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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 03-JAN-2004

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	60-74	61-64	64.11	30

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

73.25

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

73.10

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Jan-05

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	135,098	128,618

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	165.00	1,326
BREASTS - B/S	144.00	5,280
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50	1,305
THIGH MEAT - B/S	74.50	902
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	6,657
WINGS	105.50	2,831

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were 3 cents higher than Monday's final price. The whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Additional offerings were limited, yet in balance with the current trade interest. Retail and food service movement was light to moderate with best interest into fast food outlets as the both the New Year's holiday and first of the month approaches. Floor stocks were adequate to in close balance; weights mostly desirable. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts, wings, and tenders tight; leg items mostly adequate; and the balance of parts adequate. The market tone was firm on wings, fully steady on leg items, steady to fully steady on breasts, and steady on the balance.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 30, 2004

8-16 LB HENS	CURRENT	LAST	SAME WEEK	16-24 LB TOMS	CURRENT	LAST	SAME WEEK
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO		WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	74.00**	74.75**	64.00**	EASTERN REGION	67.00**	68.50**	58.50**
CENTRAL REGION	75.00**	75.75**	63.00**	CENTRAL REGION	67.00**	68.00**	57.50**
WESTERN REGION	76.00**	76.75**	64.50**	WESTERN REGION	68.00**	69.25**	59.00**

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 25-December -2004 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS

	THOUSANDS
Head	125,118
Avg Wt	5.27
Last week	159,224
Same wk yr ago	113,075
Avg Wt	5.22
To-date/2004	7,954,897
To-date/2003	7,805,484

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

YOUNG HENS YOUNG TOMS
THOUSANDS

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS
Head	1,180	1,628
Avg Wt	16.98	38.29
Last week	1,727	2,477
Same wk yr ago	901	1,212
Avg Wt	15.43	37.60
To-date/2004	88,417	129,726
To-date/2003	96,855	139,262

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	101.00	101.00
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	142.00	142.00
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy SPARERIB	unq	
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT		

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	510.00 550.00	516.81
168 3 Round, top inside round	172.00 185.41	181.54
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	415.25 464.05	430.17
Ground Beef 81%	132.00 151.31	138.52

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