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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION` `
FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Jan-12(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	134,036 (2)	125,094
Light hens	1,457	1,331
Heavy hens	1,355	1,386

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 24-DEC-11 THOUSAND HEAD

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
SOURCE:	AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	165	0	165
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	191	0	191
Same week yr ago	300	0	300
To-date/2011*	16,725	474	17,199
To-date/2010*	17,318	550	17,868

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,146	1,611	2,757
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,682	1,574	3,256
Same week yr ago	1,597	1,072	2,669
To-date/2011*	84,675	78,690	163,365
To-date/2010*	86,623	72,675	159,298

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 31-DEC-11 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	126,173	1,378	1,371	2,749	402
Avg Wt	5.72	3.19	7.69	5.43	6.83
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	136,566	981	1,611	2,592	398
Same wk yr ago	131,401	1,226	1,235	2,461	414
Avg Wt	5.74	3.26	7.98	5.63	6.90
To-date/2011*	8,085,700	69,328	79,587	148,915	22,305
To-date/2010*	8,334,894	70,531	73,360	143,891	21,941

(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 127.7 million head, or 15.9 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 31-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	33,800	48,741	25,500	18,132	126,173
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.35	6.82	8.93	5.72
% of total /1	27%	39%	20%	14%	100%

Comparisons

Last week	30,544	65,095	25,667	15,260	136,566
Avg Live Wgt	3.55	5.43	6.86	8.47	5.62
% of total /1	22%	48%	19%	11%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	28,458 3.79	59,134 5.42	24,087 6.64	19,722 8.42	131,401 5.74
% of total /1	22%	45%	18%	15%	100%
To date/2011*	1,856,928	3,469,804	1,541,869	1,217,099	8,085,700
To date/2010*	2,005,002	3,936,970	1,367,565	1,025,357	8,334,894

/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 31-DEC-2011

	Young	Young	Young	Old	Total
Head	1,287	1,992	6	8	3,293
Avg Wt	15.41	42.11	26.27	30.19	31.62
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,314	2,205	20	15	3,554
Same wk yr ago	1,452	1,968	19	13	3,452
Avg Wt	16.60	41.49	25.75	25.60	30.60
To-date/2011*	95,990	133,313	1,122	453	230,878
To-date/2010*	96,119	134,427	1,119	382	232,047

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