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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Dec-13(THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	12/21/13 (1)	12/14/13
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	162,800 (2)	154,825
Light hens	1,843	1,695
Heavy hens	1,636	1,681
Total	166,279	158,201

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
WEEK ENDING 07-Dec-2013  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	103	0	103
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	239	0	239
Same week yr ago	511	0	511
To-date/2013*	16,154	0	16,154
To-date/2012*	13,139	36	13,175

**SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. and CANADA**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,849	1,501	3,350
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	840	971	1,811
Same week yr ago	1,875	1,306	3,181
To-date/2013*	87,516	72,706	160,222
To-date/2012*	84,980	77,266	162,246

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 14-Dec-2013 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
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	-----Thousands-----				
Head	158,690	1,649	1,568	3,217	470
Avg Wt	5.79	3.10	8.01	5.49	6.96
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	149,409	1,746	1,501	3,247	638
Same wk yr ago	152,381	1,770	1,644	3,414	465
Avg Wt	5.83	3.08	7.94	5.42	6.04
To-date/2013*	7,692,186	72,649	73,809	146,458	22,008
To-date/2012*	7,603,571	73,342	78,878	152,220	20,774

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.6 million head, or 8.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 14-Dec-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	45,275	56,907	26,686	29,821	158,689
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.44	6.83	8.70	5.79
% of total /1	29%	36%	17%	19%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	39,372	53,035	29,482	27,520	149,409
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.43	6.73	8.81	5.86
% of total /1	26%	35%	20%	18%	100%
Year Ago 2/	35,503	59,909	33,322	23,647	152,381
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.46	6.88	8.44	5.83
% of total /1	23%	39%	22%	16%	100%
To date/2013*	2,069,695	2,721,066	1,498,041	1,403,382	7,692,184
To date/2012*	1,848,909	3,097,595	1,469,050	1,188,015	7,603,570
/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 14-Dec-2013

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,784	2,602	25	0	4,411
Avg Wt	16.13	39.69	26.58	0.00	30.09
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,676	2,556	18	0	4,250
Same wk yr ago	2,046	2,629	19	29	4,723
Avg Wt	16.65	40.98	26.44	27.63	30.30
To-date/2013*	90,967	125,175	1,093	300	217,535
To-date/2012*	92,382	130,041	1,409	381	224,213

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

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