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Chicago Broiler/Fryer

Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 12-Mar-2012

	Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Whole Body 1/	82-99.25	92-96	92.62	30

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 10-Mar-12

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	151,968	152,636

Georgia Fob Dock Prices

Wed - 92.50

Fri Preliminary Wtd Avg - 91.86

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

Item	Wtd Avg (cents/lb)	Volume (000 lbs)
Line Run Tenders	196.00	984
Breasts - B/S	157.50	4,367
Breasts - Whole	96.50	920
Thigh Meat - B/S	130.50	810
Thighs	72.00	735
Drumsticks	70.50	729
Leg Quarters	54.50	5,313
Wings	183.50	2,190

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

Midwest Region Broiler/Fryer Preliminary majority was 2 cents higher into Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole bird prices are fully steady to firm with offers light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate, fast food interest is normal. Floor stocks are balanced to tight. Sizes are desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate at best. Supplies of small wings are tight, jumbo wings balanced while boneless breast are light to moderate and dark meat items mixed. Prices trended firm on wings, fully steady on boneless breasts and bone in breast and steady to instances firm on leg items. Parts market activity is light to moderate.

Weekly National Frozen Whole Young Turkeys

Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, FOB Shipper Dock Basis - Week Ending March 09, 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		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)	102.00	200	101.52	820	91.00	400	100.15	98.35	89.97
16-24 lb. (Toms)	103.07	72	101.44	919	91.00	400	100.17	98.76	90.08

¹ based on offers.

Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week Ending 03-Mar-2012 (Preliminary)

Live Poultry - Young Chickens

	---thousands---
Head	151,684
Avg Wt	5.78
Last week	149,930
Same wk yr ago	159,519
Avg Wt	5.58
To-date/2012*	1,341,964
To-date/2011*	1,436,908
% Change YTD	-7%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	657,550
Last week	634,204
Same wk yr ago	663,136
To-date/2012*	5,753,207
To-date/2011*	6,088,006
% Change YTD	-5%

Live Turkeys - Young Hens

	-----thousands-----
Head	1,814
Avg Wt	17.40
Last week	1,792
Same wk yr ago	1,716
Avg Wt	16.96
To-date/2012*	15,314
To-date/2011*	15,667
% Change YTD	-2%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	25,250
Last week	24,473
Same wk yr ago	23,283
To-date/2012*	208,320
To-date/2011*	215,311
% Change YTD	-3%

Young Toms

	-----thousands-----
Head	2,400
Avg Wt	40.93
Last week	2,605
Same wk yr ago	2,462
Avg Wt	39.23
To-date/2012*	21,978
To-date/2011*	22,622
% Change YTD	-3%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	78,590
Last week	85,860
Same wk yr ago	77,267
To-date/2012*	731,730
To-date/2011*	721,449
% Change YTD	1%

Dressing % 75.0%

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	611.89 655.00	632.60
168 3 Round, top inside round	204.00 231.63	211.25
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	559.00 605.60	576.61
Ground Beef 81%	176.00 199.00	185.74

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News