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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Jan-13 (THOUSAND HEAD)

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	148,415 (2)	155,147
Light hens	1,849	2,102
Heavy hens	1,487	1,583

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 12-Jan-2013
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	344	0	344
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	256	0	256
Same week yr ago	487	12	499
To-date/2013*	600	0	600
To-date/2012*	738	12	750

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	2,074	1,595	3,669
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,986	1,595	3,581
Same week yr ago	2,305	1,570	3,875
To-date/2013*	4,060	3,190	7,250
To-date/2012*	3,931	2,935	6,866

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

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 19-Jan-13 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	151,093	1,885	1,569	3,454	417
Avg Wt	5.68	3.11	7.66	5.18	6.82
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	158,856	1,730	1,595	3,325	475
Same wk yr ago	147,103	1,797	1,615	3,412	469
Avg Wt	5.52	3.19	7.54	5.25	6.78
To-date/2013*	440,522	4,983	4,294	9,277	1,241
To-date/2012*	436,240	4,990	4,538	9,528	1,282

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 142.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 152.9 million head, or 10.1 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 19-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	43,552	56,704	24,350	26,487	151,093
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.40	6.79	8.46	5.68
% of total /1	29%	38%	16%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	35,944	60,443	32,127	30,342	158,856
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.47	6.77	8.49	5.93
% of total /1	23%	38%	20%	19%	100%
Year Ago 2/	39,464	63,368	24,858	19,413	147,103
Avg Live Wgt	3.58	5.30	6.80	8.57	5.52
% of total /1	27%	43%	17%	13%	100%
To date/2013*	114,527	159,849	86,967	79,180	440,523
To date/2012*	102,246	193,083	84,477	56,434	436,240
% Change YTD	12%	-17%	3%	40%	1%

/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 19-Jan-2013

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,675	2,474	26	23	4,198
Avg Wt	16.84	41.59	33.48	26.95	31.58
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,686	2,547	50	24	4,307
Same wk yr ago	1,690	2,467	23	2	4,182
Avg Wt	17.65	42.02	26.46	40.70	32.09
To-date/2013*	4,649	7,097	105	57	11,908
To-date/2012*	4,896	7,016	59	19	11,990

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

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