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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR W/E 14-MAR-09

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	156,477	154,203

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER

- Preliminary majority prices delivered into the Chicago market area next week were 2 cents lower. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to weak. Producer offerings were fully adequate for a very limited trade call. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate at best. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights desirable. Trade in parts was light as current commitments easily meet needs. Supplies of all parts were available, except thighs were tight. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on breast cuts, barely steady to steady on wings and drums, steady on leg quarters, and steady to firm on thighs and dark boneless meat.

CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 16-MAR-2009

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
WHOLE BODY 1/	49-89	56-68	62.69	41

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

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY – 85.75 FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. – 85.49

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	179.00	1,140
BREASTS - B/S	146.50	5,059
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.50	1,392
THIGH MEAT - B/S	116.00	1,269
HIGHS	54.00	691
DRUMSTICKS	60.50	877
LEG QUARTERS	35.00	6,876
WINGS	148.00	2,639

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 MARCH 13, 2009

8-16 LB HENS	CURRENT		LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	16-24 LB TOMS	CURRENT		LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
	WEEK	WEEK				WEEK	WEEK		
EASTERN REGION	74.50		75.00 **	82.50	EASTERN REGION	74.50		74.50	82.50
CENTRAL REGION	76.00		76.00	82.10 **	CENTRAL REGION	75.83		76.00	80.00
WESTERN REGION	75.10 **		76.00	82.10 **	WESTERN REGION	75.10 **		76.00	82.10 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 07-Mar-2009 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS THOUSANDS

Head	153,409
Avg Wt	5.53
Last week	155,055
Same wk yr ago	164,514
Avg Wt	5.52
To-date/2009*	1,396,841
To-date/2008*	1,489,075
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	632,022
Last week	637,648
Same wk yr ago	676,547
To-date/2009*	5,729,260
To-date/2008*	6,103,761

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	1,970	2,631
Avg Wt	16.42	38.44
Last week	2,178	2,565
Same wk yr ago	1,822	2,876
Avg Wt	16.37	38.25
To-date/2009*	17,163	23,628
To-date/2008*	17,185	25,458
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage		
Current week	25,883	80,905
Last week	29,531	80,306
Same wk yr ago	23,861	88,006
To-date/2009*	229,336	745,023
To-date/2008*	221,678	803,947

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	450.80	484.05	478.15
168 3 Round, top inside round	160.97	178.00	162.66
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	440.00	472.47	456.96
Ground Beef 81%	113.00	124.50	116.72

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News