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

**FOR WEEK ENDING 28-Sep-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	157,410 (2)	156,904
Light hens	1,627	1,467
Heavy hens	1,759	1,969

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**  
**WEEK ENDING 22-Sep-2012**  
**(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	413	0	413
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	394	0	394
Same week yr ago	290	24	314
To-date/2012*	10,332	36	10,368
To-date/2011*	13,818	385	14,203

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,920	2,046	3,966
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,621	1,758	3,379
Same week yr ago	1,477	1,709	3,186
To-date/2012*	68,617	61,853	130,470
To-date/2011*	65,688	59,108	124,796

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 22-Sep-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	154,230	1,507	2,046	3,553	401
Avg Wt	5.76	2.95	7.95	5.83	6.31
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	154,885	1,227	1,758	2,985	395
Same wk yr ago	160,196	1,187	1,685	2,872	414
Avg Wt	5.80	3.14	8.04	6.01	6.87
To-date/2012*	5,792,757	58,285	61,817	120,102	15,730
To-date/2011*	6,040,726	51,870	58,723	110,593	16,423

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.1 million head, or 2.6 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 22-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	41,481	55,097	29,145	28,507	154,230
Avg Live Wgt	3.69	5.47	6.72	8.35	5.76
% of total /1	27%	36%	19%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	33,735	61,135	40,271	25,055	160,196
Avg Live Wgt	3.58	5.30	6.73	8.51	5.80
% of total /1	21%	38%	25%	16%	100%
To date/2012*	1,420,826	2,434,524	1,064,033	873,374	5,792,757
To date/2011*	1,389,962	2,620,833	1,139,108	890,823	6,040,726

/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 22-Sep-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,805	2,815	31	6	4,657
Avg Wt	17.09	38.11	27.05	41.81	29.89
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,806	2,583	65	27	4,481
Same wk yr ago	1,775	2,565	30	2	4,372
Avg Wt	17.79	38.08	25.01	32.91	29.75
To-date/2012*	68,286	97,388	950	306	166,930
To-date/2011*	68,653	97,571	801	259	167,284

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

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