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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Jan-13 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	152,066 (2)	123,502
Light hens	1,667	1,518
Heavy hens	1,600	1,182

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**  
**WEEK ENDING 22 & 29-Dec-2012**  
**(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS		HEAVY HENS		TOTAL HENS	
	29 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Head	100	469	0	0	100	469
Head sltr Comparisons						
Last Week	469	445	0	0	469	445
Same week yr ago	275	165	11	0	286	165
To-date/2012*	14,291	14,191	36	36	14,327	14,227
To-date/2011*	16,703	16,428	462	451	17,165	16,879

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens		Heavy Hens		Total Hens	
	29 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Head	1,468	2,379	1,130	1,272	2,598	3,651
Head sltr Comparisons						
Last Week	2,379	2,215	1,272	1,644	3,651	3,859
Same week yr ago	1,653	1,146	1,382	1,611	3,035	2,757
To-date/2012*	90,911	89,443	81,316	80,186	172,227	169,629
To-date/2011*	86,031	84,378	80,049	78,667	166,080	163,045

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 05-Jan-13 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	130,573	1,368	1,130	2,498	349
Avg Wt	5.84	3.07	6.74	4.73	7.82
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	115,385	940	780	1,720	239
Same wk yr ago	135,215	1,375	1,365	2,740	404
Avg Wt	5.71	3.15	7.75	5.44	6.47
To-date/2012*	130,573	1,368	1,130	2,498	349
To-date/2011*	135,215	1,375	1,365	2,740	404

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 139.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 132.2 million head, or 6.8 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 05-Jan-2013

	A 4.25 lbs & down	B 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	C 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	D 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	35,031	42,702	30,490	22,350	130,573
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.32	6.77	8.72	5.84
% of total /1	27%	33%	23%	17%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	34,418	36,798	25,492	18,677	115,385
Avg Live Wgt	3.41	5.44	6.79	8.56	5.64
% of total /1	30%	32%	22%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/	30,582	59,971	25,112	19,550	135,215
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.26	6.78	8.65	5.71
% of total /1	23%	44%	19%	14%	100%
To date/2012*	35,031	42,702	30,490	22,350	130,573
To date/2011*	30,582	59,971	25,112	19,550	135,215
% Change YTD	15%	-29%	21%	14%	-3%

/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 05-Jan-2013

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,288	2,076	29	10	3,403
Avg Wt	18.25	41.57	23.16	30.27	32.56
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	930	1,444	7	0	2,381
Same wk yr ago	1,544	2,121	11	7	3,683
Avg Wt	17.07	42.34	26.36	26.73	31.67
To-date/2012*	1,288	2,076	29	10	3,403
To-date/2011*	1,544	2,121	11	7	3,683

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