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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Nov-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	122,460 (2)	160,103
Light hens	829	1,373
Heavy hens	845	1,826

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**  
**WEEK ENDING 17-Nov-2012**  
**(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	191	0	191
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	187	0	187
Same week yr ago	489	0	489
To-date/2012*	12,076	36	12,112
To-date/2011*	15,653	439	16,092

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,558	1,793	3,351
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,368	1,406	2,774
Same week yr ago	1,828	1,507	3,335
To-date/2012*	80,066	74,061	154,127
To-date/2011*	77,871	71,643	149,514

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 17-Nov-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	151,106	1,367	1,793	3,160	426
Avg Wt	5.83	3.22	7.94	5.90	6.87
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	154,621	1,181	1,406	2,587	411
Same wk yr ago	147,263	1,339	1,507	2,846	442
Avg Wt	5.67	3.26	7.69	5.61	6.46
To-date/2012*	7,020,721	62,525	74,025	142,015	18,991
To-date/2011*	7,261,250	55,948	71,204	133,422	19,865

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 152.9 million head, or 3.3 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 17-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	37,417	57,085	30,975	25,629	151,106
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.35	6.88	8.55	5.83
% of total /1	25%	38%	20%	17%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%	25%	25%	18%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	37,012 3.74	61,512 5.38	25,731 6.76	23,008 8.35	147,263 5.67
% of total /1	25%	42%	17%	16%	100%
To date/2012*	1,713,387	2,876,801	1,345,998	1,084,534	7,020,721
To date/2011*	1,661,052	3,111,941	1,399,699	1,088,558	7,261,250

/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 16-Nov-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	2,118	2,898	29	0	5,045
Avg Wt	16.88	38.47	25.11	0.00	29.33
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,828	2,991	38	0	5,857
Same wk yr ago	2,210	2,761	12	14	4,997
Avg Wt	16.66	38.66	29.41	32.46	28.89
To-date/2012*	85,630	120,455	1,259	338	207,682
To-date/2011*	86,995	119,776	1,035	358	208,164

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

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