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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION` `
FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Apr-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	155,261 (2)	151,101
Light hens	2,046	2,011
Heavy hens	1,500	1,432

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 14-Apr-12
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	309	0	309
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	300	0	300
Same week yr ago	505	0	505
To-date/2012*	4,466	36	4,502
To-date/2011*	5,909	121	6,030

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. and CANADA

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	2,137	1,402	3,539
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,022	1,271	3,293
Same week yr ago	1,826	1,337	3,163
To-date/2012*	28,478	22,013	50,491
To-date/2011*	27,373	22,221	49,594

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 14-Apr-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	153,060	1,828	1,402	3,230	404
Avg Wt	5.79	3.19	7.91	5.24	6.93
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	147,760	1,722	1,271	2,993	443
Same wk yr ago	160,335	1,321	1,337	2,658	421
Avg Wt	5.77	3.15	8.09	5.63	6.36
To-date/2012*	2,246,421	24,012	21,977	45,989	6,349
To-date/2011*	2,395,393	21,464	22,100	43,564	6,729

(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 154.9 million head, or 2.0 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 14-Apr-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	35,181	65,332	32,611	19,936	153,060
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.47	6.85	8.55	5.79
% of total /1	23%	43%	21%	13%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	38,891	64,257	23,984	20,628	147,760
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.40	6.83	8.50	5.65
% of total /1	26%	44%	16%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/	29,615	77,918	29,150	23,652	160,335
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.38	6.76	8.29	5.77
% of total /1	18%	49%	18%	15%	100%
To date/2012*	536,867	967,573	405,547	336,434	2,246,421
To date/2011*	568,390	1,078,406	396,775	351,822	2,395,393

/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 14-Apr-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,926	2,516	20	6	4,468
Avg Wt	15.67	40.18	25.34	30.35	29.53
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,593	2,336	18	6	3,953
Same wk yr ago	1,928	2,500	19	3	4,450
Avg Wt	16.94	39.79	22.50	47.68	28.32
To-date/2012*	26,401	37,091	309	109	63,910
To-date/2011*	26,283	37,927	330	111	64,651

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

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