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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 31-Dec-04

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)		ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY			
	Actual Slaughter	Live Weight	Price Range	Weighted Price	# of Boxes	
12/27	1,920	5.66	62-84	68.14	7,057	
12/28	2,237	5.67	62-85	69.05	7,973	
12/29	2,156	5.72	67-84	71.49	5,943	
12/30	2,198	5.64	62-86	70.97	7,697	
12/31	---	H O L I D A Y	---	H O L I D A Y	---	
Weekly	9,202	5.70	Cumulative: 69.85		28,670	

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 3-Jan-05

Weighted Averages for:	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago
New York	69.22	65.77	64.04
Chicago	64.87	62.12	59.75
Detroit	65.18	62.18	59.57
Los Angeles	77.64	77.36	72.08
Composite Weighted Average	69.98	68.12	65.75

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 31-Dec-04

	Weekly Weighted Average Price	Total Volume/Pounds
Breast - B/S	128.37	2,550,130
Tenderloins	114.73	424,000
Breast - With Ribs	77.49	484,480
Breast - Line Run	68.82	555,800
Legs	40.22	968,880
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	30.02	1,658,891
Drumsticks	32.85	481,180
Thighs	39.84	246,820
B/S Thighs	75.57	306,016
Wings (Whole)	114.05	436,880

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

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 24-Dec-04

	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago	10-Weeks Prior	7-Weeks Prior
Eggs Set	210,007	210,893	205,908	196,263	200,982
Chicks Placed	170,610	173,336	168,199	164,803	162,009

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 24-DEC-04

	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago
Head (000)	125,118	159,224	113,075
Average Live Weight	5.27	5.22	5.22
To Date 2004 (000)	7,954,897	7,829,779	-----
To Date 2003 (000)	7,805,484	7,692,409	-----

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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