



# Fast Food Fax

JAN 24, 2005

Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand ranged light to moderate as heavy snowstorms blanketed parts of the Midwest and Northeast. In the parts complex, breast items were short. Dark meat cuts were sufficient. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Weights were mostly desirable.

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## Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Jan 08, 2005

|              | FOOD SERVICE/ |             |           |        |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|--------|
|              | FAST FOOD     | RETAIL      | DEBONING  | TOTAL  |
| Weight Range | 4.20 & Down   | 4.21 - 5.25 | 5.26 & Up | ----   |
| Total (000)  | 26,283        | 19,205      | 49,048    | 94,536 |
| Percentage   | 28%           | 20%         | 52%       | 100%   |

### 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.             | 3,376             | 3.57                          |
| 3.61 - 3.80 lbs.    | 2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.  | 4,502             | 4.76                          |
| 3.81 - 4.00 lbs.    | 2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz. | 11,621            | 12.29                         |
| 4.01 - 4.20 lbs.    | 2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz. | 6,784             | 7.18                          |
|                     |                                 | 26,283            | 27.80                         |

### 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)                                       | %**        |
| 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>  |
| Dec 18         | <b>210,893</b> | <b>103</b> | <b>173,336</b> | <b>102</b> | 202,866                    | 103 | 165,948                        | 104 | <b>159,224</b>                              | <b>100</b> |
| Dec 25         | <b>210,007</b> | <b>102</b> | <b>170,610</b> | <b>101</b> | 196,263                    | 105 | 162,009                        | 105 | <b>125,118</b>                              | <b>79</b>  |
| Jan 01         | <b>210,659</b> | <b>102</b> | <b>172,321</b> | <b>102</b> | 194,298                    | 102 | 162,389                        | 105 | <b>137,675</b>                              | <b>110</b> |
| Jan 08         | <b>211,371</b> | <b>102</b> | <b>173,506</b> | <b>104</b> | 197,554                    | 103 | 163,047                        | 104 | <b>160,263</b>                              | <b>116</b> |
| Jan 15         | <b>209,323</b> | <b>101</b> | <b>172,115</b> | <b>103</b> | 200,982                    | 100 | 166,083                        | 101 | <b>159,418</b>                              | <b>99</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 01/17/05</b>                            |          |              |               |          |
| <b>NEW YORK</b> Grade A Ice-packed                 | 69-72    | 71.58        | 71.21         | 73.58    |
| <b>CHICAGO</b> Grade A Ice-packed                  | 63-66    | 67.04        | 67.01         | 69.54    |
| <b>LOS ANGELES</b> Grade A Ice-packed              | 80       | 79.15        | 78.35         | 74.84    |
| <b>12-CITY COMPOSITE</b> Weighted Avg.             |          | 71.64        | 72.05         | 72.54    |
| <b>GEORGIA DOCK</b> FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 73.50) |          | 72.57        | 72.35         | 69.64    |
| <b>SOUTHERN STATES</b> FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.   |          | 48.26        | 45.32         | 60.94    |

| Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.) | Northeast (Delivered) | Southern States (FOB) | Georgia (FOB)     |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Weekly Weighted Average</b>  | <b>01/21/05</b>       | <b>01/21/05</b>       | <b>01/24/05</b>   |
| <b>Breast - B/S</b>             | 142.37                | 150.16                | 151.50            |
| <b>Tenderloins</b>              | 115.77                | 122.26                | 163.50 (Line run) |
| <b>Breast - Line Run</b>        | 78.60                 | 77.49                 | 79.00 (Whole)     |
| <b>Leg Quarters</b>             | 28.87                 | 27.48                 | 31.50             |
| <b>Wings</b>                    | 123.84                | 119.64                | 121.50            |