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

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	141,721 (2)	149,793
Light hens	959	1,505
Heavy hens	1,687	1,451

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 17-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 Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,682	1,574	3,256
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,749	1,542	3,291
Same week yr ago	1,927	1,665	3,592
To-date/2011*	83,529	77,079	160,608
To-date/2010*	85,026	71,603	156,629

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

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	148,975	1,491	1,574	3,065	451
Avg Wt	5.65	3.05	7.79	5.48	6.88
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	152,002	1,456	1,530	2,986	448
Same wk yr ago	164,020	1,638	1,657	3,295	482
Avg Wt	5.72	3.12	8.07	5.61	6.90
To-date/2011*	7,822,961	66,969	76,605	143,574	21,505
To-date/2010*	8,068,769	68,008	71,053	139,061	21,139

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 141.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 150.8 million head, or 8.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 17-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	38,356	65,362	21,516	23,741	148,975
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.45	6.88	8.30	5.65
% of total /1	26%	44%	14%	16%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	39,071 3.82	67,599 5.42	35,121 6.74	22,229 8.39	164,020 5.72
% of total /1	24%	41%	21%	14%	100%
To date/2011*	1,792,584	3,355,968	1,490,702	1,183,707	7,822,961
To date/2010*	1,940,207	3,820,521	1,322,820	985,221	8,068,769

/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-DEC-2011

	Young	Young	Young	Old	Total
Head	1,569	2,454	20	25	4,068
Avg Wt	16.45	41.08	26.20	31.20	31.45
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,796	2,789	13	9	4,607
Same wk yr ago	1,839	2,624	16	12	4,491
Avg Wt	16.26	39.60	26.85	30.77	29.13
To-date/2011*	93,389	129,116	1,096	430	224,031
To-date/2010*	93,263	130,409	1,093	368	225,133

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