293	12	305
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	0	0	0
Same week yr ago	369	12	381
To-date/2011*	16,369	474	16,843
To-date/2010*	16,729	542	17,271

Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada
Light Heavy Total
Hens Hens Hens

	-----Thousands-----	
Head	1,749	3,291
Head sltr Comparisons		
Last Week	1,155	2,632
Same week yr ago	1,546	3,152
To-date/2011*	81,847	157,352
To-date/2010*	83,099	153,037

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 10-DEC-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	152,002	1,456	1,530	2,986	448
Avg Wt	5.79	3.29	7.81	5.61	6.91
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	148,055	1,155	1,477	2,632	429
Same wk yr ago	166,590	1,177	1,594	2,771	417
Avg Wt	5.69	3.58	8.13	6.20	6.59
To-date/2011*	7,673,986	65,478	75,031	140,509	21,054
To-date/2010*	7,904,749	66,370	69,396	135,766	20,657

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 142.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 153.8 million head, or 10.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 10-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	33,745	68,267	25,171	24,819	152,002
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.48	6.72	8.41	5.79
% of total /1	22%	45%	17%	16%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	40,980 3.61	67,826 5.41	31,168 6.67	26,616 8.47	166,590 5.69
% of total /1	24%	41%	19%	16%	100%
To date/2011*	1,754,228	3,290,606	1,469,186	1,159,966	7,673,986
To date/2010*	1,901,136	3,752,922	1,287,699	962,992	7,904,749

/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 10-DEC-2011

	Young	Young	Young	Old	Total
Head	1,796	2,789	13	9	4,607
Avg Wt	16.16	40.03	28.33	25.02	30.66
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,977	2,603	20	33	4,633
Same wk yr ago	2,018	2,742	23	5	4,788
Avg Wt	16.59	38.48	25.77	35.10	28.05
To-date/2011*	91,820	126,662	1,076	405	219,963
To-date/2010*	91,424	127,785	1,077	356	220,642

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