



Fast Food Fax

Apr 07, 2008

Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair, best where media promotions were in progress. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate and wings were at least adequate to available. Drums, leg quarters and thighs were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Weights were mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: 29-MAR-2008

| Weight Range | 4.25 & Down | 4.26-6.25 | 6.26-7.75 | 7.76 & Up | Total |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Total (000) | 38,955 | 74,915 | 31,296 | 15,041 | 160,207 |
| WT Avg Live Wgt | 3.82 | 5.44 | 6.84 | 8.33 | 5.59 |
| Percentage of total | 24% | 47% | 20% | 9% | 100 % |

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

| Live Weights | RTC WOG Weights | No. of Head (000) | Percentage of Total Slaughter |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3.60 lbs. & Lighter | Under 2 lbs., 8 oz. | 4,338 | 2.71 |
| 3.61 - 3.80 lbs. | 2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz. | 5,000 | 3.12 |
| 3.81 - 4.00 lbs. | 2 lbs., 10 oz., - 2 lbs., 12 oz. | 9,744 | 6.08 |
| 4.01 - 4.25 lbs. | 2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 15 oz. | 19,873 | 12.40 |
| | | 38,119 | 24.31 |

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

| Slaughter Week | Egg Sets | | Chicks Placed | | Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous | | Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous | | Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered | |
|----------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|---|------------|
| | (000) | %* | (000) | %* | (000) | %* | (000) | %* | (000) | %** |
| Feb 02 | 219,038 | 104 | 176,282 | 103 | 219,800 | 104 | 179,506 | 104 | 166,096 | 104 |
| Feb 09 | 212,295 | 103 | 176,724 | 103 | 222,116 | 104 | 180,139 | 104 | 165,446 | 100 |
| Feb 16 | 218,031 | 102 | 177,841 | 104 | 214,621 | 104 | 176,021 | 104 | 163,748 | 99 |
| Feb 23 | 219,325 | 102 | 178,465 | 103 | 217,794 | 103 | 177,800 | 103 | 166,700 | 102 |
| Mar 01 | 219,786 | 101 | 177,344 | 102 | 218,952 | 104 | 178,512 | 104 | 165,910 | 100 |
| Mar 08 | 218,613 | 101 | 179,194 | 103 | 218,967 | 104 | 178,783 | 103 | 164,514 | 99 |
| Mar 15 | 218,902 | 101 | 180,022 | 103 | 217,209 | 103 | 177,611 | 103 | 166,377 | 101 |
| Mar 22 | 216,791 | 100 | 180,961 | 103 | 215,444 | 102 | 176,060 | 102 | 160,412 | 96 |
| Mar 29 | 216,422 | 100 | 180,429 | 103 | 216,467 | 104 | 176,413 | 103 | 160,207 | 100 |

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)

Week of 04/07/08

| | Majority | Current Week | Previous Week | Year Ago |
|---|----------|--------------|---------------|----------|
| NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed | 73-76 | 74.60 | 75.55 | 75.10 |
| CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed | 72-75 | 73.96 | 73.81 | 75.24 |
| LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed | 90 | 88.75 | 88.66 | 84.19 |
| 12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg. | | 77.86 | 76.86 | 78.73 |
| GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 82.00) | | 79.93 | 79.39 | 76.66 |
| SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg. | | 53.03 | 54.46 | 68.29 |

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)

Weekly Weighted Average

| | Northeast (Delivered) 04/04/08 | Southern States (FOB) 04/04/08 | Georgia (FOB) 04/0708 |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Breast - B/S | 140.59 | 127.62 | 146.00 |
| Tenderloins | 131.11 | 126.91 | 174.50 (Line run) |
| Breast - Line Run | 74.32 | 71.10 | 82.50 (Whole) |
| Leg Quarters | 44.97 | 42.24 | 45.50 |
| Wings | 120.79 | 96.87 | 116.00 |