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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

FOR WEEK ENDING 31-AUG-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	156,925 (2)	159,748
Light hens	1,629	1,900
Heavy hens	1,751	1,960

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 25-Aug-12
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	109	0	109
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	27	0	27
Same week yr ago	298	23	321
To-date/2012*	9,170	36	9,206
To-date/2011*	12,886	371	13,257

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	2,026	1,945	3,971
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,262	2,007	3,269
Same week yr ago	1,529	1,461	2,990
To-date/2012*	61,505	54,525	116,030
To-date/2011*	59,304	52,849	112,153

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

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 25-Aug-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,905	2,735	19	10	4,669
Avg Wt	17.05	38.34	24.14	31.29	29.58
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,784	2,659	26	6	4,475
Same wk yr ago	1,959	2,458	29	10	4,456
Avg Wt	16.69	37.07	26.03	26.62	28.02
To-date/2012*	61,474	86,958	783	252	149,467
To-date/2011*	61,291	87,624	710	246	149,871

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.7 million head, or 5.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 25-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	41,157	54,714	34,469	27,460	157,800
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.43	6.72	8.31	5.79
% of total /1	26%	35%	22%	17%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	39,155	66,435	30,831	21,451	157,872
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.25	6.89	8.28	5.63
% of total /1	25%	42%	19%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	40,756 3.80	65,632 5.51	32,533 6.75	18,302 8.16	157,223 5.63
% of total /1	26%	42%	21%	11%	100%
To date/2012*	1,268,512	2,191,053	946,797	781,308	5,187,670
To date/2011*	1,243,336	2,369,592	1,004,778	800,397	5,418,103

/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 18-Aug-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeder	Old Breeder	Total Turkeys
Head	1,784	2,659	26	6	4,475
Avg Wt	16.38	37.69	24.46	37.38	29.12
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,893	2,643	38	7	4,581
Same wk yr ago	1,833	2,747	18	9	4,607
Avg Wt	16.82	37.51	25.08	35.61	29.23
To-date/2012*	59,569	84,223	764	242	144,798
To-date/2011*	59,332	85,166	681	236	145,415

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

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