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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 13-Dec-14(THOUSAND HEAD)**

Class	12/13/14 (1)	12/06/14
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	161,273 (2)	164,075
Light hens	1,643	1,542
Heavy hens	1,639	1,855
Total	164,555	167,472

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 06-Dec-2014
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	449	0	449
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	60	0	60
Same week yr ago	103	0	103
To-date/2014*	17,659	0	17,659
To-date/2013*	16,153	0	16,153

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,878	1,758	3,636
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	762	874	1,636
Same week yr ago	1,849	1,501	3,350
To-date/2014*	86,621	76,245	162,866
To-date/2013*	87,515	72,707	160,222

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 06-Dec-2014 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	161,664	1,429	1,758	3,187	646
Avg Wt	6.10	3.27	8.03	5.90	6.87
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	123,956	702	874	1,576	305
Same wk yr ago	149,409	1,746	1,501	3,247	638
Avg Wt	5.86	3.22	8.21	5.53	6.61
To-date/2014*	7,529,533	68,962	76,245	145,207	20,962
To-date/2013*	7,533,495	71,000	72,241	143,241	21,538

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.6 million head, or 10.1 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 06-Dec-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	39,489	48,805	40,546	32,824	161,664
Avg Live Wgt	3.64	5.29	6.93	9.25	6.10
% of total /1	24%	30%	25%	20%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	33,975	42,619	25,553	21,809	123,956
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.46	7.08	9.06	5.99
% of total /1	27%	34%	21%	18%	100%
Year Ago 2/	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%
To date/2014*	1,960,534	2,653,398	1,441,920	1,473,680	7,529,532
To date/2013*	2,024,420	2,664,159	1,471,355	1,373,561	7,533,495
% Change YTD	-3%	0%	-2%	7%	0%

/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 06-Dec-2014

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Head	1,690	2,687	35	27	4,439
Avg Wt	16.97	41.06	27.48	29.74	31.71
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	977	1,741	9	9	2,736
Same wk yr ago	1,676	2,556	18	0	4,250
Avg Wt	16.13	40.70	28.63	0.00	30.96
To-date/2014*	89,297	118,952	1,055	440	209,744
To-date/2013*	89,183	122,573	1,068	300	213,124

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

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