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## Chicago Broiler/Fryer

Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 05-Mar-2012

	Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Whole Body 1/	85-97.25	90-94	92.05	35

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

## Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 03-Mar-12

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	152,636	153,026

## Georgia Fob Dock Prices

Wed - 91.75

Fri Preliminary Wtd Avg - 91.05

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

Item	Wtd Avg (cents/lb)	Volume (000 lbs)
Line Run Tenders	190.00	1,012
Breasts - B/S	155.00	4,396
Breasts - Whole	93.50	949
Thigh Meat - B/S	124.50	815
Thighs	72.50	740
Drumsticks	70.50	734
Leg Quarters	54.00	5,317
Wings	180.50	2,195

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**Midwest Region Broiler/Fryer** Preliminary prices were 2 cents higher into Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole bird prices are firm with offers light for current needs. Retail and food service demand is light to instances moderate, fast food interest is normal. Floor stocks are balanced to tight. Sizes are desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of small wings are balanced to tight, jumbo wings balanced while boneless breast are light to moderate and dark meat items mixed. Prices trended fully steady to firm on wings, firm on boneless breasts and bone in breast and steady to instances firm on leg items. Parts market activity is light to moderate.

## Weekly National Frozen Whole Young Turkeys

Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, FOB Shipper Dock Basis - Week Ending March 02, 2012

**FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys** - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb. lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		February Averages		
	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
	(cents/lb.)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb.)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb.)	(000 lbs.)			
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	101.52	820	102.00	600	91.25	120	100.15	98.35	89.97
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	101.44	919	102.10	954	92.00 <sup>1</sup>		100.17	98.76	90.08

<sup>1</sup> based on offers.

## Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week Ending 25-Feb-2012 (Preliminary)

### Live Poultry - Young Chickens

	---thousands---
Head	149,930
Avg Wt	5.64
Last week	150,497
Same wk yr ago	157,502
Avg Wt	5.70
To-date/2012*	1,190,280
To-date/2011*	1,277,389
% Change YTD	-7%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	634,204
Last week	643,375
Same wk yr ago	668,832
To-date/2012*	5,095,657
To-date/2011*	5,424,870
% Change YTD	-6%

### Live Turkeys - Young Hens

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Head	1,792
Avg Wt	17.07
Last week	1,671
Same wk yr ago	1,744
Avg Wt	18.07
To-date/2012*	13,500
To-date/2011*	13,951
% Change YTD	-3%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	24,473
Last week	22,898
Same wk yr ago	25,211
To-date/2012*	160,172
To-date/2011*	165,056
% Change YTD	-3%

### Young Toms

Head	2,605
Avg Wt	41.20
Last week	2,555
Same wk yr ago	2,397
Avg Wt	39.61
To-date/2012*	19,578
To-date/2011*	20,160
% Change YTD	-3%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	85,860
Last week	84,900
Same wk yr ago	75,956
To-date/2012*	568,240
To-date/2011*	561,633
% Change YTD	1%

Dressing % 75.0%

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(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	595.00 649.00	614.53
168 3 Round, top inside round	213.00 231.79	216.45
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	582.00 606.79	587.91
Ground Beef 81%	177.00 198.00	188.26

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News