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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION` `
FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Mar-12(THOUSAND HEAD)

| Class | Current Week | Previous Week |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Broiler/fryer | 152,864 (2) | 151,601 |
| Light hens | 1,947 | 1,860 |
| Heavy hens | 1,387 | 1,307 |

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 17-Mar-12 THOUSAND HEAD

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
|---------|--|------------|-------|
| SOURCE: | AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION | | |
| | Light | Heavy | Total |
| | Hens | Hens | Hens |
| Head | 386 | 0 | 386 |

Head sltr Comparisons

| | | | |
|------------------|-------|----|-------|
| Last Week | 334 | 0 | 334 |
| Same week yr ago | 466 | 0 | 466 |
| To-date/2012* | 3,200 | 36 | 3,236 |
| To-date/2011* | 4,253 | 96 | 4,349 |

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

| | Light | Heavy | Total |
|------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Hens | Hens | Hens |
| Head | 2,138 | 1,332 | 3,470 |

Head sltr Comparisons

| | | | |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Last Week | 2,021 | 1,395 | 3,416 |
| Same week yr ago | 1,889 | 1,498 | 3,387 |
| To-date/2012* | 20,177 | 16,585 | 36,762 |
| To-date/2011* | 20,353 | 16,667 | 37,020 |

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 17-Mar-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

| | Young | Light | Heavy | Total | Ducks |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| | Chickens | Hens | Hens | Hens | |
| Head | 153,056 | 1,752 | 1,332 | 3,084 | 408 |
| Avg Wt | 5.74 | 3.07 | 8.10 | 5.24 | 6.47 |
| Head sltr comparisons | | | | | |
| Last week | 150,226 | 1,687 | 1,395 | 3,082 | 440 |
| Same wk yr ago | 160,009 | 1,423 | 1,498 | 2,921 | 472 |
| Avg Wt | 5.65 | 3.21 | 7.86 | 5.59 | 6.86 |
| To-date/2012* | 1,645,246 | 16,977 | 16,549 | 33,526 | 4,693 |
| To-date/2011* | 1,754,747 | 16,100 | 16,571 | 32,671 | 4,959 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 154.9 million head, or 3.7 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 17-Mar-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 | 38,346 | 64,800 | 25,166 | 24,744 | 153,056 |
| Avg Live Wgt | 3.85 | 5.41 | 6.72 | 8.55 | 5.74 |
| % of total /1 | 25% | 42% | 17% | 16% | 100% |
| Comparisons | | | | | |
| Last week | 36,099 | 64,870 | 24,540 | 24,717 | 150,226 |
| Avg Live Wgt | 3.79 | 5.49 | 6.70 | 8.58 | 5.79 |
| % of total /1 | 24% | 43% | 16% | 17% | 100% |
| Year Ago 2/ | 39,167 | 77,076 | 21,137 | 22,629 | 160,009 |
| Avg Live Wgt | 3.86 | 5.44 | 6.84 | 8.34 | 5.65 |
| % of total /1 | 25% | 48% | 13% | 14% | 100% |
| To date/2012* | 389,491 | 708,643 | 295,889 | 251,223 | 1,645,246 |
| To date/2011* | 419,361 | 796,118 | 281,926 | 257,342 | 1,754,747 |

/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-Mar-2012

| | Young | Young | Young | Old | Total |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| Head | 1,828 | 2,610 | 10 | 2 | 4,450 |
| Avg Wt | 16.94 | 40.73 | 25.89 | 68.00 | 30.94 |
| Head sltr comparisons | | | | | |
| Last week | 1,734 | 2,559 | 39 | 9 | 4,341 |
| Same wk yr ago | 1,789 | 2,516 | 22 | 12 | 4,339 |
| Avg Wt | 16.63 | 39.13 | 24.63 | 27.66 | 29.60 |
| To-date/2012* | 18,876 | 27,147 | 237 | 84 | 46,344 |
| To-date/2011* | 19,140 | 27,724 | 214 | 73 | 47,151 |

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