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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY For Delivery the Week of 07-APR-2008

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
CHICAGO	62-86.75	72-75	73.64	25

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY – 82.00

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. – 81.06

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	175.50	1,024
BREASTS - B/S	145.50	4,496
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50	1,007
THIGH MEAT - B/S	121.50	963
LEG QUARTERS	45.00	7,024
WINGS	115.00	2,235

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 05-Apr-08

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	166,051	165,270

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER - Preliminary majority delivered prices on whole fryers into the Chicago area were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was mostly steady. Offers were sufficient for light trade inquiry. Retail activity increased significantly for some, while others saw only moderate at best levels. Food service demand was more varied, slow to fairly good; best trade noted into catering and take-out type business. Floor stocks were short to fully adequate; weights desirable to occasionally heavy. Parts trade was light. Supplies of dark meat cuts were in balance; breast cuts were more in line with demand and wings, also were in better balance than prior trade period. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on dark meat lines, and steady to barely steady on wings and breast cuts.

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 APRIL 04, 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	86.00	83.00 **	73.40 **	EASTERN REGION	86.00	83.00 **	73.40 **
CENTRAL REGION	84.50	83.00 **	73.25	CENTRAL REGION	84.50	83.00 **	72.25
WESTERN REGION	83.80 **	83.00 **	73.40 **	WESTERN REGION	83.80 **	83.00 **	73.40 **

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 29-Mar-2008 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS THOUSANDS

Head	160,207
Avg Wt	5.59
Last week	160,412
Same wk yr ago	158,956
Avg Wt	5.38
To-date/2008	2,112,098
To-date/2007	2,033,059

LIVE TURKEYS SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

YOUNG HENS YOUNG TOMS THOUSANDS

Head	1,939	2,660
Avg Wt	16.18	38.94
Last week	1,809	2,547
Same wk yr ago	1,915	2,721
Avg Wt	16.43	37.29
To-date/2008	24,330	35,662
To-date/2007	23,799	32,693

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated

	PRICE RANGE	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	453.00 500.00	460.86
168 3 Round, top inside round	165.00 175.00	167.65
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	463.50 510.05	473.32
Ground Beef 81%	117.15 150.90	123.14

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News