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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 12-DEC-08

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)		ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY		
	Actual Slaughter	Live Weight	Price Range	Weighted Price	# of Boxes
12/08	2,158	6.12	72-96	(A)	(A)
12/09	2,132	6.08	65-95	(A)	(A)
12/10	2,134	5.99	64-92	(A)	(A)
12/11	1,840	6.03	60-95	(A)	(A)
12/12	2,221	5.87	60-92	(A)	(A)
Weekly	10,485	6.02	Cumulative:	(A)	(A)

(A)Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 15-DEC-08

Weighted Averages for:	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago
New York	77.52	77.73	66.60
Chicago	74.62	76.56	64.41
Detroit	77.25	77.25	66.63
Los Angeles	93.40	93.20	81.85
Composite Weighted Average	81.84	82.26	70.52

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 12-DEC-2008

	Weekly Weighted Average Price	Total Volume/Pounds
Breast – B/S	110.20	2,523,702
Tenderloins	115.05	640,424
Breast – With Ribs	69.63	715,760
Breast – Line Run	66.65	295,200
Legs	43.97	851,360
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	26.21	2,001,525
Drumsticks	48.15	416,523
Thighs	52.68	347,880
B/S Thighs	97.12	201,940
Wings (Whole)	118.29	844,509

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg)

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 06-DEC-08

	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago	10-Weeks Prior	7-Weeks Prior
Eggs Set	201,254	203,287	214,382	198,764	188,880
Chicks Placed	166,086	158,749	175,854	165,726	162,698

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 06-DEC-08

	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago
Head (000)	160,358	116,875	169,272
Average Live Weight	5.59	5.56	5.61
To Date 2008 (000)	7,976,657	7,816,299	--------
To Date 2007 (000)	7,936,278	7,767,006	--------

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on October 31, 2008 were down 2 % from the previous month but up 22 % from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 3 % from the previous month and up 13 % from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 8 % from last month but up 37 % from October 31, 2007.

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