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Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was mostly fair to moderate. In the parts complex, wings and tenders were in good balance to well cleared. Dark meat cuts were sufficient for current needs. Boneless skinless breast were available and slow to clear. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: 24-Jan-2009

Weight Range	4.25 & Down	4.26–6.25	6.26-7.75	7.76 & Up	Total
Total (000)	39,864	73,306	21,376	14,033	148,579
WTAvg Live Wgt	3.86	5.39	6.99	8.25	5.48
Percentage of total	27%	49%	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.	2,600	1.75
3.61 – 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. – 2 lbs., 10 oz.	10,567	7.11
3.81 – 4.00 lbs	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	13,662	9.20
4.01 – 4.25 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 15 oz	13,035	8.77
		39,864	26.83

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 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**
Jan 24	**201,358**	**92**	**167,707**	**94**	202,159	94	166,179	94	**148,579**	**93**

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

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.) Week of 02/02/09	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	75-78	76.71	79.38	72.65
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	65-74	76.60	77.85	70.97
CHICAGO Whole body ***	65-74	69.49	70.32	-
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	95	94.20	94.22	84.45
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		81.37	81.14	76.12
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 87.25)		86.58	86.57	76.86
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		51.83	51.74	52.22

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.) Weekly Weighted Average	Northeast (Delivered) 01/30/09	Southern States (FOB) 01/30/09	Georgia (FOB) 02/02/09
Breast – B/S	134.56	135.31	140.50
Tenderloins	161.09	167.35	182.00 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	78.83	75.20	77.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	36.56	33.90	34.50
Wings	151.59	142.74	147.00

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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.**