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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 21-MAR-08

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)		ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY		
	Actual Slaughter	Live Weight	Price Range We:	ighted Price	# of Boxes
03/17	2,260	5.80	70-92	(A)	(A)
03/18	2,273	5.76	70-94	(A)	(A)
03/19	2,186	5.65	64-91	(A)	(A)
03/20	2,157	5.54	69-93	(A)	(A)
03/21	1,783	5.70	67-90	(A)	(A)
Weekly	10,658	5.69	Cumulative:	(A)	(A)

(A)Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 24-MAR-08

Weighted Averages for:	Current Week	<u> Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	76.60	78.81	76.83
Chicago	74.75	77.24	75.19
Detroit	77.30	79.30	76.89
Los Angeles	89.17	88.24	83.33
Composite Weighted Average	e 78.16	81.15	78.71

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 21-MAR-2008

Weekly	Weighted Average Price	Total Volume/Pounds
Breast - B/S	140.57	3,246,584
Tenderloins	134.21	639,470
Breast - With Ribs	87.17	380,000
Breast - Line Run	80.17	385,200
Legs	64.11	937,760
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	44.20	858,560
Drumsticks	63.65	262,840
Thighs	64.32	266,840
B/S Thighs	120.28	317,440
Wings (Whole)	103.84	832,470

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

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 15-MAR-08

	Current	Last		10-Weeks	7-Weeks
	Week	Week	Year Ago	Prior	Prior
Eggs Set	$21\overline{8,90}2$	218,613	215,713	$21\overline{7,209}$	217,697
Chicks Placed	180,022	179,194	174,417	177,800	177,611

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 15-MAR-08

		Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago
Head	(000)	166,377	164,514	158,088
Average Live	Weight	5.50	5.52	5.39
To Date 2008	(000)	1,791,480	1,625,103	
To Date 2007	(000)	1,715,656	1,557,568	

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on February 29, 2008 were up 6% from the previous month and up 25 % from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 3% from the previous month, but up 21% from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 26% from last month and up 32% from February 28, 2007.

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