



Fast Food Fax

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The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was generally fair to moderate, best where promotions were in progress. In the parts complex, wings were well cleared; breast items and tenders were at least adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were readily available. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: 18-Oct-2008

Weight Range	4.25 & Down	4.26-6.25	6.26-7.75	7.76 & Up	Total
Total (000)	36,593	76,792	29,358	19,172	161,915
WTAvg Live Wgt	3.83	5.31	6.82	8.28	5.62
Percentage of total	23%	47%	18%	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.	5,307	3.28
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	6,217	3.84
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	15,992	9.88
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 15 oz.	9,077	5.61
		36,593	22.61

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)	%**
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
Sep 27	198,797	96	165,786	97	211,598	98	173,214	97	164,981	99
Oct 04	188,985	89	162,501	97	209,964	96	173,177	96	164,393	100
Oct 11	194,846	93	160,339	93	207,124	96	170,856	96	163,786	100
Oct 18	191,411	94	163,191	96	207,032	95	170,163	96	161,915	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 10/27/08				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	71-74	72.90	73.00	68.57
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	66-72	70.23	70.50	64.87
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	96	93.78	93.57	83.94
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		79.75	78.67	70.75
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 87.50)		86.15	86.17	78.05
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		57.72	59.79	47.74

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
Weekly Weighted Average	10/24/08	10/24/08	10/27/08
Breast - B/S	105.11	106.48	119.50
Tenderloins	109.39	110.09	161.00 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	65.11	71.63	73.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	51.21	49.10	52.50
Wings	110.08	92.11	105.00