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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 01-MAR-2010

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LOADS
WHOLE BODY 1/	74-89.25	76-81	78.89	40

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 27-Feb-10

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	159,868	152,849

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WED - 83.25 FRI PRELIMINARY WTD AVG - 83.16

Confirmed preliminary prices on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS/LB)	VOL/000 LBS
LINE RUN TENDERS	176.50	1,339
BREASTS - B/S	154.50	5,484
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50	1,299
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	1,185
THIGHS	46.00	1,012
DRUMSTICKS	60.00	1,050
LEG QUARTERS	38.00	7,521
WINGS	165.50	2,899

This info is supplied by the GA Dept. of Ag/Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER - Preliminary majority delivered prices into the Chicago market area were unchanged. The whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offers of whole birds were light. Buyer interest was light to moderate. Retail demand was slow to moderate, instances moderate to good in the Ohio valley as new snow storms hit the area. Food service demand was in a full range with fast food promotions and some restaurants providing best activity. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights were desirable to trending light. Supplies of all parts were adequate to fully adequate and buyer interest was cautious and price sensitive. Trade sentiment was weak on drums, about steady to weak on other leg cuts, steady to weak on wings and barely steady on breast cuts.

WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR FROZEN WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,

(consumer sizes, commodity pack or equivalent, U. S. Grade A, cents/lb. (minimum 10,000 lb. lots)

W/E 26-FEB-10

National	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		January Averages		
	Wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)	Wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)	Wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
Weighted Average Price (FOB Shipper Dock basis)									
8-16 lb. (Hens)	77.50	1,320	72.50	20	72.98	--	75.25	72.71	71.11
16-24 lb. (Toms)	77.58	500	77.70	100	72.65	--	75.26	72.69	71.11

¹ based on offers.

SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION Week Ending 20-Feb-2010 (Preliminary)

Live Poultry - Young Chickens		Live Turkeys - Young Hens		Young Toms
---Thousands---		-----Thousands-----		
Head	159,096	Head	1,862	2,625
Avg Wt	5.52	Avg Wt	16.75	39.33
Last week	156,281	Last week	1,869	2,424
Same wk yr ago	154,812	Same wk yr ago	2,020	2,454
Avg Wt	5.48	Avg Wt	17.60	39.61
To-date/2010*	1,110,021	To-date/2010*	12,543	17,550
To-date/2009*	1,088,377	To-date/2009*	13,015	18,432
% Change YTD	2%	% Change YTD	-4%	-5%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage		Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage		
Current week	654,266	Current week	24,944	82,599
Last week	638,033	Last week	25,608	77,448
Same wk yr ago	632,035	Same wk yr ago	28,442	77,762
To-date/2010*	4,590,853	To-date/2010*	170,946	559,567
To-date/2009*	4,459,590	To-date/2009*	173,930	583,829
% Change YTD	3%	% Change YTD	-2%	-4%
Dressing %	74.5%	Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%

(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	474.93 514.14	490.60
168 3 Round, top inside round	170.00 184.50	175.92
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	425.00 453.00	430.98
Ground Beef 81%	138.00 154.50	142.75

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News