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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR W/E 11-Oct-08

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	166,390	166,061

CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY For Delivery the Week of 10-OCT-2008

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
CHICAGO	58-76.25	62-68	66.30	24

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER

- Preliminary market delivered prices increased into the Chicago area. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings more limited at week's end. Retail demand was moderate to mostly fairly good. Food service activity was irregular, slow to fairly good, best into fast food, catering and sport bars. Floor stocks were in close balance to long; weights mixed. Trade on parts was light as trade inventories were adequate for needs. Supplies of wings were tight, remainder of items were available with leg quarters in longest position. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, about steady to instances weak on breast cuts and barely steady to mostly weak on dark meat lines.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY - 87.50

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. - 87.07

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	166.50	1,051
BREASTS - B/S	126.50	4,833
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.50	1,097
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.50	999
THIGHS	63.00	564
DRUMSTICKS	69.50	671
LEG QUARTERS	55.50	6,962
WINGS	99.50	2,275

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 OCTOBER 10, 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	99.20 **	100.00 **	95.00	EASTERN REGION	98.90 **	99.50 **	95.00
CENTRAL REGION	98.50	100.00	95.00	CENTRAL REGION	98.70 **	100.00	95.00
WESTERN REGION	98.50	100.50 **	94.50 **	WESTERN REGION	99.60 **	100.50 **	94.50 **

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 04-OCT-2008 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS THOUSANDS

Head	164,393
Avg Wt	5.58
Last week	164,981
Same wk yr ago	171,257
Avg Wt	5.59
To-date/2008	6,568,314
To-date/2007	6,457,894
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	683,398
Last week	685,843
Same wk yr ago	713,208

Dressing % 74.5%

LIVE TURKEYS SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

YOUNG HENS YOUNG TOMS THOUSANDS

Head	1,798	2,975
Avg Wt	16.62	36.74
Last week	2,114	2,873
Same wk yr ago	1,947	2,730
Avg Wt	16.24	37.22
To-date/2008	79,435	109,682
To-date/2007	78,692	104,448
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage		
Current week	23,906	87,441
Last week	29,356	88,047
Same wk yr ago	25,295	81,288

Dressing % 80.0% 80.0%

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated

	PRICE	RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	418.15	451.85	428.60
168 3 Round, top inside round	170.00	184.75	177.93
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	435.85	455.65	440.57
Ground Beef 81%	134.25	154.00	142.98

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News