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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

FOR WEEK ENDING 19-May-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	158,779 (2)	157,718
Light hens	1,859	2,164
Heavy hens	1,677	1,577

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	347	0	347
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	242	0	242
Same week yr ago	542	0	542
To-date/2012*	5,914	36	5,950
To-date/2011*	7,673	153	7,826

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	2,372	1,598	3,970
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,112	1,511	3,623
Same week yr ago	2,164	1,361	3,525
To-date/2012*	37,788	28,034	65,822
To-date/2011*	35,399	28,068	63,467

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

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	155,836	2,025	1,598	3,623	390
Avg Wt	5.79	3.11	7.60	5.09	6.90
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	151,715	1,870	1,511	3,381	444
Same wk yr ago	165,491	1,622	1,361	2,983	424
Avg Wt	5.85	3.35	8.00	5.47	6.83
To-date/2012*	2,861,589	31,874	27,998	59,872	8,000
To-date/2011*	3,030,742	27,726	27,915	55,641	8,427

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.7 million head, or 2.2 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 12-May-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	36,649	66,660	26,002	26,525	155,836
Avg Live Wgt	3.65	5.38	6.85	8.75	5.79
% of total /1	24%	43%	16%	17%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	37,082	66,034	26,338	22,261	151,715
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.52	6.79	8.60	5.79
% of total /1	24%	44%	17%	15%	100%
Year Ago 2/	33,557	70,913	34,908	26,113	165,491
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.41	6.83	8.42	5.85
% of total /1	20%	43%	21%	16%	100%
To date/2012*	685,772	1,226,704	513,176	435,937	2,861,589
To date/2011*	707,975	1,345,330	523,840	453,597	3,030,742

/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 12-May-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,948	2,733	29	18	4,728
Avg Wt	17.02	40.05	27.35	38.90	30.48
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,658	2,837	31	1	4,527
Same wk yr ago	1,812	2,740	34	3	4,589
Avg Wt	16.80	39.61	27.00	51.41	28.88
To-date/2012*	33,882	47,955	411	134	82,382
To-date/2011*	33,319	48,405	414	129	82,267

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

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