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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION` `
FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Apr-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	151,645 (2)	152,006
Light hens	1,778	1,766
Heavy hens	1,250	1,380

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

(Information for weekending 31-Mar-12 is not yet available but will be released as soon as possible).

	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 31-Mar-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	149,755	1,676	1,372	3,048	407
Avg Wt	5.80	3.44	7.76	5.38	6.92
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	150,600	1,809	1,383	3,192	402
Same wk yr ago	162,524	1,060	1,301	2,361	431
Avg Wt	5.77	3.31	8.12	5.96	6.86
To-date/2012*	1,945,601	20,462	19,304	39,766	5,502
To-date/2011*	2,075,312	18,650	19,371	38,021	5,833

(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 31-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	39,670	61,956	24,232	23,897	149,755
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.54	6.77	8.71	5.80
% of total /1	26%	42%	16%	16%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	40,057 3.83	65,845 5.47	29,367 6.75	27,255 8.30	162,524 5.77
% of total /1	25%	40%	18%	17%	100%
To date/2012*	462,795	837,984	348,952	295,870	1,945,601
To date/2011*	501,649	928,409	338,885	306,369	2,075,312

/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 31-Mar-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeder	Old Breeder	Total Turkeys
Head	1,931	2,575	18	2	4,526
Avg Wt	17.16	40.47	25.58	41.97	30.47
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,075	2,517	16	11	4,619
Same wk yr ago	1,692	2,558	45	26	4,321
Avg Wt	16.89	39.20	26.78	26.15	29.16
To-date/2012*	22,882	32,239	271	97	55,489
To-date/2011*	22,631	32,825	293	106	55,855

*Note: Year-to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

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