



Fast Food Fax

MAR 15, 2004

Trade sentiment was steady to at least steady. Demand ranged fair to fairly good. Breast items were in close balance and clearing. Dark meat items were adequate to available. Wings were about adequate. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Feb. 28, 2004

	FOOD SERVICE/			
	FAST FOOD	RETAIL	DEBONING	TOTAL
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	----
Total (000)	30,710	21,166	49,163	101,039
Percentage	30%	21%	49%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

Live Weights	RTC WOG Weights	No. of Head (000)	Percentage of Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	10,032	9.93
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	6,686	6.62
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	6,919	6.85
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	7,073	7.00
		30,710	30.40

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
Jan 10	206,536	101	166,997	103	192,300	101	156,694	101	158,835	118
Jan 17	207,059	102	166,475	102	201,007	102	164,411	102	157,478	99
Jan 24	205,000	100	165,359	100	205,388	103	167,623	104	147,528	94
Jan 31	204,704	100	168,331	101	204,156	102	166,730	102	150,873	102
Feb 07	206,646	102	168,779	102	208,746	103	170,504	103	153,788	102
Feb 14	207,625	103	166,259	100	204,376	102	168,328	104	152,505	99
Feb 21	208,416	102	166,648	101	207,299	102	168,398	102	152,287	100
Feb 28	209,927	102	168,074	103	205,527	103	166,769	103	152,700	100
Mar 06	209,447	101	169,251	102	206,014	102	166,529	102	153,459	100

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 03/15/04				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	75-77	75.58	75.77	54.95
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	69-72	72.16	72.16	54.70
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	78	78.24	78.25	67.82
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		75.30	75.92	60.89
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 72.75)		71.84	71.65	63.10
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		68.82	69.19	49.07

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
Weekly Weighted Average	03/12/04	03/12/04	03/15/04
Breast - B/S	194.46	200.72	201.50
Tenderloins	204.94	234.58	233.50 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	103.56	101.14	104.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	34.16	31.17	35.50
Wings	122.55	124.47	125.00