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Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was generally fair to moderate, best where promotions were planned. In the parts complex, wings were clearing satisfactorily; breast items and tenders were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were readily available and slow to clear. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: 25-Oct-2008

Weight Range	4.25 & Down	4.26–6.25	6.26-7.75	7.76 & Up	Total
Total (000)	37,680	76,046	30,894	18,699	163,319
WTAvg Live Wgt	3.78	5.33	6.73	8.25	5.57
Percentage of total	23%	47%	19%	11%	100 %

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes Live Weights	RTC WOG Weights	No. of Head (000)	Percentage of Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	5,576	3.41
3.61 – 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. – 2 lbs., 10 oz.	7,588	4.65
3.81 – 4.00 lbs	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	11,996	7.35
4.01 – 4.25 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 15 oz	12,520	7.67
		37,680	23.08

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 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**
Oct 25	**190,352**	**94**	**154,497**	**88**	206,999	96	169,874	97	**163,319**	**101**

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.) Week of 11/03/08	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	70-73	71.48	72.90	66.38
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	63-68	68.65	70.23	64.29
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	95	92.83	93.78	83.75
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		77.87	79.75	70.76
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 87.25)		85.59	86.15	77.53
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		54.08	57.72	47.88

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.) Weekly Weighted Average	Northeast (Delivered) 10/31/08	Southern States (FOB) 10/31/08	Georgia (FOB) 11/03/08
Breast – B/S	104.88	100.36	113.50
Tenderloins	104.89	106.84	156.00 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	63.89	68.87	71.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	46.28	43.53	47.50
Wings	110.37	94.30	106.50

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