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Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was mostly moderate, best where features were in planned. In the parts complex, most dark meat cuts, wings and tenders were well cleared. Breast items were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: 20-Dec-2008

Weight Range	4.25 & Down	4.26–6.25	6.26-7.75	7.76 & Up	Total
Total (000)	36,911	79,973	21,531	15,380	153,795
WTAvg Live Wgt	3.81	5.42	6.88	8.35	5.48
Percentage of total	24%	52%	14%	10%	100 %

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes Live Weights	RTC WOG Weights	No. of Head (000)	Percentage of Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	2,880	1.87
3.61 – 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. – 2 lbs., 10 oz.	11,150	7.25
3.81 – 4.00 lbs	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	15,136	9.84
4.01 – 4.25 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 15 oz	7,745	5.04
		36,911	24.00

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%* *
Oct 25	**190,352**	**94**	**154,497**	**88**	206,999	96	169,874	97	**163,319**	**101**
Nov 01	**185,344**	**90**	**158,445**	**93**	206,726	96	170,616	97	**162,059**	**99**
Nov 08	**193,001**	**89**	**155,283**	**93**	204,908	95	168,066	96	**163,184**	**101**
Nov 15	**200,631**	**93**	**156,435**	**96**	202,299	97	165,726	97	**159,887**	**98**
Nov 22	**202,339**	**92**	**152,417**	**91**	197,850	96	162,423	96	**156,960**	**98**
Nov 29	**203,287**	**92**	**158,749**	**90**	193,548	91	160,059	92	**116,875**	**74**
Dec 06	**201,254**	**94**	**166,086**	**94**	198,764	96	162,698	96	**160,358**	**137**
Dec 13	**202,822**	**93**	**168,010**	**94**	188,449	88	154,391	88	**158,061**	**99**
Dec 20	**203,336**	**93**	**168,345**	**94**	194,857	93	158,766	93	**153,795**	**97**

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.) Week of 12/29/08	**Majority**	**Current Week**	**Previous Week**	**Year Ago**
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	77-80	78.70	77.64	70.86
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	71-74	76.20	75.21	69.61
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	95	92.71	93.65	82.66
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		82.03	81.59	74.60
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 87.00)		85.78	86.16	76.28
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		49.26	48.69	48.46

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.) Weekly Weighted Average	**Northeast (Delivered) 12/24/08**	**Southern States (FOB) 12/24/08**	**Georgia (FOB) 12/29/08**
Breast – B/S	110.13	113.94	118.50
Tenderloins	120.36	120.02	160.50 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	69.63	71.17	72.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	30.90	31.26	30.50
Wings	123.55	119.05	123.50

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