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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Sep-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	143,131 (2)	156,925
Light hens	1,583	1,629
Heavy hens	1,778	1,751

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 01-Sep-12
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	245	0	245
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	109	0	109
Same week yr ago	282	0	282
To-date/2012*	9,415	36	9,451
To-date/2011*	12,870	348	13,218

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,965	1,770	3,735
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,026	1,945	3,971
Same week yr ago	1,669	1,379	3,048
To-date/2012*	63,470	56,295	119,765
To-date/2011*	60,675	54,205	114,880

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

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 01-Sep-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	156,776	1,720	1,770	3,490	406
Avg Wt	5.73	3.19	8.15	5.71	6.76
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	157,800	1,917	1,945	3,862	435
Same wk yr ago	161,414	1,387	1,379	2,766	441
Avg Wt	5.64	3.34	7.41	5.37	6.77
To-date/2012*	5,344,446	54,055	56,259	110,314	14,544
To-date/2011*	5,579,517	47,805	53,857	101,662	15,169

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.7 million head, or 4.8 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 01-Sep-2012

	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/	40,756	65,632	32,533	18,302	157,223
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.51	6.75	8.16	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 01-Sep-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,708	2,602	55	16	4,381
Avg Wt	16.93	39.87	27.42	29.96	30.74
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,905	2,735	19	10	4,669
Same wk yr ago	1,812	2,576	22	7	4,417
Avg Wt	16.23	37.25	25.98	27.73	28.56
To-date/2012*	63,182	89,560	838	268	153,848
To-date/2011*	63,103	90,200	732	253	154,288

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

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