



Fast Food Fax

Dec 22, 2008

Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair to moderate, best where features were in progress. In the parts complex, most dark meat cuts, wings and tenders were in close balance to well cleared. Breast items were adequate. Weights were mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: 13-Dec-2008

Weight Range	4.25 & Down	4.26-6.25	6.26-7.75	7.76 & Up	Total
Total (000)	40,140	83,742	20,287	13,892	158,061
WT Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.41	6.91	8.30	5.45
Percentage of total	25%	53%	13%	9%	100 %

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

Live Weights	RTC WOG Weights	No. of Head (000)	Percentage of Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	2,663	1.68
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	11,533	7.30
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., - 2 lbs., 12 oz.	17,268	10.92
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 15 oz.	8,676	5.49
		40,140	25.39

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
Oct 18	191,411	94	163,191	96	207,032	95	170,163	96	161,915	99
Oct 25	190,352	94	154,497	88	206,999	96	169,874	97	163,319	101
Nov 01	185,344	90	158,445	93	206,726	96	170,616	97	162,059	99
Nov 08	193,001	89	155,283	93	204,908	95	168,066	96	163,184	101
Nov 15	200,631	93	156,435	96	202,299	97	165,726	97	159,887	98
Nov 22	202,339	92	152,417	91	197,850	96	162,423	96	156,960	98
Nov 29	203,287	92	158,749	90	193,548	91	160,059	92	116,875	74
Dec 06	201,254	94	166,086	94	198,764	96	162,698	96	160,358	137
Dec 13	202,822	93	168,010	94	188,449	88	154,391	88	158,061	99

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 12/22/08				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	76-79	77.64	77.52	68.71
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	71-74	75.21	74.62	66.83
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	95	93.65	93.40	82.20
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		81.59	81.84	72.35
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 87.00)		86.16	86.21	76.38
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		48.69	47.88	47.19

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
Weekly Weighted Average	12/19/08	12/19/08	12/22/08
Breast - B/S	109.21	113.24	117.00
Tenderloins	116.52	116.98	162.00 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	68.52	TFEWR	73.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	28.22	28.79	31.00
Wings	120.12	109.45	119.50