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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

FOR WEEK ENDING 27-Oct-12(THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	153,519 (2)	155,110
Light hens	988	1,233
Heavy hens	1,660	1,532

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 20-Oct-2012
(THOUSAND HEAD)

LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS

UNAVAILABLE

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

Light Hens Heavy Hens Total Hens

UNAVAILABLE

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

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 20-Oct-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	155,464	1,106	1,299	2,405	418
Avg Wt	5.95	3.21	7.93	5.76	6.89
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	154,969	1,280	1,545	2,825	458
Same wk yr ago	155,241	3.27	1,677	2,908	401
Avg Wt	5.81	3.22	7.93	5.96	6.83
To-date/2012*	6,413,246	62,525	68,091	131,722	17,405
To-date/2011*	6,656,315	55,948	65,456	122,635	18,124

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.4 million head, or 7.0 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 17-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	38,959	48,322	41,318	26,865	155,464
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.45	6.79	8.54	5.95
% of total /1	25%	31%	27%	17%	100%

Comparisons

Last week	36,697	55,260	36,599	26,412	154,969
Avg Live Wgt	3.65	5.40	6.82	8.53	5.86
% of total /1	24%	24%	24%	17%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	33,360 3.80	61,871 5.34	37,000 6.76	23,010 8.42	155,241 5.81
% of total /1	21%	40%	24%	15%	100%
To date/2012*	1,564,801	2,653,586	1,213,917	980,941	6,413,246
To date/2011*	1,522,104	2,854,051	1,291,346	988,814	6,656,315

/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 20-Oct-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	2,143	2,794	41	13	4,991
Avg Wt	17.90	38.78	26.77	27.04	29.68
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,669	2,747	42	0	4,458
Same wk yr ago	2,326	2,681	30	29	5,066
Avg Wt	17.55	38.99	26.73	28.70	29.02
To-date/2012*	75,561	108,520	1,115	333	185,529
To-date/2011*	76,892	108,153	898	311	186,116

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

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