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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

**FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Jun-12(THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	145,394 (2)	159,214
Light hens	1,158	1,946
Heavy hens	1,570	1,600

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**  
**WEEK ENDING 26-May-12**  
**(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	269	0	269
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	418	0	418
Same week yr ago	215	24	239
To-date/2012*	6,601	36	6,637
To-date/2011*	8,338	200	8,538

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	2,055	1,624	3,679
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,123	1,674	3,797
Same week yr ago	1,717	1,413	3,130
To-date/2012*	41,966	31,332	73,298
To-date/2011*	39,135	30,968	70,103

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 26-May-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	158,757	1,786	1,624	3,410	409
Avg Wt	5.66	3.21	7.53	5.27	6.84
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	157,987	1,705	1,674	3,379	421
Same wk yr ago	165,616	1,502	1,389	2,891	401
Avg Wt	5.71	3.24	8.18	5.61	6.82
To-date/2012*	3,178,333	35,365	31,296	66,661	8,830
To-date/2011*	3,359,905	30,797	30,768	61,565	9,256

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.7 million head, or 5.4 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 26-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	38,576	67,544	31,007	21,630	158,757
Avg Live Wgt	3.64	5.39	6.77	8.55	5.66
% of total /1	24%	43%	19%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	35,986	68,501	28,243	25,257	157,987
Avg Live Wgt	3.54	5.32	6.84	8.49	5.69
% of total /1	23%	43%	18%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	37,911 3.46	72,250 5.44	30,639 6.64	24,816 8.37	165,616 5.71
% of total /1	23%	44%	18%	15%	100%
To date/2012*	760,334	1,362,749	572,426	482,824	3,178,333
To date/2011*	776,345	1,486,787	587,897	508,876	3,359,905

/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 26-May-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeder	Old Breeder	Total Turkeys
Head	1,966	2,483	11	3	4,463
Avg Wt	16.67	40.53	29.58	49.44	30.00
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,962	2,477	29	16	4,484
Same wk yr ago	1,724	2,572	36	6	4,338
Avg Wt	17.83	39.11	25.74	34.76	29.34
To-date/2012*	37,810	52,915	451	153	91,329
To-date/2011*	37,011	53,604	463	143	91,221

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

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