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Chicago Broiler/Fryer

Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 21-Mar-2011

	Range	Majority	Weighted Average	Loads
Whole Body 1/	72-88.25	78-82	80.27	32

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 19- Mar-11

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	163,126	157,199

Georgia Fob Dock Prices

Wed – 86.25 **Fri Preliminary Wtd Avg – 86.13**

Confirmed preliminary prices on ice-packed parts:

Item	Weighted Average (cents/lb)	Volume (000 lbs)
Line Run Tenders	190.00	1,140
Breasts - B/S	155.50	5,029
Breasts - Whole	89.50	1,068
Thigh Meat - B/S	113.00	922
Thighs	58.00	778
Drumsticks	61.00	820
Leg Quarters	45.00	7,014
Wings	94.50	2,574

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

Midwest Broiler/Fryer – Preliminary prices were 1 to 2 cents lower than last Monday's majority into Chicago. Whole bird prices are barely steady to steady. Whole bird offerings are light to mostly moderate. Demand into retail outlets is light to moderate, while food service demand was light with fast food demand as normal to at times good. Weights are desirable to light. Market activity on whole birds is light to moderate at best. Parts prices are mixed with bone in breasts, jumbo wings and leg items steady and barely steady on small wings and boneless breast. Supplies of all parts are balanced for current needs. Buyer demand is light to moderate for all parts items. Market activity is moderate for parts with leg items and jumbo wings receiving the most interest.

Weekly National Frozen Whole Young Turkeys,

Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, FOB Shipper Dock Basis

Frozen Whole Body Trading - Week Ending March 18, 2011 – (commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb. lots)

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	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
8-16 lb. (Hens)	92.50[1]		91.00	400	82.00	80	89.97	88.14	75.25
16-24 lb. (Toms)	92.50[1]		91.00	400	82.00	160	90.08	88.14	75.26

[1] based on offers.

Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week Ending 12-Mar-2011 (Preliminary)

	Live Poultry - Young Chickens	Live Turkeys - Young Hens	Young Toms
	---thousands---	--------thousands--------	
Head	157,830	1,684	2,586
Avg Wt	5.63	17.24	39.06
Last week	159,519	1,716	2,462
Same wk yr ago	159,069	1,847	2,499
Avg Wt	5.57	16.68	38.51
To-date/2011*	1,594,738	17,351	25,208
To-date/2010*	1,586,190	17,770	25,189
% Change YTD	1%	-2%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage			
Current week	661,994	23,225	80,801
Last week	663,136	23,281	77,261
Same wk yr ago	660,081	24,646	76,989
To-date/2011*	6,750,000	238,522	802,245
To-date/2010*	6,560,902	241,485	794,096
% Change YTD	3%	-1%	1%
Dressing %	74.5%	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		Weighted Average
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	513.96	558.00	527.30
168 3 Round, top inside round	215.00	242.00	226.40
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	519.72	558.00	539.21
Ground Beef 81%	187.45	201.00	193.82

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News