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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**FOR WEEK ENDING 09-Mar-13 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	156,219 (2)	155,694
Light hens	1,548	1,461
Heavy hens	1,333	1,293

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**  
**WEEK ENDING 02-Marb-2013**  
**(THOUSAND HEAD)**

Head	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	373	0	373
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	87	0	87
Same week yr ago	418	0	418
To-date/2013*	2,635	0	2,635
To-date/2012*	2,480	36	2,516

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

Head	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	1,739	1,304	3,043
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,582	1,171	2,753
Same week yr ago	1,764	1,451	3,215
To-date/2013*	16,660	12,784	29,444
To-date/2012*	16,018	13,858	29,876

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 02-Mar-13 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

Head	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
	154,389	1,366	1,304	2,670	419
Avg Wt	5.74	3.65	7.90	5.73	6.82
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	151,588	1,495	1,171	2,666	313
Same wk yr ago	151,684	1,346	1,451	2,797	474
Avg Wt	5.78	3.19	7.78	5.57	6.86
To-date/2013*	1,358,635	13,663	12,319	25,982	3,490
To-date/2012*	1,341,964	13,538	13,822	27,360	3,845

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.3 million head, or 2.6 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 02-Mar-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	38,986	61,369	28,822	25,212	154,389
Avg Live Wgt	3.68	5.37	6.86	8.52	5.74
% of total /1	25%	40%	19%	16%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	40,056	48,487	33,451	29,593	151,587
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.46	6.71	8.49	5.90
% of total /1	26%	32%	22%	20%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	35,282 3.81	64,654 5.44	27,921 6.74	23,827 8.50	151,684 5.78
% of total /1	23%	43%	18%	16%	100%
To date/2013*	339,163	502,070	273,544	243,858	1,358,635
To date/2012*	315,046	578,973	246,183	201,762	1,341,964
% Change YTD	8%	-13%	11%	21%	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 02-Mar-2013

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,840	2,656	13	0	4,509
Avg Wt	17.22	40.99	27.10	0.00	31.25
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,654	2,508	2	17	4,181
Same wk yr ago	1,814	2,400	14	7	4,235
Avg Wt	17.40	40.93	24.51	40.13	30.80
To-date/2013*	15,092	22,420	217	168	37,897
To-date/2012*	15,314	21,978	188	73	37,553

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