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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION` `
FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Mar-12(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	152,006 (2)	152,864
Light hens	1,766	1,947
Heavy hens	1,380	1,387

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 24-Mar-12 THOUSAND HEAD

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION			
	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	Hens
Head	311	0	311
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	386	0	386
Same week yr ago	426	0	426
To-date/2012*	3,511	36	3,547
To-date/2011*	4,679	96	4,775

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

	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	Hens
Head	2,120	1,383	3,503
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,138	1,332	3,470
Same week yr ago	1,916	1,499	3,415
To-date/2012*	22,297	17,968	40,265
To-date/2011*	22,269	18,166	40,435

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 24-Mar-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	Ducks
	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	
Head	150,600	1,809	1,383	3,192	402
Avg Wt	5.73	3.08	7.98	5.20	6.83
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	153,056	1,752	1,332	3,084	408
Same wk yr ago	158,041	1,490	1,499	2,989	443
Avg Wt	5.64	3.22	8.16	5.70	6.84
To-date/2012*	1,795,846	18,786	17,932	36,718	5,095
To-date/2011*	1,912,788	17,590	18,070	35,660	5,402

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 152.4 million head, or 0.5 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 24-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	33,634	67,385	28,831	20,750	150,600
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.40	6.79	8.44	5.73
% of total /1	22%	45%	19%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	42,231 3.81	66,446 5.46	27,592 6.78	21,772 8.27	158,041 5.64
% of total /1	27%	42%	17%	14%	100%
To date/2012*	423,125	776,028	324,720	271,973	1,795,846
To date/2011*	461,592	862,564	309,518	279,114	1,912,788

/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 24-Mar-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	2,075	2,517	16	11	4,619
Avg Wt	16.78	40.97	25.14	27.97	30.01
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,828	2,610	10	2	4,450
Same wk yr ago	1,799	2,543	34	7	4,383
Avg Wt	17.78	39.21	26.39	33.12	29.35
To-date/2012*	20,951	29,664	253	95	50,963
To-date/2011*	20,939	30,267	248	80	51,534

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