



# Fast Food Fax

DEC 20, 2004

Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand ranged moderate to instances good. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were in good balance and clearing. Bone-in breasts were adequate. Dark meat items were fully sufficient. Wings were in close balance and well cleared. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

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## Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Dec 04, 2004

|              | FOOD SERVICE/ |             |           |        |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|--------|
|              | FAST FOOD     | RETAIL      | DEBONING  | TOTAL  |
| Weight Range | 4.20 & Down   | 4.21 - 5.25 | 5.26 & Up | ----   |
| Total (000)  | 24,347        | 20,460      | 51,282    | 96,089 |
| Percentage   | 25%           | 21%         | 53%       | 99%    |

### 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.              | 4,525             | 4.71                          |
| 3.61 - 3.80 lbs.    | 2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.   | 3,468             | 3.61                          |
| 3.81 - 4.00 lbs.    | 2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.  | 10,030            | 10.44                         |
| 4.01 - 4.20 lbs.    | 2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.l | 6,324             | 6.58                          |
|                     |                                  | 24,347            | 25.34                         |

### 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)                                       | %**        |
| Oct 16         | <b>194,824</b> | <b>104</b> | <b>163,964</b> | <b>102</b> | 213,074                    | 103 | 175,200                        | 104 | <b>161,485</b>                              | <b>100</b> |
| Oct 23         | <b>193,964</b> | <b>102</b> | <b>164,662</b> | <b>104</b> | 213,040                    | 104 | 174,274                        | 104 | <b>162,135</b>                              | <b>100</b> |
| Oct 30         | <b>197,817</b> | <b>103</b> | <b>166,650</b> | <b>104</b> | 212,872                    | 103 | 174,235                        | 103 | <b>160,527</b>                              | <b>99</b>  |
| Nov 06         | <b>199,232</b> | <b>99</b>  | <b>162,084</b> | <b>106</b> | 210,600                    | 104 | 173,531                        | 105 | <b>159,561</b>                              | <b>99</b>  |
| Nov 13         | <b>205,065</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>161,196</b> | <b>104</b> | 209,488                    | 104 | 171,518                        | 105 | <b>161,965</b>                              | <b>102</b> |
| Nov 20         | <b>206,701</b> | <b>101</b> | <b>162,724</b> | <b>104</b> | 202,794                    | 104 | 166,798                        | 105 | <b>156,060</b>                              | <b>96</b>  |
| Nov 27         | <b>209,690</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>167,598</b> | <b>102</b> | 197,409                    | 102 | 161,147                        | 102 | <b>117,717</b>                              | <b>75</b>  |
| Dec 04         | <b>208,631</b> | <b>102</b> | <b>171,017</b> | <b>102</b> | 201,409                    | 103 | 164,803                        | 103 | <b>162,589</b>                              | <b>138</b> |
| Dec 11         | <b>209,455</b> | <b>101</b> | <b>171,742</b> | <b>103</b> | 200,166                    | 103 | 165,107                        | 104 | <b>159,818</b>                              | <b>98</b>  |

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 |
|--|----------|--------------|---------------|----------|
| <b>Week of 12/20/04</b>                            |          |              |               |          |
| <b>NEW YORK</b> Grade A Ice-packed                 | 63-65    | 64.18        | 64.07         | 60.91    |
| <b>CHICAGO</b> Grade A Ice-packed                  | 58-61    | 61.93        | 61.72         | 58.67    |
| <b>LOS ANGELES</b> Grade A Ice-packed              | 80       | 77.98        | 78.28         | 72.04    |
| <b>12-CITY COMPOSITE</b> Weighted Avg.             |          | 68.26        | 68.00         | 65.73    |
| <b>GEORGIA DOCK</b> FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 73.50) |          | 72.48        | 72.50         | 67.81    |
| <b>SOUTHERN STATES</b> FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.   |          | 42.58        | 41.92         | 52.64    |

| Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.) | Northeast (Delivered) | Southern States (FOB) | Georgia (FOB)     |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Weekly Weighted Average</b>  | <b>12/17/04</b>       | <b>12/17/04</b>       | <b>12/20/04</b>   |
| <b>Breast - B/S</b>             | 128.64                | 121.36                | 143.50            |
| <b>Tenderloins</b>              | 112.78                | 121.88                | 160.00 (Line run) |
| <b>Breast - Line Run</b>        | 69.27                 | 72.51                 | 74.00 (Whole)     |
| <b>Leg Quarters</b>             | 28.82                 | 26.38                 | 31.00             |
| <b>Wings</b>                    | 109.46                | 98.41                 | 100.00            |