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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR W/E 06-DEC-08

| | Current Week | Previous Week |
|---|---|---|
| Broiler/fryer | 164,685 | 121,773 |

**CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER**
Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 08-DEC-2008

| | RANGE | MAJ | WTD AVG | LOADS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| US GRADE A | 71-84.5 | 71-74 | 75.78 | 16 |

**GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES**
**WEDNESDAY – 87.00**

**FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. – 86.93**
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 | 156.00 | 1,114 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 114.50 | 4,903 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 71.00 | 1,088 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 101.50 | 986 |
| THIGHS | 51.50 | 599 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 53.50 | 712 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 29.00 | 6,935 |
| WINGS | 116.00 | 2,334 |

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

**MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER** - Preliminary majority delivered prices in next week's trade into the Chicago area unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Retail and distributive demand was slow to moderate. Improved activity was noted into catering operations. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights desirable. Offerings on parts were fully sufficient for light trade needs and wings were in tightest position. The trade sentiment was steady to firm on wings, fully steady on tenders, steady to barely steady on boneless/skinless breast, and steady on leg quarters and barely steady on drumsticks and thighs.

**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 DECEMBER 05, 2008

| 8-16 LB HENS | CURRENT WEEK | LAST WEEK | SAME WEEK YEAR AGO |
|---|---|---|---|
| EASTERN REGION | 82.00 | 83.79 | 88.00 |
| CENTRAL REGION | 79.25 | 84.24 | 87.83 |
| WESTERN REGION | 79.80 ** | 82.94 | 90.00 |

**BASED ON OFFERS

| 16-24 LB TOMS | CURRENT WEEK | LAST WEEK | SAME WEEK YEAR AGO |
|---|---|---|---|
| EASTERN REGION | 79.10 ** | 80.00 | 88.43 |
| CENTRAL REGION | 78.30 ** | 80.00 | 88.30 ** |
| WESTERN REGION | 78.30 ** | 80.36 | 89.67 |

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**
WEEK ENDING 29-NOV-2008 (PRELIMINARY)

| | Young Chickens Thousands |
|---|---|
| Head | 116,875 |
| Avg Wt | 5.56 |
| Last week | 156,960 |
| Same wk yr ago | 169,092 |
| Avg Wt | 5.66 |
| To-date/2008 | 7,816,299 |
| To-date/2007 | 7,767,006 |
| **Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing** | |
| Current week | 484,120 |
| Last week | 645,482 |
| Same wk yr ago | 713,010 |
| **Dressing %** | **74.5%** |

**(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.**

**LIVE TURKEYS SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

| | Young Hens | Young Toms |
|---|---|---|
| | Thousands | |
| Head | 1,101 | 1,781 |
| Avg Wt | 16.60 | 39.72 |
| Last week | 2,205 | 2,899 |
| Same wk yr ago | 2,163 | 2,827 |
| Avg Wt | 16.23 | 38.74 |
| To-date/2008 | 97,096 | 132,031 |
| To-date/2007 | 95,891 | 127,400 |
| **Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage** | | |
| Current week | 14,621 | 56,593 |
| Last week | 29,547 | 87,990 |
| Same wk yr ago | 28,084 | 87,614 |
| **Dressing %** | **80.0%** | **80.0%** |

**FRESH BEEF CUTS**
**FOB Negotiated**

| | PRICE RANGE | | WTD AVG |
|---|---|---|---|
| 112A 3 **Rib**, ribeye, bnls, heavy | 589.00 | 725.00 | 621.82 |
| 168 3 **Round**, top inside round | 155.00 | 164.00 | 159.28 |
| 180 3 **Loin**, strip, bnls, 0x1 | 354.90 | 382.00 | 358.64 |
| Ground Beef 81% | 110.00 | 138.75 | 122.47 |

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News