



Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was mostly fair to moderate best where features were planned. In the parts complex, wings, dark meat cuts and bone-in breast were balanced to adequate. Boneless skinless breast were well cleared. Tenders were available. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
Classified by Weight - Week Ending Feb 28, 2009

	4.25 lbs. & down	4.26 - 6.25 lbs	6.26 - 7.75 lbs	7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head (1,000's)	40,200	78,105	22,881	13,626	154,812
Avg. Live Weight	3.87	5.42	6.94	8.15	5.48
% of Total	26%	50%	15%	9%	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.	4,237	2.74%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	4,739	3.06%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	18,351	11.85%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	12,873	8.31%
		40,200	25.96%

Broiler Egg Set Chicks Placed In 19 States Compared With U.S. Broiler Slaughter

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets (000)	Chicks Placed (000)	Eggs Set		Chicks Placed		Preliminary Federal Inspection			
			% ¹	(000)	% ¹	(000)	% ²	(000)		
Jan 17	203,245	94	167,308	94	193,090	89	159,455	90	160,046	96
Jan 24	201,358	92	167,707	94	202,159	94	166,179	94	148,579	93
Jan 31	198,868	91	166,613	95	203,665	93	167,898	94	148,079	100
Feb 07	201,851	93	167,579	95	204,740	92	168,188	94	155,496	105
Feb 14	203,511	93	166,662	94	200,766	94	166,229	95	154,549	99
Feb 21	205,286	94	163,268	92	205,239	94	168,697	95	154,812	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 02, 2009

	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year
Grade A, ice-packed:				
New York:	74-77	75.38	75.35	78.64
Los Angeles:	94	92.32	93.90	86.47
Whole Body: /3				
Chicago:	58-71	66.01	66.73	--
Weekly Composite:		79.18	80.10	79.60
Southern States Index:		52.08	51.91	52.84
Georgia Dock (FOB, wtd avg)(Wed Dock 86.50):		85.87	86.34	78.61

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) 2/27/2009	Sthrn States (FOB) 2/27/2009	Georgia (FOB) 3/2/2009	
Bnls/Sknls Breast	123.15	123.43	131.50	
Tenderloins	156.92	161.70	180.00	(line-run)
Breast - Line Run	78.54	76.49	77.50	(whole)
Leg Quarters	35.78	34.74	35.00	
Wings	151.80	145.28	149.00	