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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Oct-12(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	159,660 (2)	157,410
Light hens	1,477	1,627
Heavy hens	1,583	1,759

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 29-Sep-2012
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	203	0	203
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	413	0	413
Same week yr ago	100	0	100
To-date/2012*	10,535	36	10,571
To-date/2011*	13,918	385	14,303

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,779	1,828	3,607
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,920	2,046	3,966
Same week yr ago	1,477	1,557	3,034
To-date/2012*	70,396	63,681	134,077
To-date/2011*	67,165	60,665	127,830

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

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 29-Sep-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	155,614	1,576	1,828	3,404	394
Avg Wt	5.90	3.36	7.72	5.70	6.90
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	154,230	1,507	2,046	3,553	401
Same wk yr ago	156,437	1,377	1,557	2,934	422
Avg Wt	5.87	3.24	7.84	5.68	6.81
To-date/2012*	5,948,371	59,861	63,645	123,506	16,124
To-date/2011*	6,197,163	53,247	60,280	113,527	16,845

(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 157.5 million head, or 4.6 million more than estimated available

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 29-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	33,842	57,583	39,031	25,158	155,614
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.35	6.77	8.54	5.90
% of total /1	22%	37%	25%	16%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	32,499 3.74	56,771 5.34	39,233 6.63	27,934 8.34	156,437 5.87
% of total /1	21%	36%	25%	18%	100%
To date/2012*	1,454,668	2,492,107	1,103,064	898,532	5,948,371
To date/2011*	1,422,461	2,677,604	1,178,341	918,757	6,197,163

/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 29-Sep-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,703	2,728	13	6	4,450
Avg Wt	18.19	38.28	25.27	28.18	30.54
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,805	2,815	31	6	4,657
Same wk yr ago	1,969	2,678	11	9	4,667
Avg Wt	17.07	38.13	26.89	24.93	29.19
To-date/2012*	69,989	100,116	963	312	171,380
To-date/2011*	70,622	100,249	812	268	171,951

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

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