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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR W/E 13-DEC-08

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	160,436	164,685

CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 15-DEC-2008

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LOADS
US GRADE A	69-85	71-74	73.56	18

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY – 87.00

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. – 86.97

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

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000) POUNDS
LINE RUN TENDERS	157.50	1,111
BREASTS - B/S	116.00	4,838
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.00	1,083
THIGH MEAT - B/S	100.50	963
THIGHS	50.50	562
DRUMSTICKS	54.00	679
LEG QUARTERS	29.00	6,879
WINGS	117.00	2,297

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER - Preliminary majority delivered prices in next week's trade into the Chicago area was unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate, better into some catering. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate; weights desirable to heavy. Offerings on wings, drums and leg quarters were very limited, other parts available. The trade sentiment was steady to firm on wings and dark meat lines, about steady on boneless/skinless breast, and unsettled on tenders and whole breast.

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 DECEMBER 12, 2008

8-16 LB HENS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	16-24 LB TOMS	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	75.00	82.00	85.25	EASTERN REGION	76.70 **	79.10 **	86.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	76.00 **	79.25	87.17	CENTRAL REGION	75.80 **	78.30 **	86.00 **
WESTERN REGION	76.30	79.80**	86.00**	WESTERN REGION	77.00	78.30 **	86.00 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 06-DEC-2008 (PRELIMINARY)

Young Chickens Thousands

Head	160,358
Avg Wt	5.59
Last week	116,875
Same wk yr ago	169,272
Avg Wt	5.61
To-date/2008	7,976,657
To-date/2007	7,936,278

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	667,819
Last week	484,120
Same wk yr ago	707,464

Dressing % 74.5%

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

LIVE TURKEYS SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Young Hens Young Toms Thousands

Head	2,099	2,932
Avg Wt	16.73	38.68
Last week	1,101	1,781
Same wk yr ago	2,260	2,894
Avg Wt	16.21	38.95
To-date/2008	99,195	134,963
To-date/2007	98,151	130,294

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	28,093	90,728
Last week	14,621	56,593
Same wk yr ago	29,308	90,177

Dressing % 80.0% 80.0%

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated

	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	565.00 635.00	603.55
168 3 Round, top inside round	154.00 172.75	163.63
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	350.00 411.00	369.42
Ground Beef 81%	101.90 133.15	112.38

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News