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**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 23-MAR-12**

| DATE   | PRODUCTION (000) |             | ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY |                |            |     |
|--------|------------------|-------------|--|----------------|------------|-----|
|        | Actual Slaughter | Live Weight | Price Range                                | Weighted Price | # of Boxes |     |
| 03/19  | 1,775            | 6.30        | 83-112                                     | (A)            | (A)        |     |
| 03/20  | 2,027            | 6.31        | 91-114                                     | (A)            | (A)        |     |
| 03/21  | 1,848            | 6.50        | 73-112                                     | (A)            | (A)        |     |
| 03/22  | 1,959            | 6.37        | 68-112                                     | (A)            | (A)        |     |
| 03/23  | 2,025            | 6.18        | 69-112                                     | (A)            | (A)        |     |
| Weekly | 9,635            | 6.33        | Cumulative:                                |                | (A)        | (A) |

**NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 26-MAR-12**

| Weighted Averages for:     | Current Week | Last Week | Year Ago |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| New York                   | 93.67        | 95.82     | 76.75    |
| Detroit                    | TFEWR        | TFEWR     | TFEWR    |
| Los Angeles                | 102.50       | 102.36    | 93.92    |
| Composite Weighted Average | 91.58        | 94.31     | 81.61    |

**Whole Body, with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging**

| Weighted Averages for: | Current Week | Last Week | Year Ago |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| Chicago                | 87.29        | 93.20     | 76.03    |

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 23-MAR-2012**

|                     | Weekly Weighted Average Price | Total Volume/Pounds |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Breast - B/S        | 134.51                        | 3,397,946           |
| Tenderloins         | 164.47                        | 800,488             |
| Breast - With Ribs  | 110.07                        | 268,882             |
| Breast - Line Run   | 98.23                         | 416,475             |
| Legs                | 73.90                         | 603,480             |
| Leg Quarters (Bulk) | 53.14                         | 1,150,613           |
| Drumsticks          | 69.82                         | 290,120             |
| Thighs              | 80.64                         | 246,760             |
| B/S Thighs          | 133.55                        | 421,160             |
| Wings (Whole)       | 181.81                        | 1,133,160           |

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg))

**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 17-MAR-12**

|               | Current Week | Last Week | Year Ago | 10-Weeks Prior | 7-Weeks Prior |
|---------------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------------|---------------|
| Eggs Set      | 196,927      | 198,029   | 208,563  | 193,079        | 193,162       |
| Chicks Placed | 162,802      | 162,702   | 170,587  | 162,550        | 160,767       |

**SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 17-MAR-12**

|                     | Current Week | Last Week | Year Ago |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| Head (000)          | 153,056      | 150,226   | 160,009  |
| Average Live Weight | 5.74         | 5.79      | 5.65     |
| To Date 2012 (000)  | 1,645,246    | 1,492,190 | ---      |
| To Date 2011 (000)  | 1,754,747    | 1,594,738 | ---      |

**MONTHLY COLD STORAGE:** Total frozen poultry supplies on February 29, 2012 were up 5 percent from the previous month but down 6 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 1 percent from the previous month and down 16 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 18 percent from last month and up 21 percent from February 28, 2011.

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