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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION` `**  
**FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Mar-12(THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	152,636 (2)	153,026
Light hens	1,478	1,310
Heavy hens	1,472	1,405

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**  
**WEEK ENDING 25-Feb-12 THOUSAND HEAD**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION			
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	182	0	182
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	0	0	0
Same week yr ago	250	25	275
To-date/2012*	2,062	36	2,098
To-date/2011*	2,866	71	2,937

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,484	1,457	2,941
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,574	1,615	3,189
Same week yr ago	1,760	1,890	3,650
To-date/2012*	14,254	12,407	26,661
To-date/2011*	14,378	12,158	26,536

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 25-Feb-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	149,930	1,302	1,457	2,759	454
Avg Wt	5.64	3.23	7.83	5.66	6.86
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	150,497	1,574	1,615	3,189	401
Same wk yr ago	157,502	1,510	1,865	3,375	440
Avg Wt	5.70	3.23	7.21	5.43	6.84
To-date/2012*	1,190,280	12,192	12,371	24,563	3,371
To-date/2011*	1,277,389	11,512	12,087	23,599	3,591

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 151.8 million head, or 1.1 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 25-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	40,156	63,539	22,720	23,515	149,930
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.40	6.74	8.41	5.64
% of total /1	27%	42%	15%	16%	100%

Comparisons

Last week	37,375	62,336	28,368	22,418	150,497
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.39	6.78	8.43	5.70
% of total /1	25%	41%	19%	15%	100%
Year Ago 2/	35,387	75,719	23,662	22,734	157,502
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.39	6.90	8.37	5.70
% of total /1	22%	48%	15%	15%	100%
To date/2012*	279,764	514,319	218,262	177,935	1,190,280
To date/2011*	295,309	579,733	209,788	192,559	1,277,389

/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 25-Feb-2012

	Young	Young	Young	Old	Total
Head	1,792	2,605	13	2	4,412
Avg Wt	17.07	41.20	24.52	38.23	31.35
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,671	2,555	16	10	4,252
Same wk yr ago	1,744	2,397	18	4	4,163
Avg Wt	18.07	39.61	24.80	29.21	28.95
To-date/2012*	13,500	19,578	174	66	33,318
To-date/2011*	13,951	20,160	128	39	34,278

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