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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 24-Dec-04

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)		ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY			
	Actual Slaughter	Live Weight	Price Range	Weighted Price	# of Boxes	
12/20	2,121	5.68	62-80	67.33	8,748	
12/21	2,194	5.60	62-83	67.31	7,824	
12/22	2,226	5.65	62-84	67.69	8,052	
12/23	2,154	5.62	62-83	68.72	5,973	
12/24	H O L I D A Y		---			
Weekly	8,893	5.64	Cumulative: 67.69		30,597	

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 27-Dec-04

Weighted Averages for:	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago
New York	65.77	64.18	62.57
Chicago	62.12	61.93	59.29
Detroit	62.18	62.20	60.50
Los Angeles	77.36	77.98	71.92
Composite Weighted Average	68.12	68.26	65.57

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 24-Dec-04

	Weekly Weighted Average Price	Total Volume/Pounds
Breast - B/S	129.04	2,531,840
Tenderloins	112.92	482,420
Breast - With Ribs	75.70	494,320
Breast - Line Run	69.14	438,240
Legs	40.16	1,178,560
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	28.82	1,247,023
Drumsticks	32.52	567,040
Thighs	40.81	298,980
B/S Thighs	72.40	321,760
Wings (Whole)	113.64	461,640

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg))

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 17-Dec-04

	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago	10-Weeks Prior	7-Weeks Prior
Eggs Set	210,893	209,455	205,549	202,866	197,554
Chicks Placed	173,336	171,742	170,414	161,147	165,948

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 17-DEC-04

	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago
Head (000)	159,224	159,818	154,431
Average Live Weight	5.22	5.21	5.34
To Date 2004 (000)	7,829,779	7,670,555	-----
To Date 2003 (000)	7,692,409	7,537,978	-----

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on November 30, 2004 were 17% below the previous month, but 15% above a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 4% from the previous month, but up 35% from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 38% from last month and down 16% from November 30, 2003.

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