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## CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY For Delivery the Week of 31-MAR-2008

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
CHICAGO	54-86.5	72-75	73.64	26

## GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY – 81.75

### FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. – 80.47

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	174.50	1,098
BREASTS - B/S	146.00	4,947
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50	1,099
THIGH MEAT - B/S	120.50	1,004
LEG QUARTERS	44.00	7,613
WINGS	117.00	2,412

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

## ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR W/E 29-Mar-08

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	165,270	163,435

**MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER** - The preliminary majority price in the Chicago area was 1 cent lower than Monday's final majority price. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to barely steady with offerings adequate to sufficient for the limited buyer interest. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate at best. Many anticipating improved interest for first of the month promotions throughout the Midwest, and increased movement into Detroit area sports bars and restaurants for the NCAA tournament games this weekend. Floor stocks were balanced to instances to long. Weights were desirable to instances heavy. Supplies of dark meat items were adequate to close, and breast cuts and wings adequate to ample. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on dark meat items, mixed on breast cuts, and barely steady to weak on wings.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, DENTS PER LB, DELIVERED, (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) W/E MARCH 28, 2008

8-16 LB HENS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	16-24 LB TOMS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	83.00 **	83.00 **	72.65	EASTERN REGION	83.00 **	81.25	73.04
CENTRAL REGION	83.00 **	83.00 **	71.00	CENTRAL REGION	83.00 **	83.00 **	72.70 **
WESTERN REGION	83.00 **	84.00	73.00	WESTERN REGION	83.00 **	84.00	73.00

## LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 22-Mar-2008 (PRELIMINARY)

### YOUNG CHICKENS THOUSANDS

Head	160,412
Avg Wt	5.45
Last week	166,377
Same wk yr ago	158,447
Avg Wt	5.45
To-date/2008	1,951,891
To-date/2007	1,874,103

## LIVE TURKEYS SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

### YOUNG HENS YOUNG TOMS THOUSANDS

Head	1,809	2,547
Avg Wt	16.38	38.05
Last week	2,028	2,715
Same wk yr ago	2,047	2,538
Avg Wt	17.05	38.39
To-date/2008	22,391	33,002
To-date/2007	21,884	29,972

## FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated

	PRICE RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	477.00 515.00	487.25
168 3 Round, top inside round	165.00 177.00	168.26
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	447.11 510.05	459.85
Ground Beef 81%	113.55 130.00	120.14

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News