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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 04-APR-2005

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	63-77	67-70	69.79	29

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Apr-05

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	164,514	153,640

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

74.00

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

73.89

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

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	179.50	1,227
BREASTS - B/S	155.00	5,209
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50	1,312
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.00	1,056
LEG QUARTERS	33.00	6,609
WINGS	98.00	2,735

MIDWEST Chicago's preliminary majority price was unchanged from Monday's final majority price. The whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were adequate for the limited trade interest. Retail demand continues to be light and food service movement was no better than moderate with the exception of the St. Louis market area which was reporting good activity due to Final Four activities. Floor stocks were in a full range of closely balanced to ample. Sizes were mostly desirable. In the parts complex, buying was hand to mouth with anticipation of improvement for first of the month business. Supplies were fully available with the exception of dark meat items which were in close balance. The market tone was steady to firm on dark meat items, barely steady to weak on wings and steady to barely steady on 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 APRIL 01, 2005

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	64.25	67.75	63.60	EASTERN REGION	62.25	65.75	61.17
CENTRAL REGION	63.70**	64.00**	64.00	CENTRAL REGION	62.30**	63.00**	61.00
WESTERN REGION	66.00	66.00	66.00	WESTERN REGION	65.00	64.00	64.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 26-Mar-2005 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS THOUSANDS
Head	151,161
Avg Wt	5.19
Last week	157,335
Same wk yr ago	152,749
Avg Wt	5.16
To-date/2005	1,877,190
To-date/2004	1,842,387

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG HENS THOUSANDS	YOUNG TOMS THOUSANDS
Head	1,468	2,502
Avg Wt	16.03	38.03
Last week	1,582	2,517
Same wk yr ago	1,808	2,595
Avg Wt	15.86	36.62
To-date/2005	18,300	30,039
To-date/2004	20,352	29,624

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	122.00	122.00
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	159.00 - 160.00	159.60
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	106.00	106.00
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	145.00	145.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	580.00 615.00	602.00
168 3 Round, top inside round	181.00 193.07	183.74
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	579.96 624.95	612.50
Ground Beef 81%	136.00 150.15	144.46

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