



Fast Food Fax

Sep 29, 2008

Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was mostly fair. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts and wings were clearing satisfactorily; boneless skinless breast were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: 20-Sep-2008

Weight Range	4.25 & Down	4.26-6.25	6.26-7.75	7.76 & Up	Total
Total (000)	39,428	78,371	27,591	20,503	165,893
WT Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.31	6.73	8.15	5.56
Percentage of total	24%	47%	17%	12%	100 %

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.	2,458	1.48
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	7,999	4.82
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., - 2 lbs., 12 oz.	12,642	7.62
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 15 oz.	16,329	9.84
		39,428	23.76

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)	%**
Jul 26	210,378	97	170,868	97	218,141	99	179,923	100	163,014	97
Aug 02	207,170	96	172,940	96	217,164	99	179,372	100	166,665	102
Aug 09	207,163	95	173,454	98	216,932	99	179,253	100	167,406	100
Aug 16	206,996	96	173,116	97	217,489	99	179,263	100	167,289	100
Aug 23	206,817	96	170,528	96	213,146	98	175,041	98	167,350	100
Aug 30	205,417	95	169,718	96	213,717	99	175,347	99	168,672	101
Sep 06	201,826	97	169,861	97	210,293	100	172,441	100	144,936	86
Sep 13	198,807	97	170,301	97	207,615	96	170,986	97	167,637	116
Sep 20	195,072	92	168,054	96	211,467	97	172,908	96	165,893	99

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
Week of 09/29/08				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	64-67	65.62	68.70	68.67
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	60-66	64.37	64.88	62.69
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	96	92.87	93.47	86.82
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		76.66	77.22	70.66
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 88.00)		86.18	86.57	79.68
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		58.98	58.17	50.58

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered) 09/26/08	Southern States (FOB) 09/26/08	Georgia (FOB) 09/29/08
Weekly Weighted Average			
Breast - B/S	116.43	118.40	139.00
Tenderloins	123.37	111.62	173.00 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	64.93	66.83	82.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	54.13	53.38	56.00
Wings	100.27	83.03	99.00