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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR W/E 28-FEB-09

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	157,173	157,138

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER - Preliminary delivered majority prices were down into the Chicago market on next week's deliveries. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to weak. Retail trade activity was light to moderate, and for the most part food service was the same. Sport bar restaurants and some fast food outlets were seeing fairly good interest. Floor stocks were in close balance to ample; weights desirable to heavy. Supplies of tender were more than sufficient other items ranged adequate to tight, especially boneless/skinless breast. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on tenderloins, steady to firm on boneless/skinless breast and steady on the balance of parts.

CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER
Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 02-MAR-2009

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LOADS
WHOLE BODY 1/	50-89.5	58-71	65.93	40

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

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES
WEDNESDAY – 86.25 FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. – 86.01
GA f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary WTD AVG price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER LB)	VOL (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.00	1,100
BREASTS - B/S	130.50	5,019
BREASTS - WHOLE	78.00	1,352
THIGH MEAT - B/S	114.50	1,229
THIGHS	53.00	651
DRUMSTICKS	60.00	837
LEG QUARTERS	35.00	6,836
WINGS	149.00	2,599

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 27, 2009

8-16 LB HENS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	75.00 **	77.67	77.40**
CENTRAL REGION	72.50	74.42	77.00
WESTERN REGION	75.00 **	75.00**	77.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

16-24 LB TOMS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	75.25 **	77.37	78.19
CENTRAL REGION	73.25	74.50	77.00
WESTERN REGION	75.00 **	75.00 **	77.00

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 21-FEB-2009 (PRELIMINARY)

	Young Chickens Thousands
Head	154,812
Avg Wt	5.48
Last week	154,549
Same wk yr ago	166,700
Avg Wt	5.54
To-date/2009*	1,088,377
To-date/2008*	1,158,651
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	632,035
Last week	630,962
Same wk yr ago	688,021
To-date/2009*	4,459,590
To-date/2008*	4,748,634
Dressing %	74.5%

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE TURKEYS SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	Young Hens	Young Toms
	Thousands	
Head	2,020	2,454
Avg Wt	17.60	39.61
Last week	2,064	2,527
Same wk yr ago	2,051	2,735
Avg Wt	16.19	39.08
To-date/2009*	13,015	18,432
To-date/2008*	13,414	19,766
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage		
Current week	28,441	77,759
Last week	28,071	80,313
Same wk yr ago	26,565	85,507
To-date/2009*	173,922	583,812
To-date/2008*	172,620	627,609
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

FRESH BEEF CUTS
FOB Negotiated

	PRICE RANGE		WTD AVG
112A 3 **Rib**, ribeye, bnls, heavy	408.77	445.00	426.89
168 3 **Round**, top inside round	160.00	177.00	164.04
180 3 **Loin**, strip, bnls, 0x1	402.00	434.00	411.49
Ground Beef 81%	108.00	131.00	110.71

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News