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

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	158,873	153,932

CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER
Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 30-MAR-2009

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LOADS
WHOLE BODY 1/	51-88.75	55-68	61.73	49

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER - Preliminary majority price into Chicago next week was unchanged to 1 cent lower than last Monday's final price. Trade sentiment on whole broiler fryers was about steady. Offers of additional whole fryers light to adequate for the fair buyers needs. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate with some reports of improvement for weekend interest. Retail and fast food promotions continue to provide the best activity. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Sizes were desirable to light. Supplies of dark meat items adequate to barley adequate, boneless skinless breasts items were adequate and wings adequate to available. The market tone was steady on dark meat items and boneless skinless breasts and barely steady to weak on wings.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES
WEDNESDAY – 85.50 FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. – 85.15
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	177.00	1,082
BREASTS - B/S	145.00	5,040
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.00	1,437
THIGH MEAT - B/S	118.50	1,197
THIGHS	54.50	733
DRUMSTICKS	60.00	921
LEG QUARTERS	36.00	6,856
WINGS	145.00	2,625

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 27, 2009

8-16 LB HENS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	75.25	75.50**	83.00**
CENTRAL REGION	75.00 **	75.00**	83.00**
WESTERN REGION	75.50 **	75.50**	83.00**

**BASED ON OFFERS

16-24 LB TOMS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	75.50 **	75.50 **	83.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	75.00 **	75.00 **	83.00 **
WESTERN REGION	75.50 **	75.50 **	83.00 **

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

	Young Chickens Thousands
Head	154,153
Avg Wt	5.37
Last week	153,780
Same wk yr ago	160,412
Avg Wt	5.45
To-date/2009*	1,704,774
To-date/2008*	1,815,864
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	616,712
Last week	619,803
Same wk yr ago	651,313
To-date/2009*	6,965,775
To-date/2008*	7,436,804
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	1,739	2,678
Avg Wt	16.66	38.05
Last week	1,743	2,672
Same wk yr ago	1,809	2,547
Avg Wt	16.38	38.05
To-date/2009*	20,645	28,978
To-date/2008*	21,022	30,720
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage		
Current week	23,179	81,511
Last week	24,887	82,005
Same wk yr ago	23,705	77,531
To-date/2009*	277,402	908,539
To-date/2008*	271,585	965,361
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	480.00	520.00	499.01
168 3 **Round**, top inside round	152.97	164.00	156.17
180 3 **Loin**, strip, bnls, 0x1	431.00	461.00	451.44
Ground Beef 81%	111.20	134.02	119.36

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News