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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION`
FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Jan-12(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	147,931 (2)	154,989
Light hens	1,749	1,742
Heavy hens	1,620	1,492

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 14-JAN-12 THOUSAND HEAD

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION			
	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	Hens
Head	487	12	499
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	251	0	251
Same week yr ago	356	0	356
To-date/2012*	738	12	750
To-date/2011*	648	12	660

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

	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	Hens
Head	2,305	1,570	3,875
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,626	1,365	2,991
Same week yr ago	1,966	1,369	3,335
To-date/2012*	3,931	2,935	6,866
To-date/2011*	3,644	2,719	6,363

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 14-JAN-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	153,922	1,818	1,558	3,376	409
Avg Wt	5.65	3.20	7.34	5.11	6.47
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	135,215	1,375	1,365	2,740	404
Same wk yr ago	149,611	1,610	1,369	2,979	409
Avg Wt	5.74	3.13	7.85	5.32	6.91
To-date/2012*	289,137	3,193	2,923	6,116	813
To-date/2011*	317,390	2,996	2,707	5,703	848

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 155.8 million head, or 5.5 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 14-JAN-12

	A 4.25 lbs & down	B 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	C 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	D 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	32,200	69,744	34,507	17,471	153,922
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.26	6.73	8.57	5.65
% of total /1	21%	45%	23%	11%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	30,582	59,971	25,112	19,550	135,215
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.26	6.78	8.65	5.71
% of total /1	23%	44%	19%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	31,898 3.74	69,191 5.42	26,365 6.73	22,157 8.42	149,611 5.74
% of total /1	21%	46%	18%	15%	100%
To date/2012*	62,782	129,715	59,619	37,021	289,137
To date/2011*	63,129	146,931	60,949	46,381	317,390

/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 14-JAN-2012

	Young	Young	Young	Old	Total
Head	1,662	2,428	25	10	4,125
Avg Wt	16.83	42.19	27.29	36.66	31.87
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,544	2,121	11	7	3,683
Same wk yr ago	1,728	2,337	18	2	4,085
Avg Wt	17.00	41.14	25.72	52.18	29.81
To-date/2012*	3,206	4,549	36	17	7,808
To-date/2011*	3,451	4,797	26	9	8,283

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