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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR W/E 27-Sep-08

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	167,323	170,276

CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY For Delivery the Week of 29-SEP-2008

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
CHICAGO	56-73.25	60-66	63.72	22

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER

- Preliminary majority delivered whole fryer prices for next week's trade into the Chicago market decreased. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to weak. Trade interest was very light and cautious for the mixed offerings. Retail and food service movement remained slow to moderate at best; reports of occasional fairly good fill-in into sports bars, fast food, and catering. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights mostly desirable to heavy. In pats trade wings continued to receive strong interest on short supplies, other parts were available with a more limited and cautious inquiry and trade. Trade sentiment was mostly firm on wings, tenderloins were steady and all other parts were barely steady to weak.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY - 88.00

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. - 87.47

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	175.00	984
BREASTS - B/S	140.50	4,653
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50	1,079
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.50	981
THIGHS	63.00	559
DRUMSTICKS	72.00	659
LEG QUARTERS	56.00	6,064
WINGS	99.50	2,110

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, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED, (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) W/E SEPTEMBER 26, 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 **	99.79	93.60 **	EASTERN REGION	99.50 **	99.00	95.00
CENTRAL REGION	99.00 **	98.57	95.31	CENTRAL REGION	99.00 **	96.00	93.00
WESTERN REGION	100.50 **	99.00	93.40 **	WESTERN REGION	100.50 **	99.00	93.50 **

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 20-Sep-2008 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS THOUSANDS

Head	165,893
Avg Wt	5.56
Last week	167,637
Same wk yr ago	170,377
Avg Wt	5.58
To-date/2008	6,238,940
To-date/2007	6,112,788
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	687,162
Last week	681,897
Same wk yr ago	708,274

Dressing %	74.5%

LIVE TURKEYS SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

YOUNG HENS YOUNG TOMS THOUSANDS

Head	2,072	2,801
Avg Wt	16.63	37.57
Last week	2,137	2,671
Same wk yr ago	2,036	2,
Avg Wt	16.38	36.99
To-date/2008	75,523	103,834
To-date/2007	74,731	98,854
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage		
Current week	27,738	84,713
Last week	28,780	81,577
Same wk yr ago	26,846	83,405

Dressing %	80.5%	80.5%

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated

	PRICE	RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	398.00	460.00	410.42
168 3 Round, top inside round	173.85	190.00	184.20
180 3 Loim, strip, bnls, 0x1	349.90	389.00	367.13
Ground Beef 81%	146.00	157.00	149.12

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News