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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Nov-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	150,676 (2)	153,519
Light hens	919	988
Heavy hens	1,658	1,660

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**  
**WEEK ENDING 27-Oct-2012**  
**(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	140	0	140
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	87	0	87
Same week yr ago	140	13	153
To-date/2012*	11,386	36	11,422
To-date/2011*	14,560	426	14,986

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,059	1,367	2,426
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,193	1,299	2,492
Same week yr ago	1,381	1,670	3,051
To-date/2012*	75,936	69,494	145,430
To-date/2011*	72,980	67,539	140,519

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 27-Oct-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	153,401	919	1,367	2,286	370
Avg Wt	5.76	3.12	8.06	6.07	6.46
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	155,464	1,106	1,299	2,405	418
Same wk yr ago	152,604	1,241	1,657	2,898	436
Avg Wt	5.74	3.17	7.92	5.89	6.80
To-date/2012*	6,566,647	62,525	69,458	134,008	17,775
To-date/2011*	6,808,919	55,948	67,113	125,533	18,560

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 155.3 million head, or 4.7 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 27-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	37,305	60,711	31,652	23,733	153,401
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.54	6.80	8.47	5.76
% of total /1	24%	40%	21%	15%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%	27%	27%	17%	100%
Year Ago 2/	31,836	67,006	32,184	21,578	152,604
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.33	6.81	8.43	5.74
% of total /1	21%	44%	21%	14%	100%
To date/2012*	1,602,106	2,714,297	1,245,569	1,004,675	6,566,647
To date/2011*	1,553,940	2,921,057	1,323,530	1,010,392	6,808,919

/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 27-Oct-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	2,446	3,061	41	5	5,553
Avg Wt	17.56	38.78	27.38	29.60	29.34
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2143	2794	41	13	4991
Same wk yr ago	2520	3004	17	5	5546
Avg Wt	17.57	38.15	26.79	35.81	28.76
To-date/2012*	78,007	111,581	1,156	338	191,082
To-date/2011*	79,412	111,157	915	316	191,662

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