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Chicago Broiler/Fryer

Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 19-Dec-2011

	Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Whole Body 1/	63-79	70-74	70.62	35
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 17-Dec-11

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	149,793	152,559

Georgia Fob Dock Prices

Wed – 89.75 Fri Preliminary Wtd Avg – 89.12

Confirmed preliminary prices on ice-packed parts:

Item	Wtd Avg (cents/lb)	Volume (000 lbs)
Line Run Tenders	186.50	1,032
Breasts - B/S	146.50	4,609
Breasts - Whole	82.50	979
Thigh Meat - B/S	118.50	873
Thighs	71.50	747
Drumsticks	70.50	757
Leg Quarters	53.50	5,613
Wings	146.50	2,321

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

Midwest Broiler/Fryer Preliminary majority for next week into Chicago was unchanged from last Monday. Whole bird prices were trending steady. Offers were light to moderate with light to moderate buyer interest. Demand into retail and food service outlets was light to moderate with fast food demand normal and increasing demand from catering operations. Floor stocks were moderate to instances long. Weights were mixed. Whole bird market activity was light to moderate. Parts supplies were light to moderate with wings in the tightest position. Prices trended firm on wings while dark meat items and breast cuts were steady to fully steady. Parts market activity was light to moderate and wings continued to be most sought after.

Weekly National Frozen Whole Young Turkeys

Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, FOB Shipper Dock Basis - Week Ending December 16, 2011

Frozen Whole Body Turkeys - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb. lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		November 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)	108.07	61	111.79	197	99.28	90	113.57	114.83	106.05
16-24 lb. (Toms)	109.51	293	108.17	15	91.50	10	113.08	111.95	105.44

¹ based on offers.

Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week Ending 10-Dec-2011 (Preliminary)

Live Poultry - Young Chickens

	---thousands---
Head	152,002
Avg Wt	5.79
Last week	148,055
Same wk yr ago	166,590
Avg Wt	5.69
To-date/2011*	7,673,986
To-date/2010*	7,904,749
% Change YTD	-3%
<i>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</i>	
Current week	660,069
Last week	650,702
Same wk yr ago	706,183
To-date/2011*	32,837,659
To-date/2010*	33,030,545
% Change YTD	-1%
Dressing %	75.0%

Live Turkeys - Young Hens

	-----thousands-----	
Head	1,796	2,789
Avg Wt	16.16	40.03
Last week	1,977	2,603
Same wk yr ago	2,018	2,742
Avg Wt	16.59	38.48
To-date/2011*	91,820	126,662
To-date/2010*	91,424	127,785
% Change YTD	0%	-1%
<i>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</i>		
Current week	23,213	89,311
Last week	26,247	79,571
Same wk yr ago	26,783	84,410
To-date/2011*	1,249,788	3,920,992
To-date/2010*	1,241,854	3,877,443
% Change YTD	1%	1%
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	690.00 780.00	747.31
168 3 Round, top inside round	220.00 235.00	225.69
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	480.00 504.75	488.04
Ground Beef 81%	169.50 181.50	175.90

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News