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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Dec-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	158,288 (2)	154,917
Light hens	2,110	2,085
Heavy hens	1,538	1,638

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 15-Dec-2012
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	445	0	445
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	511	0	511
Same week yr ago	191	0	191
To-date/2012*	13,722	36	13,758
To-date/2011*	16,263	451	16,714

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	2,215	1,644	3,859
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,875	1,306	3,181
Same week yr ago	1,682	1,574	3,256
To-date/2012*	87,064	78,914	165,978
To-date/2011*	83,232	77,056	160,288

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

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 15-Dec-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	152,381	1,770	1,644	3,414	465
Avg Wt	5.83	3.08	7.94	5.42	6.04
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	153,222	1,364	1,306	2,670	438
Same wk yr ago	148,975	1,491	1,574	3,065	451
Avg Wt	5.65	3.05	7.79	5.48	6.88
To-date/2012*	7,603,571	73,342	78,878	152,220	20,774
To-date/2011*	7,822,961	66,969	76,605	143,574	21,505

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 145.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 154.2 million head, or 9.0 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 15-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	35,503	59,909	33,322	23,647	152,381
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.46	6.88	8.44	5.83
% of total /1	23%	39%	22%	16%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%	19%	19%	20%	100%
Year Ago 2/	38,356	65,362	21,516	23,741	148,975
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.45	6.88	8.30	5.65
% of total /1	26%	44%	14%	16%	100%
To date/2012*	1,848,909	3,097,595	1,469,050	1,188,016	7,603,570
To date/2011*	1,792,584	3,355,968	1,491,248	1,183,707	7,822,961

/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 15-Dec-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	2,046	2,629	19	29	4,723
Avg Wt	16.65	40.98	26.44	27.63	30.30
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,967	2,597	38	8	4,610
Same wk yr ago	1,569	2,454	20	25	4,068
Avg Wt	16.45	41.08	26.20	31.20	31.45
To-date/2012*	92,382	130,041	1,409	381	224,213
To-date/2011*	93,389	129,116	1,096	430	224,031

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

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