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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 15-Mar-2010

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LOADS
WHOLE BODY 1/	76-91.25	79-84	82.86	34

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 13-Mar-10

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	161,830	158,860

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WED - 83.50 FRI PRELIMINARY WTD AVG - 83.26

Confirmed preliminary prices on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS/LB)	VOL/000 LBS
LINE RUN TENDERS	177.00	1,259
BREASTS - B/S	156.50	5,404
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00	1,219
THIGH MEAT - B/S	91.50	1,105
THIGHS	47.00	932
DRUMSTICKS	59.50	970
LEG QUARTERS	37.50	7,441
WINGS	157.00	2,819

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 up 3 cents. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to firm. Offers of whole birds remained very light on aggressive buyer action at packer level and light to moderate at receiverships. Retail activity was light to moderate and a slight increase noted as weather prompt consumer consumption. Food service trade ranged light to fairly good; best into restaurants and mixed into fast food. Floor stocks were in close balance to fully adequate; weights desirable to light. Breast cut supplies were tight, wings balanced, and dark meat items available. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on breast cuts, about steady on drums and thighs, and steady on the balance of parts.

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 12-Mar-10

National	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		February 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)	78.67 ¹		80.00	40	73.00	--	75.25	72.71	71.11
16-24 lb. (Toms)	84.00	120	80.00	40	72.39	--	75.26	72.69	71.11

¹ based on offers.

SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION Week Ending 06-Mar-2010 (Preliminary)

Live Poultry - Young Chickens		Live Turkeys - Young Hens		Young Toms
---Thousands---		-----Thousands-----		
Head	158,789	Head	1,706	2,605
Avg Wt	5.60	Avg Wt	16.70	38.08
Last week	158,311	Last week	1,674	2,535
Same wk yr ago	153,409	Same wk yr ago	1,970	2,631
Avg Wt	5.53	Avg Wt	16.42	38.44
To-date/2010*	1,427,121	To-date/2010*	15,923	22,690
To-date/2009*	1,396,841	To-date/2009*	17,163	23,628
% Change YTD	2%	% Change YTD	-7%	-4%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage		Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage		
Current week	662,468	Current week	22,798	79,368
Last week	647,500	Last week	23,085	78,172
Same wk yr ago	632,022	Same wk yr ago	25,878	80,909
To-date/2010*	5,900,821	To-date/2010*	216,829	717,107
To-date/2009*	5,729,260	To-date/2009*	229,342	745,053
% Change YTD	3%	% Change YTD	-5%	-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	484.00 527.00	510.19
168 3 Round, top inside round	167.00 178.00	169.49
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	419.00 474.50	430.02
Ground Beef 81%	138.00 151.00	139.34

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News