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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR W/E 25-OCT-08

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	165,832	164,205

CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER
Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 27-OCT-2008

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LOADS
US GRADE A	64-81.25	66-72	69.21	21

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES
WEDNESDAY – 87.50

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. – 87.11
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	1,114
BREASTS - B/S	119.00	4,903
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.50	1,088
THIGH MEAT - B/S	129.50	986
THIGHS	62.50	599
DRUMSTICKS	67.00	712
LEG QUARTERS	52.50	6,935
WINGS	105.00	2,334

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER - Preliminary majority delivered prices into the Chicago area for next week's trade were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone remained steady, instances fully steady. Retail movement was light to moderate overall, at times better for advertisements. Food service demand was irregular, slow to fairly good with fast food and sports bars providing best activity. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights desirable to heavy. In parts, trade centered on small wings, which were tight; all other items received slight inquiry and were fully adequate. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on wings and 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 24, 2008

8-16 LB HENS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	97.10 **	98.00**	96.00
CENTRAL REGION	96.00	100.50	96.63
WESTERN REGION	97.10 **	98.00**	95.50

**BASED ON OFFERS

16-24 LB TOMS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	97.20 **	98.50 **	96.00
CENTRAL REGION	96.90 **	98.00 **	95.14
WESTERN REGION	97.20 **	98.50 **	95.00

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 18-OCT-2008 (PRELIMINARY)

	Young Chickens Thousands
Head	161,915
Avg Wt	5.62
Last week	163,786
Same wk yr ago	169,642
Avg Wt	5.65
To-date/2008	6,894,015
To-date/2007	6,794,622
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	677,922
Last week	683,315
Same wk yr ago	714,066
Dressing %	74.5%

LIVE TURKEYS SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	Young Hens	Young Toms
	Thousands	
Head	1,882	2,959
Avg Wt	16.61	37.93
Last week	1,864	2,924
Same wk yr ago	2,190	3,089
Avg Wt	16.07	36.82
To-date/2008	83,181	115,565
To-date/2007	82,726	110,359
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage		
Current week	25,008	89,788
Last week	25,425	88,586
Same wk yr ago	28,155	90,990
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE	RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 **Rib**, ribeye, bnls, heavy	367.90	436.75	379.53
168 3 **Round**, top inside round	160.50	177.00	167.93
180 3 **Loin**, strip, bnls, 0x1	382.00	425.00	396.86
Ground Beef 81%	138.40	148.00	141.60

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News