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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 22-AUG-2005

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD. AVG. | LOADS |
|------------|---------|----------|-----------|-------|
| US GRADE A | 52-76.5 | 65-68 | 66.63 | 28 |

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 20-Aug-05

| | Current Week | Previous Week |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Broiler/fryer | 168,293 | 166,292 |

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

74.75

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

74.67

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 | 173.00 | 1,285 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 149.00 | 5,695 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 85.50 | 1,353 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 108.50 | 996 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 46.00 | 6,964 |
| WINGS | 82.00 | 2,955 |

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's delivery into the Chicago area were unchanged. Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers continued mostly steady, instances barely steady. Offerings were adequate on very limited trade interest. Slow to fair was the call with best activity into limited attractive retail features, delicatessens and fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights desirable to light. Supplies of wings were tight to short of needs, dark meat was tight, drums long; leg quarters adequate to in close balance and breast cuts were adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, weak on drums and steady on balance of parts.

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 AUGUST 19, 2005

| | CURRENT | | | | CURRENT | | |
|---------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------|
| | WEEK | LAST WEEK | SAME WEEK YEAR AGO | | WEEK | LAST WEEK | SAME WEEK YEAR AGO |
| 8-16 LB HENS | | | | 16-24 LB TOMS | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 75.90** | 75.40** | 73.40** | EASTERN REGION | 74.50** | 75.67 | 72.80** |
| CENTRAL REGION | 75.50 | 75.00 | 72.00 | CENTRAL REGION | 74.00** | 74.95 | 72.50** |
| WESTERN REGION | 75.70** | 74.40** | 74.00 | WESTERN REGION | 74.50** | 74.00** | 73.50 |

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 13-Aug-2005 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS

| | THOUSANDS |
|----------------|-----------|
| Head | 168,700 |
| Avg Wt | 5.18 |
| Last week | 169,836 |
| Same wk yr ago | 161,051 |
| Avg Wt | 5.18 |
| To-date/2005 | 5,149,004 |
| To-date/2004 | 4,983,039 |

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

| | YOUNG HENS | YOUNG TOMS |
|----------------|------------|------------|
| | THOUSANDS | |
| Head | 2,000 | 2,603 |
| Avg Wt | 16.20 | 35.36 |
| Last week | 2,067 | 2,592 |
| Same wk yr ago | 1,691 | 2,516 |
| Avg Wt | 15.90 | 35.62 |
| To-date/2005 | 55,206 | 81,737 |

FRESH PORK CUTS

| FOB Negotiated | PRICE RANGE | WTD AVG |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Loin | | |
| 1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT | 126.00 | 126.00 |
| BNLS Strap-on 5-11# | 160.00 | 160.00 |
| Trimmed Butt | | |
| 1/4" Trim Stk Rdy | | |
| SPARERIB | | |
| 3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT | 133.00 | 133.00 |

FRESH BEEF CUTS

| FOB Negotiated | PRICE RANGE | WTD AVG |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------|
| 112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy | 490.00 550.00 | 510.15 |
| 168 3 Round, top inside round | 155.00 164.00 | 157.56 |
| 180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1 | 485.00 519.05 | 493.89 |
| Ground Beef 81% | 125.05 135.63 | 128.45 |

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