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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Dec-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

| Class | ----- Thousand head ----- | |
|---------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Broiler/fryer | 154,917 (2) | 154,406 |
| Light hens | 2,085 | 1,727 |
| Heavy hens | 1,638 | 1,533 |

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 08-Dec-2012
(THOUSAND HEAD)

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Head | 511 | 0 | 511 |
| Head sltr Comparisons | | | |
| Last Week | 401 | 0 | 401 |
| Same week yr ago | 293 | 12 | 305 |
| To-date/2012* | 13,277 | 36 | 13,313 |
| To-date/2011* | 16,072 | 451 | 16,523 |

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

| | Light Hens | Heavy Hens | Total Hens |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Head | 1,875 | 1,306 | 3,181 |
| Head sltr Comparisons | | | |
| Last Week | 1,945 | 1,131 | 3,076 |
| Same week yr ago | 1,749 | 1,542 | 3,291 |
| To-date/2012* | 84,849 | 77,270 | 162,119 |
| To-date/2011* | 81,550 | 75,482 | 157,032 |

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

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 08-Dec-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

| | Young Chickens | Light Hens | Heavy Hens | Total Hens | Ducks |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| | -----Thousands----- | | | | |
| Head | 153,222 | 1,364 | 1,306 | 2,670 | 438 |
| Avg Wt | 5.94 | 3.19 | 7.90 | 5.49 | 6.91 |
| Head sltr comparisons | | | | | |
| Last week | 153,396 | 1,544 | 1,131 | 2,675 | 504 |
| Same wk yr ago | 152,002 | 1,456 | 1,530 | 2,986 | 448 |
| Avg Wt | 5.79 | 3.29 | 7.81 | 5.61 | 6.91 |
| To-date/2012* | 7,451,190 | **71,572 | 77,234 | 148,806 | 20,309 |
| To-date/2011* | 7,673,986 | **65,478 | 75,031 | 140,509 | 21,054 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 146.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 155.1 million head, or 8.3 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 08-Dec-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 | 35,363 | 58,190 | 28,733 | 30,936 | 153,222 |
| Avg Live Wgt | 3.78 | 5.46 | 6.82 | 8.49 | 5.94 |
| % of total /1 | 23% | 38% | 19% | 20% | 100% |
| Comparisons | | | | | |
| Last week | 36,291 | 52,608 | 36,649 | 27,848 | 153,396 |
| Avg Live Wgt | 3.82 | 5.42 | 6.86 | 8.50 | 5.94 |
| % of total /1 | 24% | 24% | 24% | 18% | 100% |
| Year Ago 2/ | 33,745 | 68,267 | 25,717 | 24,819 | 152,002 |
| Avg Live Wgt | 3.81 | 5.48 | 6.72 | 8.41 | 5.79 |
| % of total /1 | 22% | 45% | 17% | 16% | 100% |
| To date/2012* | 1,813,406 | 3,037,686 | 1,435,728 | 1,164,369 | 7,451,189 |
| To date/2011* | 1,754,228 | 3,290,606 | 1,469,732 | 1,159,966 | 7,673,986 |

/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 08-Dec-2012

| | Young Hens | Young Toms | Young Breeders | Old Breeders | Total Turkeys |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Head | 1,967 | 2,597 | 38 | 8 | 4,610 |
| Avg Wt | 16.45 | 41.44 | 28.01 | 24.50 | 30.64 |
| Head sltr comparisons | | | | | |
| Last week | 1,806 | 2,712 | 58 | 6 | 4,582 |
| Same wk yr ago | 1,796 | 2,789 | 13 | 9 | 4,607 |
| Avg Wt | 16.16 | 40.03 | 28.33 | 25.02 | 30.66 |
| To-date/2012* | 90,336 | 127,412 | 1,390 | 352 | 219,490 |
| To-date/2011* | 91,820 | 126,662 | 1,076 | 405 | 219,963 |

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

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