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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Mar-14(THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	03/29/14 (1)	03/22/14
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	153,651 (2)	156,390
Light hens	1,850	1,533
Heavy hens	1,604	1,557
Total	157,105	159,480

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 22-Mar-2014
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	404	0	404
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	326	0	326
Same week yr ago	606	0	606
To-date/2014*	3,944	0	3,944
To-date/2013*	4,032	0	4,032

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

Head	1,756	1,413	3,169
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,995	1,579	3,574
Same week yr ago	2,284	1,317	3,601
To-date/2014*	21,984	17,340	39,324
To-date/2013*	22,607	16,743	39,350

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 22-Mar-2014 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	151,931	1,352	1,413	2,765	411
Avg Wt	5.81	3.18	8.20	5.74	6.60
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	154,472	1,669	1,579	3,248	498
Same wk yr ago	154,139	1,678	1,317	2,995	422
Avg Wt	5.85	3.19	8.05	5.33	6.99
To-date/2014*	1,803,193	18,040	17,340	35,380	5,351
To-date/2013*	1,817,428	18,213	16,278	34,491	4,687

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 153.8 million head, or 0.4 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 22-Mar-2014

	A 4.25 lbs & down	B 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	C 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	D 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	40,022	55,958	28,144	27,807	151,931
Avg Live Wgt	3.62	5.41	6.83	8.76	5.81
% of total /1	26%	37%	19%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	42,000	60,615	26,690	25,168	154,473
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.37	6.83	8.73	5.71
% of total /1	27%	39%	17%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/ Avg Live Wgt	41,818 3.82	53,066 5.42	29,466 6.82	29,789 8.49	154,139 5.85
% of total /1	27%	34%	19%	19%	100%
To date/2014*	478,241	638,218	337,084	349,652	1,803,195
To date/2013*	458,460	666,953	365,599	326,416	1,817,428
% Change YTD	4%	-4%	-8%	7%	-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 22-Mar-2014

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeder	Old Breeder	Total Turkeys
Head	1,793	2,364	7	0	4,164
Avg Wt	17.14	42.40	25.55	0.00	31.49
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,872	2,325	15	32	4,244
Same wk yr ago	1,664	2,530	29	17	4,240
Avg Wt	16.52	40.32	24.84	28.48	30.83
To-date/2014*	19,464	27,032	251	68	46,815
To-date/2013*	20,110	30,013	276	201	50,600

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

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