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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 19-DEC-08

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)		ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY		
	Actual Slaughter	Live Weight	Price Range	Weighted Price	# of Boxes
12/15	2,107	6.12	62-95	(A)	(A)
12/16	2,120	6.00	62-95	(A)	(A)
12/17	1,906	6.20	69-92	(A)	(A)
12/18	2,099	5.98	60-95	(A)	(A)
12/19	2,071	5.95	65-92	(A)	(A)
Weekly	10,304	6.05	Cumulative:	(A)	(A)

(A)Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 22-DEC-08

Weighted Averages for:	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago
New York	77.64	77.52	68.71
Chicago	75.21	74.62	66.83
Detroit	77.57	77.25	68.63
Los Angeles	93.65	93.40	82.20
Composite Weighted Average	81.59	81.84	72.35

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 19-DEC-2008

	Weekly Weighted Average Price	Total Volume/Pounds
Breast – B/S	109.21	2,477,771
Tenderloins	116.52	570,540
Breast – With Ribs	70.83	618,480
Breast – Line Run	68.52	289,800
Legs	44.29	1,035,040
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	28.22	1,828,244
Drumsticks	50.05	433,360
Thighs	54.16	302,840
B/S Thighs	100.32	239,940
Wings (Whole)	120.12	839,955

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

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 13-DEC-08

	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago	10-Weeks Prior	7-Weeks Prior
Eggs Set	202,822	201,254	217,613	188,449	191,330
Chicks Placed	168,010	166,086	178,626	162,423	154,391

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 13-DEC-08

	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago
Head (000)	158,061	160,358	168,456
Average Live Weight	5.45	5.59	5.56
To Date 2008 (000)	8,134,718	7,976,657	--------
To Date 2007 (000)	8,104,734	7,936,278	--------

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on November 30, 2008 were down 13 % from the previous month but up 28 % from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 4 % from the previous month and up 14 % from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 36 % from last month but up 79 % from November 30, 2007.

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