USDA AMS Weekly Fast Food Fax Report **March 30, 2009**
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Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair. In the parts complex, breast items were clearing satisfactorily. Wings and drumsticks were at least adequate to avilable. Thighs and thigh meat were in good balance to well cleared. Weights were mostly desirable.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
Classified by Weight - Week Ending Mar 21, 2009

	4.25 lbs. & down	4.26 - 6.25 lbs	6.26 - 7.75 lbs	7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head (1,000's)	41,481	78,153	20,511	14,008	154,153
Avg. Live Weight	3.71	5.33	6.92	8.25	5.37
% of Total	27%	51%	13%	9%	100

FAST FOOD AND FOOD SERVICE SIZES

live weight	RTC wog weight	head (000)	% of Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs & lighter	Under 2.5 lbs.	5,468	3.55%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	8,317	5.39%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	18,157	11.78%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	9,539	6.19%
		41,481	26.91%

Broiler Egg Set Chicks Placed In 19 States Compared With U.S. Broiler Slaughter

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets (000)	% [1]	Chicks Placed (000)	% [1]	Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous (000)	% [1]	Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous (000)	% [1]	Preliminary Federal Inspection (000)	% [2]
Feb 14	**203,511**	**93**	**166,662**	94	200,766	94	166,229	95	154,549	105
Feb 21	**205,286**	**94**	**163,268**	92	205,239	94	168,697	95	154,812	100
Feb 28	**206,401**	**94**	**166,849**	94	203,420	93	168,244	94	155,055	100
Mar 07	**203,328**	**93**	**167,561**	93	202,373	92	167,727	94	153,409	99
Mar 14	**203,181**	**93**	**169,268**	94	202,740	93	167,469	94	153,780	100
Mar 21	**199,518**	**92**	**171,053**	94	201,843	94	166,670	95	154,153	100

NOTE: Data in bold subject to revision; 1/ Percent of previous year; 2/ Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb) Week of Mar 30,2009

	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year
Grade A, ice-packed:				
New York:	69-72	70.40	71.43	75.55
Los Angeles:	94	91.09	92.16	88.66
Whole Body: /3				
Chicago:	55-68	61.76	62.58	--
Weekly Composite:		75.80	76.67	76.86
Southern States Index:		50.88	50.51	54.46
Georgia Dock (FOB, wtd avg)(Wed Dock 85.50):		84.64	84.66	79.39

Note: 3/ Chicago contains whole body, with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)
Weekly Weighted Average Price

	Northeast (delivered) 3/27/2009	Sthrn States (FOB) 3/27/2009	Georgia (FOB) 3/30/2009	
Bnls/Sknls Breast	138.55	133.04	145.00	
Tenderloins	154.14	150.62	177.00	(line-run)
Breast - Line Run	78.76	77.22	80.00	(whole)
Leg Quarters	36.17	33.12	36.00	
Wings	145.31	144.14	145.00	