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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

FOR WEEK ENDING 10-AUG-12(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	158,634 (2)	159,099
Light hens	1,125	1,121
Heavy hens	2,009	1,802

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 04-Aug-12
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	149	0	149
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	345	0	345
Same week yr ago	379	0	379
To-date/2012*	8,780	36	8,816
To-date/2011*	1,798	285	12,083

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,183	1,793	2,976
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,048	1,721	2,769
Same week yr ago	1,514	1,872	3,386
To-date/2012*	56,942	48,651	105,593
To-date/2011*	54,348	48,178	102,526

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

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 04-Aug-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	154,911	1,034	1,793	2,827	409
Avg Wt	5.75	3.03	7.87	6.10	6.40
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	157,180	703	1,721	2,424	405
Same wk yr ago	158,677	1,135	1,872	3,007	406
Avg Wt	5.62	3.09	8.07	6.19	6.64
To-date/2012*	4,715,918	48,162	48,615	96,777	12,897
To-date/2011*	4,946,098	42,550	47,893	90,443	13,442

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.8 million head, or 1.0 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 04-Aug-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	36,353	69,070	27,451	22,037	154,911
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.47	6.80	8.40	5.75
% of total /1	23%	45%	18%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	39,809	66,084	30,947	20,340	157,180
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.34	6.68	8.29	5.67
% of total /1	25%	42%	20%	13%	100%
Year Ago 2/	36,916	68,883	34,161	18,717	158,677
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.29	6.84	8.09	5.62
% of total /1	23%	43%	22%	12%	100%
To date/2012*	1,153,149	1,996,521	856,369	709,879	4,715,918
To date/2011*	1,130,335	2,162,138	910,554	743,071	4,946,098

/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 04-Aug-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,878	2,729	43	20	4,670
Avg Wt	16.30	37.42	26.43	32.31	28.80
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,752	2,629	26	11	4,418
Same wk yr ago	1,767	2,693	15	12	4,487
Avg Wt	16.58	36.91	25.75	25.49	28.84
To-date/2012*	55,892	78,921	700	229	135,742
To-date/2011*	55,519	79,688	644	223	136,074

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

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