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

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	162,492	164,515

CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER
Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 10-NOV-2008

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LOADS
US GRADE A	63-77.5	64-68	68.20	23

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES
WEDNESDAY – 86.75

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. – 86.33
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	151.50	1,073
BREASTS - B/S	108.50	4,870
BREASTS – WHOLE	70.00	1,088
THIGH MEAT - B/S	112.00	940
THIGHS	55.50	599
DRUMSTICKS	59.00	712
LEG QUARTERS	34.00	6,909
WINGS	107.50	2,309

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER - Preliminary majority into Chicago was mostly unchanged, other Midwest majorities were too few to report. The whole broiler/fryer market tone mostly steady with a firmer undertone. Offers were light to adequate with 3# birds somewhat more limited over prior trade period. Trade inquiry was light and hand to mouth. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to long; sizes mixed. Parts supplies were adequate to ample on all but small wings which were limited. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on small wings, barely steady to weak on dark meat cuts and generally steady on breast items.

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 NOVEMBER 14, 2008

8-16 LB HENS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	91.00	94.00	94.93
CENTRAL REGION	88.74	91.73	95.38**
WESTERN REGION	87.50	93.00**	95.38**

**BASED ON OFFERS

16-24 LB TOMS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	90.50 **	90.90 **	94.50
CENTRAL REGION	87.00	92.00	95.38 **
WESTERN REGION	88.09	92.10 **	95.38 **

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
W/E 08-NOV-2008 (PRELIMINARY)

	Young Chickens Thousands
Head	163,184
Avg Wt	5.59
Last week	162,059
Same wk yr ago	169,962
Avg Wt	5.61
To-date/2008	7,382,577
To-date/2007	7,301,073
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing	
Current week	679,588
Last week	653,171
Same wk yr ago	710,348
Dressing %	**74.5%**

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

LIVE TURKEYS SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	Young Hens	Young Toms
	Thousands	
Head	2,826	2,952
Avg Wt	17.75	37.71
Last week	2,731	2,965
Same wk yr ago	2,705	3,192
Avg Wt	16.46	36.06
To-date/2008	91,055	124,457
To-date/2007	90,642	120,065
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing		
Current week	40,129	89,056
Last week	39,414	89,567
Same wk yr ago	35,619	92,083
Dressing %	**80.0%**	**80.0%**

FRESH BEEF CUTS
FOB Negotiated

	PRICE RANGE		WEIGHTED AVERAGE
112A 3 **Rib**, ribeye, bnls, heavy	600.00	687.00	666.04
168 3 **Round**, top inside round	167.00	184.00	179.28
180 3 **Loin**, strip, bnls, 0x1	387.00	430.85	400.20
Ground Beef 81%	145.00	151.00	146.93

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News