



Fast Food Fax

DEC 27, 2004

Trade sentiment was steady to at least steady. Demand was fair to moderate. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance and clearing. Dark meat items were generally sufficient. Wings were in close balance and well cleared. Weights were mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Dec 11, 2004

	FOOD SERVICE/			
	<u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	----
Total (000)	28,244	18,354	47,661	94,259
Percentage	30%	19%	51%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weights</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weights</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	7,494	7.95
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	3,750	3.98
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	12,892	13.68
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.l	4,108	4.36
		28,244	29.97

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 23	193,964	102	164,662	104	213,040	104	174,274	104	162,135	100
Oct 30	197,817	103	166,650	104	212,872	103	174,235	103	160,527	99
Nov 06	199,232	99	162,084	106	210,600	104	173,531	105	159,561	99
Nov 13	205,065	100	161,196	104	209,488	104	171,518	105	161,965	102
Nov 20	206,701	101	162,724	104	202,794	104	166,798	105	156,060	96
Nov 27	209,690	100	167,598	102	197,409	102	161,147	102	117,717	75
Dec 04	208,631	102	171,017	102	201,409	103	164,803	103	162,589	138
Dec 11	209,455	101	171,742	103	200,166	103	165,107	104	159,818	98
Dec 18	210,893	103	173,336	102	202,866	103	165,948	104	159,224	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 12/27/04				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	64-67	65.77	64.18	62.57
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	58-61	62.12	61.93	59.29
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	79	77.36	77.98	71.92
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		68.12	68.26	65.57
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 73.25)		72.08	72.48	67.51
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		42.34	42.58	52.61

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
Weekly Weighted Average	12/24/04	12/24/04	12/27/04
Breast - B/S	129.04	123.87	144.00
Tenderloins	112.92	125.75	161.50 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	69.14	72.73	74.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	28.82	26.37	31.00
Wings	113.64	102.96	102.50