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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

FOR WEEK ENDING 05-May-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	153,733 (2)	152,091
Light hens	1,994	2,061
Heavy hens	1,518	1,439

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 28-Apr-12
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	412	0	412
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	447	0	447
Same week yr ago	312	20	332
To-date/2012*	5,325	36	5,361
To-date/2011*	6,632	153	6,785

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	2,410	1,429	3,839
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,416	1,483	3,899
Same week yr ago	1,888	1,524	3,412
To-date/2012*	33,304	24,925	58,229
To-date/2011*	31,191	25,144	56,335

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 28-Apr-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	152,792	1,998	1,429	3,427	428
Avg Wt	5.85	3.27	8.02	5.25	6.78
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	154,825	1,969	1,483	3,452	389
Same wk yr ago	156,149	1,576	1,504	3,080	426
Avg Wt	5.80	3.17	8.37	5.71	6.91
To-date/2012*	2,554,038	27,979	24,889	52,868	7,166
To-date/2011*	2,706,199	24,559	24,991	49,550	7,586

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 154.6 million head, or 1.3 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 28-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	34,958	63,246	26,435	28,153	152,792
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.39	6.77	8.50	5.85
% of total /1	23%	41%	17%	19%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	40,216	63,191	28,854	22,564	154,825
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.41	6.80	8.54	5.72
% of total /1	26%	41%	19%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	34,326 3.87	65,152 5.36	27,368 6.77	29,303 8.54	156,149 5.80
% of total /1	22%	42%	17%	19%	100%
To date/2012*	612,041	1,094,010	460,836	387,151	2,554,038
To date/2011*	639,534	1,207,350	454,296	405,019	2,706,199

/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 28-Apr-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,883	2,684	14	7	4,588
Avg Wt	16.76	40.16	24.26	33.55	30.50
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,992	2,610	28	2	4,632
Same wk yr ago	1,803	2,621	18	4	4,446
Avg Wt	16.70	39.41	26.68	41.71	28.96
To-date/2012*	30,276	42,385	351	115	73,127
To-date/2011*	29,678	43,023	361	119	73,181

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

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