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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Mar-13 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	151,477 (2)	157,242
Light hens	1,863	1,788
Heavy hens	1,535	1,424

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 23-Mar-2013
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head			UNAVAILABLE
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week			
Same week yr ago			
To-date/2013*			
To-date/2012*			

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head			UNAVAILABLE
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week			
Same week yr ago			
To-date/2013*			
To-date/2012*			
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.			

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 23-Mar-13 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	154,139	1,678	1,317	2,995	422
Avg Wt	5.85	3.19	8.05	5.33	6.99
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	151,262	1,438	1,333	2,771	414
Same wk yr ago	150,600	1,809	1,383	3,192	402
Avg Wt	5.73	3.08	7.98	5.20	6.83
To-date/2013*	1,817,428	18,213	16,278	34,491	4,687
To-date/2012*	1,795,846	18,786	17,932	36,718	5,095

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.0 million head, or 2.8 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 23-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	41,818	53,066	29,466	29,789	154,139
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.42	6.82	8.49	5.85
% of total /1	27%	34%	19%	19%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	40,492	52,157	31,657	26,956	151,262
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.48	6.83	8.53	5.86
% of total /1	27%	34%	21%	18%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	33,634 3.81	67,385 5.40	28,831 6.79	20,750 8.44	150,600 5.73
% of total /1	22%	45%	19%	14%	100%
To date/2013*	458,460	666,953	365,599	326,417	1,817,429
To date/2012*	423,125	776,028	324,720	271,973	1,795,846
% Change YTD	8%	-14%	13%	20%	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 23-Mar-2013

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,664	2,530	29	17	4,240
Avg Wt	16.52	40.32	24.84	28.48	30.83
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,614	2,517	5	14	4,150
Same wk yr ago	2,075	2,517	16	11	4,619
Avg Wt	16.78	40.97	25.14	27.97	30.01
To-date/2013*	20,110	30,013	276	201	50,600
To-date/2012*	20,951	29,664	253	95	50,963

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

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