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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 20-MAR-2006

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	40-68.75	51-54	52.52	27

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

68.25

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

68.09

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	138.00	1,216
BREASTS - B/S	112.00	5,674
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.00	1,298
THIGH MEAT - B/S	74.00	1,081
LEG QUARTERS	17.50	8,564
WINGS	94.00	2,930

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Mar-06

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	163,678	164,578

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

MIDWEST The preliminary majority price for next week's delivery into the Chicago area was unchanged from Monday's final majority price. Whole fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Additional offerings were adequate to instances ample for the light trade call. Retail demand was light to instances moderate at best. Movement into food service sectors was light to moderate with fast food sectors fair to good and capturing most interest. Floor stocks were balanced to long, while sizes were mostly desirable, instances heavy. Parts supplies were fully available with limited trade interest despite aggressive discounting efforts. The trade sentiment was steady on tenders, barely steady to weak on boneless skinless breasts, and weak on dark meat cuts.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUME SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) WEEK ENDING MARCH 17, 2006

	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	67.44	67.70	64.60**	EASTERN REGION	67.00	66.50
CENTRAL REGION	66.50**	66.00	64.40**	CENTRAL REGION	66.25**	65.50
WESTERN REGION	66.50**	66.50**	64.80**	WESTERN REGION	66.50**	66.50**

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 11-Mar-2006 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS THOUSANDS	
Head	160,615
Avg Wt	5.32
Last week	158,348
Same wk yr ago	157,630
Avg Wt	5.16
To-date/2006	1,602,358
To-date/2005	1,568,694

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

YOUNG HENS THOUSANDS		YOUNG TOMS THOUSANDS	
Head	2,001	Head	2,376
Avg Wt	17.77	Avg Wt	37.69
Last week	2,086	Last week	2,511
Same wk yr ago	1,551	Same wk yr ago	2,477
Avg Wt	16.59	Avg Wt	37.81
To-date/2006	16,743	To-date/2006	24,487
To-date/2005	15,250	To-date/2005	25,020

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated

	PRICE	RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	518.00	600.00	549.59
168 3 Round, top inside round	148.49	163.62	151.50
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	508.81	570.00	521.90
Ground Beef 81%	127.00	145.70	130.48

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