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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR W/E 27-Dec-08

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	122,413	158,193

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER - The Chicago terminal market noted unchanged preliminary majority delivered prices for next week's trade; other market areas TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Much of the region affected by wintery weather mix. Retail trade was seasonal with consumer focus on holiday items, while distributive demand was slow to moderate. Some improved movement noted into restaurants in and around major shopping centers, sports bars and grills. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable. Offerings of parts were generally inactive as most sales staff on holiday leave. The trade sentiment was steady to firm on all parts.

CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY For Delivery the Week of 24-DEC-2008

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
CHICAGO				
US GRADE A	69-86	71-74	76.29	14
WHOLE BODY/1	59-86	69-74	74.53	30

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY – 87.00

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. –

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed PRELIMINARY weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000) POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	162.00	906
BREASTS - B/S	118.50	3,984
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.50	881
THIGH MEAT - B/S	103.00	844
THIGHS	50.50	492
DRUMSTICKS	54.50	559
LEG QUARTERS	30.50	5,680
WINGS	124.00	1,903

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

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 26, 2008

8-16 LB HENS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	72.33 **	72.90 **	75.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	72.33 **	78.50	75.50 **
WESTERN REGION	74.58 **	75.15 **	75.50 **

16-24 LB TOMS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	71.83 **	72.70 **	75.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	71.83 **	72.00 **	75.50 **
WESTERN REGION	74.58 **	75.60 **	75.50 **

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 20-NOV-2008 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS THOUSANDS
Head	153,795
Avg Wt	5.48
Last week	158,061
Same wk yr ago	174,400
Avg Wt	5.45
To-date/2008	8,288,513
To-date/2007	8,279,134
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	627,883
Last week	641,767
Same wk yr ago	708,108
Dressing %	74.5%

LIVE TURKEYS SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	YOUNG HENS THOUSANDS	YOUNG TOMS THOUSANDS
Head	2,280	2,694
Avg Wt	16.53	40.89
Last week	2,351	2,763
Same wk yr ago	1,929	2,412
Avg Wt	16.12	39.71
To-date/2008	103,826	140,420
To-date/2007	102,049	135,495
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage		
Current week	30,151	88,126
Last week	31,146	90,892
Same wk yr ago	24,876	76,624
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE	RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 **Rib**, ribeye, bnls, heavy	433.00	531.50	485.92
168 3 **Round**, top inside round	160.00	180.00	172.27
Ground Beef 81%	120.50	131.00	125.93

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News