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Chicago Broiler/Fryer

Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 19-Mar-2012

	Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Whole Body 1/	86-101	92-96	93.11	33

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-Mar-12

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	151,601	151,968

Georgia Fob Dock Prices

Wed - 93.00

Fri Preliminary Wtd Avg - 92.44

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	200.50	953
Breasts - B/S	159.50	4,336
Breasts - Whole	99.00	891
Thigh Meat - B/S	127.50	750
Thighs	72.00	740
Drumsticks	71.00	734
Leg Quarters	54.00	5,255
Wings	185.50	2,130

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

Midwest Region Broiler/Fryer Preliminary majority prices were unchanged into Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole bird prices are trending steady. Additional offerings are light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate with fast food interest normal to good. Floor stocks are balanced to tight. Weights are mixed. Whole bird market activity is light to mostly moderate. Supplies of parts are light to moderate with wings in the tightest position. Prices trended fully steady to firm on all 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 16, 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)	102.33	60	102.00	200	92.50 ¹		100.15	98.35	89.97
16-24 lb. (Toms)	104.00	172	103.07	72	92.50 ¹		100.17	98.76	90.08

¹ based on offers.

Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week Ending 10-Mar-2012 (Preliminary)

Live Poultry - Young Chickens

	---thousands---
Head	150,226
Avg Wt	5.79
Last week	151,684
Same wk yr ago	157,830
Avg Wt	5.63
To-date/2012*	1,492,190
To-date/2011*	1,594,738
% Change YTD	-6%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	652,356
Last week	657,550
Same wk yr ago	661,994
To-date/2012*	6,405,563
To-date/2011*	6,750,000
% Change YTD	-5%

Live Turkeys - Young Hens

	-----thousands-----
Head	1,734
Avg Wt	17.16
Last week	1,814
Same wk yr ago	1,684
Avg Wt	17.24
To-date/2012*	17,048
To-date/2011*	17,351
% Change YTD	-2%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	23,801
Last week	25,250
Same wk yr ago	23,226
To-date/2012*	232,121
To-date/2011*	238,537
% Change YTD	-3%

Young Toms

	-----thousands-----
Head	2,559
Avg Wt	40.91
Last week	2,400
Same wk yr ago	2,586
Avg Wt	39.06
To-date/2012*	24,537
To-date/2011*	25,208
% Change YTD	-3%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	83,757
Last week	78,590
Same wk yr ago	80,807
To-date/2012*	815,487
To-date/2011*	802,256
% Change YTD	2%

Dressing % 75.0% 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	625.00 655.00	636.97
168 3 Round, top inside round	200.00 212.00	205.31
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	550.00 576.00	564.09
Ground Beef 81%	172.00 185.50	183.89

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News