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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Dec-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	152,212 (2)	122,460
Light hens	1,552	829
Heavy hens	1,448	845

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 24-Nov-2012
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	289	0	289
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	191	0	191
Same week yr ago	126	0	126
To-date/2012*	12,365	36	12,401
To-date/2011*	15,779	439	16,218

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	963	772	1,735
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,558	1,793	3,351
Same week yr ago	775	820	1,595
To-date/2012*	81,029	74,833	155,862
To-date/2011*	78,646	72,463	151,109

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

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 24-Nov-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	123,851	674	772	1,446	376
Avg Wt	5.86	3.37	8.19	5.94	6.82
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	151,106	1,367	1,793	3,160	426
Same wk yr ago	112,679	649	820	1,469	312
Avg Wt	5.76	3.39	7.75	5.82	6.90
To-date/2012*	7,144,572	62,525	74,797	143,461	19,367
To-date/2011*	7,373,929	55,948	72,024	134,891	20,177

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 145.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 125.4 million head, or 20.0 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 24-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	28,365	50,087	24,348	21,050	123,850
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.42	6.83	8.45	5.86
% of total /1	23%	40%	20%	17%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%	20%	20%	17%	100%
Year Ago 2/	28,261	46,840	19,283	18,295	112,679
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.54	6.79	8.43	5.76
% of total /1	25%	42%	17%	16%	100%
To date/2012*	1,741,752	2,926,888	1,370,346	1,105,585	7,144,571
To date/2011*	1,689,313	3,158,781	1,418,982	1,106,853	7,373,929

/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 24-Nov-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	933	1,648	35	0	2,616
Avg Wt	15.97	40.54	25.13	0.00	31.57
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,118	2,898	29	0	5,045
Same wk yr ago	1,052	1,494	8	5	2,559
Avg Wt	16.02	40.35	28.52	33.89	30.30
To-date/2012*	86,563	122,103	1,294	338	210,298
To-date/2011*	88,047	121,270	1,043	363	210,723

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

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