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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Dec-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	115,119 (2)	158,288
Light hens	1,049	2,110
Heavy hens	880	1,538

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**  
**WEEK ENDING 22-Dec-2012**  
**(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head			
Head sltr Comparisons	UNAVAILABLE		
Last Week			
Same week yr ago			
To-date/2012*			
To-date/2011*			

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head			
Head sltr Comparisons	UNAVAILABLE		
Last Week			
Same week yr ago			
To-date/2012*			
To-date/2011*			

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 22-Dec-12 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	155,551	1,910	1,272	3,182	399
Avg Wt	5.64	3.11	7.86	5.01	5.65
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	152,381	1,770	1,644	3,414	465
Same wk yr ago	136,566	981	1,611	2,592	398
Avg Wt	5.62	3.27	7.61	5.97	6.86
To-date/2012*	7,759,122	75,252	80,150	155,402	21,173
To-date/2011*	7,959,527	67,950	78,216	146,166	21,903

(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 157.4 million head, or 12.2 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 22-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	38,970	67,658	27,601	21,322	155,551
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.27	6.91	8.79	5.64
% of total /1	25%	43%	18%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	30,544 3.55	65,095 5.43	25,667 6.86	15,260 8.47	136,566 5.62
% of total /1	22%	48%	19%	11%	100%
To date/2012*	1,887,879	3,165,253	1,496,651	1,209,337	7,759,121
To date/2011*	1,823,128	3,421,063	1,516,915	1,198,967	7,959,527

/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 22-Dec-2012

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,386	2,405	13	27	3,831
Avg Wt	15.67	40.97	25.69	25.52	31.65
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,046	2,629	19	29	4,723
Same wk yr ago	1,314	2,205	20	15	3,554
Avg Wt	15.93	40.50	25.81	28.22	31.28
To-date/2012*	93,768	132,446	1,422	408	228,044
To-date/2011*	94,703	131,321	1,116	445	227,585

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

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