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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Mar-13 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	154,574 (2)	156,219
Light hens	1,603	1,548
Heavy hens	1,320	1,333

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**  
**WEEK ENDING 09-Mar-2013**  
**(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	418	0	418
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	373	0	373
Same week yr ago	334	0	334
To-date/2013*	3,053	0	3,053
To-date/2012*	2,814	36	2,850

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,852	1,309	3,161
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,739	1,304	3,043
Same week yr ago	2,021	1,395	3,416
To-date/2013*	18,512	14,093	32,605
To-date/2012*	18,039	15,253	33,292

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
**WEEK ENDING 09-Mar-13 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	153,392	1,434	1,309	2,743	361
Avg Wt	5.83	3.28	8.01	5.54	6.93
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	154,389	1,366	1,304	2,670	419
Same wk yr ago	150,226	1,687	1,395	3,082	440
Avg Wt	5.79	3.39	7.89	5.43	6.83
To-date/2013*	1,512,027	15,097	13,628	28,725	3,851
To-date/2012*	1,492,190	15,225	15,217	30,442	4,285

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 155.3 million head, or 1.2 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 09-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	36,987	59,660	30,932	25,813	153,392
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.37	6.80	8.59	5.83
% of total /1	24%	39%	20%	17%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	36,099 3.79	64,870 5.49	24,540 6.70	24,717 8.58	150,226 5.79
% of total /1	24%	43%	16%	16%	100%
To date/2013*	376,150	561,730	304,476	269,671	1,512,027
To date/2012*	351,145	643,843	270,723	226,479	1,492,190
% Change YTD	7%	-13%	12%	19%	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 09-Mar-2013

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,740	2,546	25	2	4,313
Avg Wt	17.42	40.93	25.05	61.06	31.36
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,840	2,656	13	0	4,509
Same wk yr ago	1,734	2,559	39	9	4,341
Avg Wt	17.16	40.91	27.64	31.21	31.28
To-date/2013*	16,832	24,966	242	170	42,210
To-date/2012*	17,048	24,537	227	82	41,894

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

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