



# Fast Food Fax

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## Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: 10-MAY-2008

| Weight Range        | 4.25 & Down | 4.26-6.25 | 6.26-7.75 | 7.76 & Up | Total   |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Total (000)         | 40,287      | 86,060    | 25,747    | 17,725    | 169,819 |
| WT Avg Live Wgt     | 3.89        | 5.47      | 6.83      | 8.26      | 5.59    |
| Percentage of total | 24%         | 51%       | 15%       | 10%       | 100 %   |

Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to moderate, best where features were planned. In the parts complex, breast items, tenders and wings were at least sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

| Fast Food and Food Service Sizes |                                  | No. of Head (000) | Percentage of Total Slaughter |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Live Weights                     | RTC WOG Weights                  |                   |                               |
| 3.60 lbs. & Lighter              | Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.              | 3,027             | 1.79                          |
| 3.61 - 3.80 lbs.                 | 2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.   | 5,691             | 3.37                          |
| 3.81 - 4.00 lbs.                 | 2 lbs., 10 oz., - 2 lbs., 12 oz. | 14,317            | 8.49                          |
| 4.01 - 4.25 lbs.                 | 2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 15 oz.  | 17,252            | 10.23                         |
|                                  |                                  | 40,287            | 23.88                         |

### 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)                                       | %**        |
| Mar 15         | <b>218,902</b> | <b>101</b> | <b>180,022</b> | <b>103</b> | 217,209                    | 103 | 177,611                        | 103 | <b>166,377</b>                              | <b>101</b> |
| Mar 22         | <b>216,791</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>180,961</b> | <b>103</b> | 215,444                    | 102 | 176,060                        | 102 | <b>160,412</b>                              | <b>96</b>  |
| Mar 29         | <b>216,422</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>180,429</b> | <b>103</b> | 216,467                    | 104 | 176,413                        | 103 | <b>160,207</b>                              | <b>100</b> |
| Apr 05         | <b>217,817</b> | <b>99</b>  | <b>180,126</b> | <b>102</b> | 217,697                    | 104 | 177,541                        | 103 | <b>166,456</b>                              | <b>104</b> |
| Apr 12         | <b>217,465</b> | <b>99</b>  | <b>178,594</b> | <b>101</b> | 218,880                    | 103 | 178,240                        | 103 | <b>165,977</b>                              | <b>100</b> |
| Apr 19         | <b>215,495</b> | <b>98</b>  | <b>177,173</b> | <b>100</b> | 217,271                    | 102 | 177,627                        | 102 | <b>165,918</b>                              | <b>100</b> |
| Apr 26         | <b>213,228</b> | <b>98</b>  | <b>178,108</b> | <b>99</b>  | 218,479                    | 102 | 179,798                        | 103 | <b>165,215</b>                              | <b>100</b> |
| May 03         | <b>213,567</b> | <b>98</b>  | <b>177,234</b> | <b>98</b>  | 219,311                    | 102 | 180,426                        | 103 | <b>168,654</b>                              | <b>102</b> |
| May 10         | <b>213,700</b> | <b>97</b>  | <b>176,530</b> | <b>98</b>  | 219,830                    | 102 | 181,091                        | 103 | <b>169,819</b>                              | <b>101</b> |

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

| Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)                   | Majority | Current Week | Previous Week | Year Ago |
|--|----------|--------------|---------------|----------|
| <b>Week of 05/19/08</b>                            |          |              |               |          |
| <b>NEW YORK</b> Grade A Ice-packed                 | 76-79    | 77.95        | 78.30         | 82.76    |
| <b>CHICAGO</b> Grade A Ice-packed                  | 76-79    | 77.51        | 77.85         | 81.47    |
| <b>LOS ANGELES</b> Grade A Ice-packed              | 92       | 91.22        | 90.64         | 86.49    |
| <b>12-CITY COMPOSITE</b> Weighted Avg.             |          | 80.78        | 81.53         | 81.76    |
| <b>GEORGIA DOCK</b> FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 83.50) |          | 81.90        | 81.44         | 78.61    |
| <b>SOUTHERN STATES</b> FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.   |          | 57.45        | 57.37         | 70.40    |

| Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.) | Northeast (Delivered) | Southern States (FOB) | Georgia (FOB)     |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Weekly Weighted Average</b>  | <b>05/16/08</b>       | <b>05/16/08</b>       | <b>05/19/08</b>   |
| <b>Breast - B/S</b>             | 150.76                | 141.20                | 152.50            |
| <b>Tenderloins</b>              | 139.99                | 135.29                | 178.00 (Line run) |
| <b>Breast - Line Run</b>        | 80.81                 | 81.86                 | 85.00 (Whole)     |
| <b>Leg Quarters</b>             | 48.14                 | 44.44                 | 48.00             |
| <b>Wings</b>                    | 94.15                 | 81.12                 | 105.00            |