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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR W/E 13-SEP-08

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	165,112	151,687

CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY for Delivery the Week of 15-SEP-2008				
	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LOADS
US GRADE A	59-79.75	68-72	66.98	22

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER - Preliminary majority delivered prices on next week's trade into the Chicago market were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Producer offerings were limited on small birds and fully adequate on heavy weights. Retail and food service was slow to fairly good and irregular in all markets; best activity noted into retail features, fast food promotions and downtown bars and restaurants. Floor stocks were well cleared to long; weights desirable to heavy. Trading on parts remained centered on wings, which were available to well cleared; boneless/skinless breast was clearing well and in better balance for needs over prior period; and dark meat lines were available. Many in industry were taking interest in hurricane Ike and concerned on effects it may have. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on wings and steady on all other parts.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES WEDNESDAY - 88.50

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. - 87.64

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	176.00	1,109
BREASTS - B/S	140.00	4,784
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.00	1,114
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.50	1,011
THIGHS	63.00	599
DRUMSTICKS	71.00	712
LEG QUARTERS	55.00	7,662
WINGS	95.00	2,323

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

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 SEPTEMBER 12, 2008

8-16 LB HENS	CURRENT			16-24 LB TOMS	CURRENT		
	WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	100.00	100.00	93.83	EASTERN REGION	100.10 **	98.50 **	94.00
CENTRAL REGION	99.00	97.50	92.66	CENTRAL REGION	99.00	102.00	93.17
WESTERN REGION	102.00	100.00	92.30 **	WESTERN REGION	102.00	100.00	92.80 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 06-SEP-2008 (PRELIMINARY)

Young Chickens	
	Thousands
Head	144,936
Avg Wt	5.67
Last week	168,672
Same wk yr ago	149,496
Avg Wt	5.39
To-date/2008	5,905,410
To-date/2007	5,774,085
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	612,231
Last week	694,903
Same wk yr ago	600,309
Dressing %	74.5%

LIVE TURKEYS SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Young Hens		Young Toms	
	Thousands		Thousands
Head	1,775		2,254
Avg Wt	16.99		38.72
Last week	1,856		2,739
Same wk yr ago	1,981		2,292
Avg Wt	16.26		36.65
To-date/2008	71,314		98,362
To-date/2007	70,583		93,300
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage			
Current week	24,277		70,256
Last week	23,935		82,022
Same wk yr ago	25,930		67,621
Dressing %	80.5%		80.5%

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE	RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	477.00	525.00	505.24
168 3 Round, top inside round	179.44	195.00	187.50
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	460.00	478.00	471.63
Ground Beef 81%	153.00	155.00	154.27

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News