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

FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Sep-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	156,904 (2)	157,048
Light hens	1,467	1,206
Heavy hens	1,969	1,760

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEK ENDING 15-Sep-12
 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	394	0	394
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	110	0	110
Same week yr ago	388	0	388
To-date/2012*	9,919	36	9,955
To-date/2011*	13,528	361	13,889

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,890	1,754	3,644
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,830	1,770	3,600
Same week yr ago	1,681	1,579	3,260
To-date/2012*	65,470	58,049	123,519
To-date/2011*	62,626	55,797	118,423

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 15-Sep-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	154,885	1,227	1,758	2,985	395
Avg Wt	5.79	3.04	8.02	5.97	6.84
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	139,196	1,496	1,754	3,250	390
Same wk yr ago	159,518	1,585	1,602	3,187	443
Avg Wt	5.87	3.21	7.94	5.59	6.73
To-date/2012*	5,638,527	56,778	59,771	116,549	15,329
To-date/2011*	5,880,530	50,683	57,038	107,721	16,009

A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.8 million head, or 3.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 15-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	37,174	61,852	35,886	19,973	154,885
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.56	6.74	8.42	5.79
% of total /1	24%	40%	23%	13%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	32,728	61,903	25,605	18,960	139,196
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.49	6.86	8.31	5.74
% of total /1	24%	44%	18%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/	39,295	59,179	35,251	25,793	159,518
Avg Live Wgt	3.97	5.53	6.71	8.39	5.87
% of total /1	25%	37%	22%	16%	100%
To date/2012*	1,379,345	2,379,427	1,034,888	844,867	5,638,527
To date/2011*	1,356,227	2,559,698	1,098,837	865,768	5,880,530
/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 15-Sep-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,806	2,583	65	27	4,481
Avg Wt	17.04	38.25	26.56	29.18	29.48
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,493	2,430	16	5	3,944
Same wk yr ago	2,050	2,645	14	2	4,711
Avg Wt	17.23	38.30	30.03	41.95	29.15
To-date/2012*	66,481	94,573	919	300	162,273
To-date/2011*	66,878	95,006	771	257	162,912

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

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