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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR W/E 04-APR-09

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	156,557	158,873

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER - Preliminary majority delivered prices for next week into the Chicago market area were unchanged. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Light to at times moderate trade inquiry was noted on limited producer offerings. Retail and food service was light to good, mostly moderate, best into retail ads and fast food. Floor stocks were in close balance to fully adequate; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade activity centered on Easter holiday proteins with limited draw on chicken. Offerings were limited, though adequate for trade needs with dark meat lines in tightest position. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on tenders, steady to firm on dark meat, unsettled on breast cuts and barely steady to weak on wings.

CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER
Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 06-APR-2009

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
WHOLE BODY 1/	51-77.75	55-68	61.80	41

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

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES
WEDNESDAY – 85.50 FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. – 85.23
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	1,084
BREASTS - B/S	144.00	4,781
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.00	1,270
THIGH MEAT - B/S	121.50	1,139
THIGHS	55.00	631
DRUMSTICKS	59.50	807
LEG QUARTERS	36.50	6,708
WINGS	143.50	2,479

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 APRIL 03, 2009**

8-16 LB HENS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	77.07	75.25	86.00
CENTRAL REGION	77.50	75.00 **	84.50
WESTERN REGION	75.80 **	75.50 **	83.80 **

16-24 LB TOMS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	76.50	75.50 **	86.00
CENTRAL REGION	75.00 **	75.00 **	84.50
WESTERN REGION	75.80 **	75.50 **	83.80 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 28-Mar-2009 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS THOUSANDS
Head	155,520
Avg Wt	5.50
Last week	154,153
Same wk yr ago	160,207
Avg Wt	5.59
To-date/2009*	1,860,294
To-date/2008*	1,976,071
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	637,243
Last week	616,712
Same wk yr ago	667,190
To-date/2009*	7,603,018
To-date/2008*	8,103,994
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 THOUSANDS	YOUNG TOMS THOUSANDS
Head	1,845	2,576
Avg Wt	16.38	38.69
Last week	1,739	2,678
Same wk yr ago	1,939	2,660
Avg Wt	16.18	38.94
To-date/2009*	22,490	31,554
To-date/2008*	22,961	33,380
Ready-to-CookWeight and Dressing Percentage		
Current week	24,183	79,726
Last week	23,179	81,511
Same wk yr ago	25,098	82,864
To-date/2009*	301,585	988,265
To-date/2008*	296,683	1,048,225
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%

**Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.*

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE	RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 **Rib**, ribeye, bnls, heavy	466.00	525.00	485.66
168 3 **Round**, top inside round	150.00	164.50	154.60
180 3 **Loin**, strip, bnls, 0x1	450.00	495.00	467.44
Ground Beef 81%	119.10	127.00	120.73

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News