



Fast Food Fax

MAR 29, 2004

Trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to instances fairly good. Breast items were in good balance and were clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat items were adequate to available. Wings were available. 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: Mar. 13, 2004

	FOOD SERVICE/			
	FAST FOOD	RETAIL	DEBONING	TOTAL
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	----
Total (000)	34,478	21,485	47,775	103,738
Percentage	33%	21%	46%	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.	10,142	9.78
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	7,244	6.98
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	12,869	12.41
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	4,223	4.07
		34,478	33.24

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 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
Mar 13	210,020	102	170,462	102	205,547	101	165,515	100	157,179	102
Mar 20	209,673	102	171,496	101	206,529	101	168,098	101	153,006	97

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 03/29/04				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	75-77	76.28	76.39	51.55
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	71-74	73.82	73.69	49.95
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	79	78.98	78.15	67.26
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		76.77	76.52	57.71
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 73.75)		72.66	72.68	62.36
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		70.95	68.48	46.95

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
Weekly Weighted Average	03/26/04	03/26/04	03/29/04
Breast - B/S	210.49	221.11	226.50
Tenderloins	220.66	239.18	253.00 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	115.26	115.34	12150 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	32.25	30.92	34.50
Wings	126.01	126.50	129.00