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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR W/E 02-Jan-10

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	126,980	126,587

CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER
Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 04-JAN-2010

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LOADS
WHOLE BODY 1/	65-86.25	71-77	76.26	35

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

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MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER - Preliminary majority prices for next week's delivery in the Chicago area were up 5 cents from Monday's majority prices. The whole broiler fryer market tone was fully steady to firm with offerings limited for the light trade interest. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate going into the new year with best movement on holiday items and on wings and eight piece cut-ups into fast food channels, bar and grill restaurants, and delis. Floor stocks were mixed ranging short to long. Sizes were desirable to heavy. Supplies of wings were tight with the remainder of parts adequate to close. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and steady to fully steady on the balance of parts.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES
WEDNESDAY – 82.50 FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. – 82.46
Confirmed preliminary prices on ice-packed parts:

*****NOTE: Due to the New Year's holiday, no weighted average on parts available until Monday, January 4th. Thursday's weighted averages may be used as a Friday preliminary.**
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, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED, (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) W/E 01-JAN-10

8-16 LB HENS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	78.38 **	80.38**	72.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	78.00	79.88**	72.00 **
WESTERN REGION	78.38 **	80.38**	74.25 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

16-24 LB TOMS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	78.38 **	80.38 **	71.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	78.00	79.88 **	71.50 **
WESTERN REGION	78.38 **	80.38 **	73.75 **

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
W/E 26-Dec-2009 (PRELIMINARY)

	Young Chickens
	---Thousands---
Head	115,268
Avg Wt	5.45
Last week	159,331
Same wk yr ago	108,455
Avg Wt	5.53
To-date/2009*	7,987,556
To-date/2008*	8,260,941
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	468,017
Last week	656,420
Same wk yr ago	446,818
To-date/2009*	32,899,837
To-date/2008*	33,996,403
Dressing %	74.5%

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE TURKEYS SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
W/E 26-Dec -2009 (PRELIMINARY)

	Young Hens	Young Toms
	--------Thousands--------	
Head	1,017	1,824
Avg Wt	16.24	38.48
Last week	1,938	2,605
Same wk yr ago	1,277	1,817
Avg Wt	15.91	39.00
To-date/2009*	97,267	133,709
To-date/2008*	103,734	139,955
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage		
Current week	13,209	56,156
Last week	25,273	80,626
Same wk yr ago	16,254	56,690
To-date/2009*	1,285,479	3,941,593
To-date/2008*	1,340,933	4,214,532
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	421.60	470.00	429.49
168 3 Round, top inside round	159.90	173.25	168.19
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	388.25	421.50	393.65
Ground Beef 81%	122.00	141.00	133.18

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News