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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION` `
FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Feb-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	150,358 (2)	153,419
Light hens	1,678	1,546
Heavy hens	1,565	1,505

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 11-Feb-12 THOUSAND HEAD

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION			
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	0	0	0
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	295	24	319
Same week yr ago	439	0	439
To-date/2012*	1,880	36	1,916
To-date/2011*	2,364	46	2,410

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,465	1,601	3,066
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,516	1,554	3,070
Same week yr ago	1,857	1,557	3,414
To-date/2012*	11,196	9,335	20,531
To-date/2011*	10,926	8,635	19,561

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 11-Feb-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	149,825	1,465	1,601	3,066	432
Avg Wt	5.81	3.31	7.87	5.69	6.47
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	151,562	1,221	1,530	2,751	400
Same wk yr ago	157,947	1,418	1,557	2,975	433
Avg Wt	5.66	3.04	8.05	5.66	6.85
To-date/2012*	889,853	9,316	9,299	18,615	2,516
To-date/2011*	957,710	8,562	8,589	17,151	2,689

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 151.6 million head, or 1.4 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 11-Feb-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	32,947	64,275	26,376	26,227	149,825
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.33	6.64	8.59	5.81
% of total /1	22%	43%	18%	17%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	33,089	65,155	29,729	23,589	151,562
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.42	6.74	8.57	5.79
% of total /1	22%	43%	20%	15%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	36,313 3.86	74,734 5.41	24,886 6.77	22,014 8.22	157,947 5.66
% of total /1	23%	47%	16%	14%	100%
To date/2012*	202,233	388,444	167,174	132,002	889,853
To date/2011*	224,316	431,679	157,349	144,366	957,710

/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 11-Feb-2012

	Young	Young	Young	Old	Total
Head	1,673	2,483	20	15	4,191
Avg Wt	16.84	41.25	32.51	33.73	31.44
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,769	2,466	26	4	4,265
Same wk yr ago	1,614	2,820	12	7	4,453
Avg Wt	17.36	38.21	28.64	37.54	29.48
To-date/2012*	10,037	14,418	145	54	24,654
To-date/2011*	10,276	15,154	101	29	25,560

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