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

**FOR WEEK ENDING 27-Jul-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	159,514 (2)	164,620
Light hens	783	1,407
Heavy hens	1,721	1,739

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**  
**WEEK ENDING 21-Jul-12**  
**(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	118	0	118
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	119	0	119
Same week yr ago	259	0	259
To-date/2012*	8,286	36	8,322
To-date/2011*	10,982	285	11,267

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. and CANADA**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,413	1,756	3,169
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,515	1,853	3,368
Same week yr ago	1,549	1,988	3,537
To-date/2012*	54,711	45,137	99,848
To-date/2011*	51,341	44,525	95,866

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 21-Jul-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	158,653	1,295	1,756	3,051	401
Avg Wt	5.67	2.89	7.95	5.80	6.85
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	156,299	1,396	1,853	3,249	472
Same wk yr ago	160,496	1,290	1,988	3,278	436
Avg Wt	5.66	3.27	8.03	6.16	6.65
To-date/2012*	4,403,827	46,425	45,101	91,526	12,083
To-date/2011*	4,628,374	40,359	44,240	84,599	12,605

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.6 million head, or 3.5 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 21-July-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	38,856	65,866	30,507	23,424	158,653
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.30	6.75	8.42	5.67
% of total /1	24%	42%	19%	15%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	38,031	73,471	17,674	27,123	156,299
Avg Live Wgt	3.61	5.34	6.61	8.23	5.65
% of total /1	24%	47%	11%	18%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	36,202 3.86	72,503 5.37	31,440 6.77	20,351 8.20	160,496 5.66
% of total /1	23%	45%	19%	13%	100%
To date/2012*	1,076,987	1,861,367	797,971	667,502	4,403,827
To date/2011*	1,059,498	2,019,409	846,240	703,227	4,628,374

/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 21-Jul-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,792	2,908	27	8	4,735
Avg Wt	16.25	38.75	27.20	35.31	30.16
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,778	2,430	45	0	4,253
Same wk yr ago	1,825	2,701	16	2	4,544
Avg Wt	16.36	37.05	26.90	33.80	28.71
To-date/2012*	52,262	73,563	631	198	126,654
To-date/2011*	51,952	74,482	604	204	127,242

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

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