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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR W/E 07-Feb-09

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	159,459	154,070

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER - Preliminary majority prices on next week's trade into the Chicago area moved lower. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to weak. Producer offerings were light to moderate and prices were trending lower. Trade interest was light. Overall, retail and food service demand lacked more than a fair first of month call with slight increased weekend orders noted. A few sports bars and fast food operations in the St. Louis area saw fairly good clearance for weekend. Floor stocks were in very close balance to occasionally long. Weights were desirable. Parts offerings were available with tenders and wings in tightest position and breast cuts long. The market tone was steady on wings and tenders, about steady on dark meat lines and weak on breast cuts.

CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 09-FEB-2009

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
WHOLE BODY 1/	52-90.25	61-73	68.15	39

1/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY – 87.00

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. – 86.91

GA f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary WTD AVG price on ice-packed parts:

LINE RUN TENDERS	183.50	1,099
BREASTS - B/S	137.50	5,019
BREASTS - WHOLE	77.00	1,352
THIGH MEAT - B/S	116.00	1,229
THIGHS	53.50	651
DRUMSTICKS	59.50	837
LEG QUARTERS	34.50	6,836
WINGS	149.00	2,598

This info is supplied by the GA Dept. of Ag/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 FEBRUARY 06, 2009

8-16 LB HENS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	72.70 **	72.00	75.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	72.70 **	71.50 **	75.50 **
WESTERN REGION	72.70 **	71.50 **	75.50 **

** BASED ON OFFERS

16-24 LB TOMS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	72.70 **	72.00	75.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	72.70 **	71.50 **	75.50 **
WESTERN REGION	72.70 **	71.50 **	75.50 **

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 31-Jan-2009 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS THOUSANDS
Head	148,079
Avg Wt	5.59
Last week	148,579
Same wk yr ago	166,095
Avg Wt	5.47
To-date/2009*	623,520
To-date/2008*	662,757
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	616,682
Last week	606,589
Same wk yr ago	676,862
To-date/2009*	2,560,607
To-date/2008*	2,700,736
Dressing %	74.5%

LIVE TURKEYS SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	YOUNG HENS THOUSANDS	YOUNG TOMS THOUSANDS
Head	1,785	2,611
Avg Wt	16.86	39.68
Last week	1,683	2,617
Same wk yr ago	1,877	2,867
Avg Wt	16.03	39.30
To-date/2009*	7,253	10,716
To-date/2008*	7,450	11,429
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage		
Current week	24,075	82,879
Last week	22,228	84,434
Same wk yr ago	24,071	90,138
To-date/2009*	95,960	340,702
To-date/2008*	94,987	366,166
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE	RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 **Rib**, ribeye, bnls, heavy	414.00	441.00	428.48
168 3 **Round**, top inside round	168.00	181.00	170.81
Ground Beef 81%	128.25	160.62	134.77

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News