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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 02-FEB-2004

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	66-82	69-72	72.04	25

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Jan-04

	Current Week	Previous Week
BRO-FRY	157,658	151,364

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

70.50

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

70.42

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	212.50	1,346
BREASTS - B/S	186.00	5,462
BREASTS - WHOLE	97.00	1,443
THIGH MEAT - B/S	100.50	988
LEG QUARTERS	35.00	7,636
WINGS	117.50	2,959

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's delivery into the Chicago area were 3 cents higher than Monday's final majority price. Trade sentiment on whole fryers fully steady to firm. Offers were light but adequate for the limited buyer interest. Retail demand was slow to fair, expected to improve over the weekend in areas where more storms were predicted. Food service demand was mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks were tight in areas where weather delayed deliveries, adequate to instances ample otherwise. Sizes were desirable to heavy. Supplies of wings and boneless skinless breasts balanced to instances tight, other items adequate. Market tone fully steady to firm on all parts.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) WEEK ENDING JANUARY 30, 2004

8-16 LB HENS	CURRENT	LAST	SAME WEEK	16-24 LB TOMS	CURRENT	LAST	SAME WEEK
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO		WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	61.50**	61.50**	61.00**	EASTERN REGION	59.00**	59.00**	58.50**
CENTRAL REGION	60.50**	60.50**	60.70**	CENTRAL REGION	57.80	57.50**	57.80**
WESTERN REGION	62.00**	62.00**	62.00	WESTERN REGION	59.00	59.00**	56.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 24-Jan-2004 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS

THOUSANDS

HEAD	147,528
AVG WT	5.24
LAST WEEK	157,478
SAME WK YR AGO	144,124
AVG WT	5.17
TO-DATE/2004	463,841
TO-DATE/2003	449,815

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

YOUNG
HENS

YOUNG
TOMS

THOUSANDS

HEAD	1,736	2,454
AVG WT	15.54	37.33
LAST WEEK	1,730	2,563
SAME WK YR AGO	1,512	2,504
AVG WT	15.44	37.60
TO-DATE/2004	5,125	7,420
TO-DATE/2003	5,003	7,794

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated

PRICE RANGE

WTD AVG

Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	116.00	116.00
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	171.00	171.00
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	69.00 - 78.00	73.50
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	132.00	132.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated

PRICE RANGE

WTD AVG

112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls,heavy Round	440.00 483.99	454.09
168 3 Round, top inside round	157.23 168.00	163.43
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	475.00 505.00	486.91
Ground Beef 81%	123.00 152.00	133.42

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