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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR W/E 18-OCT-08

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	164,205	166,390

CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 20-OCT-2008

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LOADS
US GRADE A	65-79.25	66-72	69.82	23

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY – 87.50

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. – 87.13

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	162.00	1,154
BREASTS - B/S	120.50	5,003
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50	1,138
THIGH MEAT - B/S	129.00	1,016
THIGHS	62.00	589
DRUMSTICKS	68.00	702
LEG QUARTERS	54.00	7,135
WINGS	103.50	2,364

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER - Preliminary majority prices were 4 cents higher in Chicago at 66 to 72 and too few to report elsewhere. The whole broiler fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were light to adequate for the light trade interest. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate at best. Promotional retail boneless breasts and wings and fast food and chain business provided best call. Floor stocks were balanced to long; sizes mixed. Supplies of breast cuts and dark meat items were available with wings tight. Trade sentiment remains fully steady to firm on wings and about steady to weak on the balance of parts.

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 17, 2008

8-16 LB HENS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	16-24 LB TOMS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	98.00**	99.20**	95.00**	EASTERN REGION	98.50**	98.90**	95.00**
CENTRAL REGION	100.50	98.50	96.00	CENTRAL REGION	98.00**	98.70**	96.00
WESTERN REGION	98.00**	98.50	95.00	WESTERN REGION	98.50**	99.60**	95.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 11-OCT-2008 (PRELIMINARY)

Young Chickens	
	Thousands
Head	163,786
Avg Wt	5.60
Last week	164,393
Same wk yr ago	167,086
Avg Wt	5.52
To-date/2008	6,732,100
To-date/2007	6,624,980
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	683,315
Last week	683,398
Same wk yr ago	687,124
Dressing %	74.5%

LIVE TURKEYS SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Young Hens		Young Toms	
	Thousands		Thousands
Head	1,864		2,924
Avg Wt	17.05		37.87
Last week	1,798		2,975
Same wk yr ago	1,844		2,822
Avg Wt	16.21		36.93
To-date/2008	81,299		112,606
To-date/2007	80,536		107,270
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage			
Current week	25,425		88,586
Last week	23,906		87,441
Same wk yr ago	23,913		83,373
Dressing %	80.0%		80.0%

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE	RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	399.00	443.00	402.44
168 3 Round, top inside round	162.50	175.00	172.21
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	425.00	440.00	432.49
Ground Beef 81%	140.00	150.00	141.49

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News