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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 04-May-13(THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	05/04/13	04/27/13
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	154,609 (2)	156,152
Light hens	1,827	2,230
Heavy hens	1,416	1,572

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	468	0	468
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	401	0	401
Same week yr ago	447	0	447
To-date/2013*	5,659	0	5,659
To-date/2012*	4,913	36	4,949

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	2,188	1,423	3,611
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,368	1,431	3,799
Same week yr ago	2,416	1,483	3,899
To-date/2013*	31,566	22,517	54,083
To-date/2012*	30,894	23,496	54,390

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 27-Apr-13 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	156,038	2,061	1,470	3,531	384
Avg Wt	5.72	3.26	8.21	5.32	6.81
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	153,623	1,720	1,423	3,143	450
Same wk yr ago	152,792	1,998	1,429	3,427	428
Avg Wt	5.85	3.27	8.02	5.25	6.78
To-date/2013*	2,584,244	27,606	23,522	51,128	6,771
To-date/2012*	2,554,038	27,979	24,889	52,868	7,166

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.9 million head, or 4.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 27-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	47,680	52,131	27,851	28,376	156,038
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.45	6.79	8.54	5.72
% of total /1	31%	33%	18%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	34,958	63,246	26,435	28,153	152,792
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.39	6.77	8.50	5.85
% of total /1	23%	41%	17%	18%	100%
To date/2013*	674,058	932,669	516,014	461,504	2,584,245
To date/2012*	612,041	1,094,010	460,836	387,151	2,554,038

/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 27-Apr-2013

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,682	2,668	14	7	4,371
Avg Wt	16.80	40.15	28.91	26.53	31.11
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,773	2,580	12	7	4,372
Same wk yr ago	1,883	2,684	14	7	4,588
Avg Wt	16.76	40.16	24.26	33.55	30.50
To-date/2013*	28,604	42,637	422	228	71,891
To-date/2012*	30,276	42,385	351	118	73,130

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

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