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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR W/E 02-MAY-09

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	162,186	159,334

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER - Preliminary majority delivered prices into the Chicago area increased. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to firm. Producer offerings were very limited on moderate to good trade interest. Retail demand was improved and broad based on items wanted for first of month. Food service movement was light to good, best into catering and fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to short; weights desirable. Parts supplies were limited on dark meat lines, adequate on other parts. Trade sentiment was about steady on wings, steady to firm on dark meat cuts and steady on the balance of parts.

CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 04-MAY-2009

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
WHOLE BODY 1/	57-89	67-76	74.30	40

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

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY – 86.00 FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. – 85.94

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	178.50	1,178
BREASTS - B/S	150.00	5,173
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.00	1,388
THIGH MEAT - B/S	124.00	1,246
THIGHS	60.50	763
DRUMSTICKS	60.00	859
LEG QUARTERS	42.50	7,040
WINGS	137.00	2,697

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 MAY 01, 2009**

8-16 LB HENS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	77.50 **	77.00	88.25
CENTRAL REGION	79.00	77.93	88.30 **
WESTERN REGION	77.50 **	78.00	89.30 **

16-24 LB TOMS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	77.50 **	77.29	88.25
CENTRAL REGION	76.25 **	78.50	88.30 **
WESTERN REGION	77.50 **	77.20 **	88.80 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 25-Apr-2009 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS THOUSANDS
Head	158,718
Avg Wt	5.53
Last week	155,008
Same wk yr ago	165,215
Avg Wt	5.48
To-date/2009*	2,476,417
To-date/2008*	2,639,637
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	653,894
Last week	639,765
Same wk yr ago	674,507
To-date/2009*	10,133,496
To-date/2008*	10,847,715
Dressing %	74.5%

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

LIVE TURKEYS SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 25-Apr-2009 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG HENS THOUSANDS	YOUNG TOMS THOUSANDS
Head	2,128	2,634
Avg Wt	16.85	37.96
Last week	1,757	2,279
Same wk yr ago	1,998	2,761
Avg Wt	16.14	38.60
To-date/2009*	29,872	41,494
To-date/2008*	30,747	44,164
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage		
Current week	28,335	78,992
Last week	24,035	66,269
Same wk yr ago	25,476	84,194
To-date/2009*	398,903	1,286,230
To-date/2008*	396,665	1,379,403
Dressing %	79.0%	79.0%

(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	529.00	571.00	547.00
168 3 **Round**, top inside round	137.00	159.50	146.38
180 3 **Loin**, strip, bnls, 0x1	586.50	612.00	598.53
Ground Beef 81%	128.90	154.00	138.36

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News