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Movement is moderate. Demand is moderate to good. In the parts complex, offerings of breast items, tenders and wings are light and clearing well. Dark meat cuts are light to moderate with lef quarters in the better balance. Weights were mixed but noted as mostly desirable.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
Classified by Weight - Week Ending Feb 25, 2012

	4.25 lbs. & down	4.26 - 6.25 lbs	6.26 - 7.75 lbs	7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head (1,000's)	40,156	63,539	22,720	23,515	149,930
Avg. Live Weight	3.78	5.40	6.74	8.41	5.64
% of Total	27%	42%	15%	16%	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.	7,015	4.68%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	7,902	5.27%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	12,910	8.61%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	12,329	8.22%
		40,156	26.78%

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]
Jan 14	**192,429**	**94**	**168,121**	96	187,040	94	157,822	96	153,922	114
Jan 21	**193,515**	**95**	**160,768**	96	195,373	95	157,822	96	147,103	96
Jan 28	**194,540**	**95**	**161,305**	96	195,705	95	163,290	97	152,226	103
Feb 04	**193,033**	**94**	**160,320**	95	157,822	96	162,531	96	151,562	100
Feb 11	**195,837**	**95**	**162,273**	97	194,665	95	163,187	97	149,825	99
Feb 18	**194,540**	**94**	**161,307**	96	195,373	96	162,903	96	150,497	100
Feb 25	**195,225**	**94**	**160,307**	95	195,088	95	161,868	96	149,930	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 05,2012

	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year
Grade A, ice-packed:				
New York:	91-94	93.05	91.00	78.05
Los Angeles:	101	101.00	100.64	92.94
Whole Body: /3				
Chicago:	90-94	91.24	89.04	77.69
Weekly Composite:		92.33	90.68	80.67
Southern States Index:		58.94	58.08	56.43
Georgia Dock (FOB, wtd avg)(Wed Dock 91.75)		90.94	90.71	85.34

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) 3/2/2012	Sthrn States (FOB) 3/2/2012	Georgia (FOB) 3/5/2012	
Bnls/Sknls Breast	125.54	122.17	155.00	
Tenderloins	146.86	147.87	189.00	(line-run)
Breast - Line Run	89.27	87.65	94.00	(whole)
Leg Quarters	52.46	48.89	54.50	
Wings	172.71	142.62	180.50	