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

Class	04/13/13	04/06/13
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	155,999	154,021
Light hens	2,081	1,850
Heavy hens	1,515	1,475

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
WEEK ENDING 30-Mar-2013  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	269	0	269
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	606	0	606
Same week yr ago	346	0	346
To-date/2013*	4,301	0	4,301
To-date/2012*	3,857	36	3,893

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	2,102	1,480	3,582
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,284	1,317	3,601
Same week yr ago	2,022	1,372	3,394
To-date/2013*	24,709	18,223	42,932
To-date/2012*	24,319	19,340	43,659

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 06-Apr-13 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	153,236	1,812	1,440	3,252	441
Avg Wt	5.83	3.31	8.09	5.43	6.96
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	149,707	1,833	1,480	3,313	419
Same wk yr ago	147,760	1,722	1,271	2,993	443
Avg Wt	5.65	3.36	8.12	5.38	6.76
To-date/2013*	2,120,371	21,858	19,198	41,056	5,547
To-date/2012*	2,093,361	22,184	20,575	42,759	5,945

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 153.5 million head, or 0.6 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 06-Apr-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	39,262	58,077	28,001	27,896	153,236
Avg Live Wgt	3.76	5.41	6.83	8.61	5.83
% of total /1	26%	38%	18%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	45,523	47,951	31,833	24,400	149,707
Avg Live Wgt	3.69	5.36	6.74	8.40	5.64
% of total /1	30%	32%	21%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/	38,891	64,257	23,984	20,628	147,760
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.40	6.83	8.50	5.65
% of total /1	26%	43%	16%	14%	100%
To date/2013*	543,245	772,981	425,433	378,713	2,120,372
To date/2012*	501,686	902,241	372,936	316,498	2,093,361
% Change YTD	8%	-14%	14%	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 06-Apr-2013

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,659	2,520	41	0	4,220
Avg Wt	18.68	39.43	26.42	0.00	31.14
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,619	2,322	43	9	3,993
Same wk yr ago	1,593	2,336	18	6	3,953
Avg Wt	17.03	40.04	27.67	30.37	30.70
To-date/2013*	23,388	34,855	360	210	58,813
To-date/2012*	24,475	34,575	289	103	59,442

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

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