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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 27-Apr-13(THOUSAND HEAD)

	04/27/13	04/20/13
Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	156,152 (2)	153,578
Light hens	2,230	1,993
Heavy hens	1,572	1,550

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 20-Apr-2013
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head			
Head sltr Comparisons	U N A V A I L A B L E		
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			
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	U N A V A I L A B L E		
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 20-Apr-13 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	153,623	1,720	1,423	3,143	450
Avg Wt	5.79	3.06	7.90	5.25	6.88
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	154,212	1,967	1,431	3,398	390
Same wk yr ago	154,825	1,969	1,483	3,452	389
Avg Wt	5.72	3.14	7.92	5.19	6.86
To-date/2013*	2,428,206	25,545	22,052	47,597	6,387
To-date/2012*	2,401,246	25,981	23,460	49,441	6,738

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 155.5 million head, or 1.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 20-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	43,966	50,798	30,561	28,298	153,623
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.45	6.81	8.57	5.79
% of total /1	29%	33%	20%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	39,167	56,759	32,169	26,117	154,212
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.45	6.71	8.57	5.81
% of total /1	25%	37%	21%	17%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	40,216 3.83	63,191 5.41	28,854 6.80	22,564 8.54	154,825 5.72
% of total /1	26%	41%	19%	15%	100%
To date/2013*	626,378	880,538	488,163	433,128	2,428,207
To date/2012*	577,083	1,030,764	434,401	358,998	2,401,246
% Change YTD	9%	-15%	12%	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 20-Apr-2013

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,773	2,580	12	7	4,372
Avg Wt	16.81	40.73	28.71	23.73	30.97
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,761	2,534	36	4	4,335
Same wk yr ago	1,992	2,610	28	2	4,632
Avg Wt	16.19	40.62	25.10	39.68	30.02
To-date/2013*	26,922	39,969	408	221	67,520
To-date/2012*	28,393	39,701	337	111	68,542

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

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