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Chicago Broiler/Fryer

Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 23-Jan-2012

	Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Whole Body 1/	67-85	70-74	72.88	36
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 21-Jan-12

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	147,931	154,989

Georgia Fob Dock Prices

Wed – 90.50 Fri Preliminary Wtd Avg – 90.19

Confirmed preliminary prices on ice-packed parts:

Item	Wtd Avg (cents/lb)	Volume (000 lbs)
Line Run Tenders	192.00	1,041
Breasts - B/S	153.00	4,524
Breasts - Whole	88.00	1,008
Thigh Meat - B/S	118.00	872
Thighs	72.00	757
Drumsticks	70.50	757
Leg Quarters	54.00	5,393
Wings	184.00	2,268

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

Midwest Region Broiler/Fryer Preliminary majority was unchanged in Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole bird prices were steady with additional offers light to moderate. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks were balanced to instances long. Sizes were mixed. Whole bird market activity was light to moderate. The upper Midwest is expecting a major snow storm today and tomorrow. Supplies of wings were tight with breast cuts and dark meat items light to moderate. Prices trended firm on wings, steady to fully steady on bone in breast and steady on the balance of parts. Parts market activity was light to moderate with wings still receiving good buyer interest.

Weekly National Frozen Whole Young Turkeys

Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, FOB Shipper Dock Basis - Week Ending January 20, 2012

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		December 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)	98.04	1,120	97.67	4,980	89.00	20	106.54	113.57	97.90
16-24 lb. (Toms)	97.14	586	95.71	1,985	89.00	20	107.01	113.08	97.15

¹ based on offers.

Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week Ending 14-Jan-2012 (Preliminary)

Live Poultry - Young Chickens

	---thousands---
Head	153,922
Avg Wt	5.65
Last week	135,215
Same wk yr ago	149,611
Avg Wt	5.74
To-date/2012*	289,137
To-date/2011*	317,390
% Change YTD	-9%
<i>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</i>	
Current week	652,244
Last week	579,058
Same wk yr ago	639,782
To-date/2012*	1,231,302
To-date/2011*	1,361,005
% Change YTD	-10%
Dressing %	75.0%

Live Turkeys - Young Hens

	-----thousands-----	
Head	1,662	2,428
Avg Wt	16.83	42.19
Last week	1,544	2,121
Same wk yr ago	1,728	2,337
Avg Wt	17.00	41.14
To-date/2012*	3,206	4,549
To-date/2011*	3,451	4,797
% Change YTD	-7%	-5%
<i>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</i>		
Current week	22,383	81,957
Last week	21,084	71,842
Same wk yr ago	23,501	76,915
To-date/2012*	43,467	153,799
To-date/2011*	46,231	157,072
% Change YTD	-6%	-2%
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	513.00 563.00	527.02
168 3 Round, top inside round	218.25 230.00	220.84
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	465.00 505.00	480.19
Ground Beef 81%	179.57 204.00	186.24

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News