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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

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

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	155,849 (2)	159,660
Light hens	1,438	1,477
Heavy hens	1,530	1,583

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 06-Oct-2012
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	195	0	195
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	203	0	203
Same week yr ago	183	0	183
To-date/2012*	10,730	36	10,766
To-date/2011*	14,101	385	14,486

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,579	1,602	3,181
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,779	1,828	3,607
Same week yr ago	1,635	1,789	3,424
To-date/2012*	71,975	65,283	137,258
To-date/2011*	68,800	62,454	131,254

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

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 06-Oct-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	154,442	1,384	1,602	2,986	405
Avg Wt	5.97	3.34	7.37	5.50	6.94
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	155,614	1,576	1,828	3,404	394
Same wk yr ago	153,823	1,452	1,789	3,241	444
Avg Wt	5.80	3.21	7.75	5.72	6.71
To-date/2012*	6,102,813	61,245	65,247	126,492	16,529
To-date/2011*	6,350,986	54,699	62,069	116,768	17,289

(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 156.3 million head, or 3.4 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 06-Oct-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	34,477	57,897	32,936	29,132	154,442
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.41	6.85	8.60	5.97
% of total /1	22%	38%	21%	19%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	34,939 3.61	58,199 5.36	34,513 6.76	26,172 8.46	153,823 5.80
% of total /1	23%	38%	22%	17%	100%
To date/2012*	1,489,145	2,550,004	1,136,000	927,664	6,102,813
To date/2011*	1,457,400	2,735,803	1,212,854	944,929	6,350,986
% Change YTD	2%	-7%	-6%	-2%	-4%

/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 06-Oct-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,760	2,863	69	8	4,700
Avg Wt	16.84	38.07	27.01	36.75	29.95
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,703	2,728	13	6	4,450
Same wk yr ago	1,974	2,626	32	9	4,641
Avg Wt	17.21	38.56	26.51	29.63	29.38
To-date/2012*	71,749	102,979	1,032	320	176,080
To-date/2011*	72,596	102,875	844	277	176,592

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

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