



Fast Food Fax

Jan 26, 2009

Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was mostly fair to moderate. In the parts complex, wings, tenders and breast items were in good balance to well cleared. Dark meat cuts were sufficient for current needs. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: 17-Jan-2009

Weight Range	4.25 & Down	4.26-6.25	6.26-7.75	7.76 & Up	Total
Total (000)	41,594	79,091	26,929	12,432	160,046
WTAvg Live Wgt	3.65	5.33	6.97	8.30	5.40
Percentage of total	26%	49%	17%	8%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes		No. of Head (000)	Percentage of Total Slaughter
Live Weights	RTC WOG Weights		
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	6,485	4.05
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	11,142	6.96
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., - 2 lbs., 12 oz.	17,504	10.94
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 15 oz.	6,463	4.04
		41,594	25.99

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 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
Jan 10	201,624	94	168,178	94	185,979	90	152,414	91	166,816	131
Jan 17	203,245	94	167,308	94	193,090	89	159,455	90	160,046	96

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

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 01/26/09				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	78-81	79.38	79.35	72.40
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	65-74	77.85	75.13	70.48
CHICAGO Whole body ***	65-74	70.32	69.00	-
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	95	94.22	94.31	83.95
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		81.14	81.33	74.20
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 87.25)		86.57	86.70	76.70
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		51.74	50.96	49.79

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
Weekly Weighted Average	01/23/09	01/23/09	01/26/09
Breast - B/S	130.99	135.01	128.50
Tenderloins	153.59	161.50	175.00 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	77.18	75.39	73.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	36.04	34.03	34.00
Wings	148.11	137.67	138.00

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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.