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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Nov-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	160,103 (2)	155,331
Light hens	1,373	1,220
Heavy hens	1,826	1,608

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 10-Nov-2012
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	187	0	187
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	312	0	312
Same week yr ago	140	13	153
To-date/2012*	11,885	36	11,921
To-date/2011*	15,164	439	15,603

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,368	1,406	2,774
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,204	1,368	2,572
Same week yr ago	1,295	1,477	2,772
To-date/2012*	78,508	72,268	150,776
To-date/2011*	76,043	70,136	146,179

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

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 10-Nov-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	154,621	1,181	1,406	2,587	411
Avg Wt	5.93	3.33	7.98	5.86	6.17
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	148,347	892	1,368	2,260	379
Same wk yr ago	151,253	1,155	1,464	2,619	447
Avg Wt	5.75	3.17	7.68	5.69	6.35
To-date/2012*	6,869,615	62,525	72,232	138,855	18,565
To-date/2011*	7,113,987	55,948	69,697	130,576	19,423

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.5 million head, or 5.4 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 10-Nov-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	38,874	49,543	38,679	27,525	154,621
Avg Live Wgt	3.91	5.35	6.85	8.55	5.93
% of total /1	25%	32%	25%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	34,990	55,876	30,775	26,706	148,347
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.41	6.84	8.41	5.87
% of total /1	24%	21%	21%	18%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	34,819 3.71	67,773 5.45	22,616 6.76	26,045 8.40	151,253 5.75
% of total /1	23%	45%	15%	17%	100%
To date/2012*	1,675,970	2,819,716	1,315,023	1,058,906	6,869,615
To date/2011*	1,624,040	3,050,429	1,373,968	1,065,550	7,113,987

/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 10-Nov-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	2,828	2,991	38	0	5,857
Avg Wt	17.97	37.55	26.63	0.00	28.03
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,677	2,985	36	0	5,698
Same wk yr ago	2,792	2,880	6	23	5,701
Avg Wt	17.50	37.73	26.37	27.96	27.77
To-date/2012*	83,512	117,557	1,230	338	202,637
To-date/2011*	84,785	117,015	1,023	344	203,167

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

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