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Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was fair to moderate. In the parts complex, most dark meat cuts, wings and tenders were in good balance to well cleared. Breast items were about adequate to adequate. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: 03-Jan-2009

Weight Range	4.25 & Down	4.26–6.25	6.26-7.75	7.76 & Up	Total
Total (000)	29,792	63,917	22,487	11,336	127,532
WTAvg Live Wgt	3.84	5.39	6.76	8.35	5.54
Percentage of total	23%	50%	** 18% **	9%	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.	1,398	1.10
3.61 – 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. – 2 lbs., 10 oz.	7,411	5.81
3.81 – 4.00 lbs	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	14,296	11.21
4.01 – 4.25 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 15 oz	6,687	5.24
		29,792	23.36

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)	%* *
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**
Dec 27	**202,701**	**93**	**165,637**	**94**	188,880	93	155,281	93	**108,455**	**71**
Jan 03	**202,569**	**93**	**168,662**	**95**	191,330	95	156,108	95	**127,532**	**118**

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

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.) Week of 01/12/09	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	80-83	81.57	80.71	74.85
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	69-76	78.88	78.00	73.01
CHICAGO Whole body ***	69-76	73.32	77.25	-
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	95	94.25	94.22	83.50
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		82.56	82.51	78.73
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 87.25)		86.34	86.61	76.58
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		50.94	49.66	49.26

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.) Weekly Weighted Average	Northeast (Delivered) 01/09/09	Southern States (FOB) 01/09/09	Georgia (FOB) 01/12/09
Breast – B/S	117.58	118.58	122.50
Tenderloins	131.97	135.51	169.00 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	69.18	71.35	73.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	33.63	32.78	33.50
Wings	135.37	126.57	133.00

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*****On February 6, 2009, the Chicago Broiler/Fryer U.S. Grade A price quotation will be combined into the Whole Body price quotation and will no longer be reported as a separate price quotation. The whole body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands and packaging.**