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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 24-Sep-2012

	Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Whole Body 1/	64-96	65-78	76.11	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 22-Sep-12

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	156,904	157,048

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

Wed – 95.75 Fri Preliminary Wtd Avg – 95.44

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	207.00	1,072
Breasts - B/S	168.50	4,428
Breasts - Whole	102.00	943
Thigh Meat - B/S	130.50	883
Thighs	73.50	1,043
Drumsticks	72.50	886
Leg Quarters	52.50	7,055
Wings	182.00	2,852

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

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Preliminary majority prices for next week's delivery into Chicago are unchanged from Monday's final majority prices. Whole bird prices are steady with offers moderate. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate. Floor stocks are closely balanced to light. Many buyers are content with regular orders unless enticed by tempting discounts. Sizes are desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of wings are light, breast cuts moderate to heavy, and on the balance of parts moderate. Parts prices trended steady to firm on wings, weak on breast cuts, and steady on the remainder of parts. Market activity on parts is slow to moderate. Some are reporting issues in regard to truck availability.

WEEKLY NATIONAL FROZEN WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,

Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, FOB Shipper Dock Basis - Week Ending September 21, 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		August 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)	110.00	80	108.50	80	108.14	280	108.53	106.43	105.39
16-24 lb. (Toms)	110.50 ¹		110.50 ¹		108.25	320	109.04	106.96	106.91

¹based on offers.

SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION Week Ending 15-Sep-2012 (Preliminary)

Live Poultry - Young Chickens		Live Turkeys - Young Hens		Young Toms	
---thousands---		-----thousands-----			
Head	154,885	Head	1,806		2,583
Avg Wt	5.79	Avg Wt	17.04		38.25
Last week	139,196	Last week	1,493		2,430
Same wk yr ago	159,518	Same wk yr ago	2,050		2,645
Avg Wt	5.87	Avg Wt	17.23		38.30
To-date/2012*	5,638,527	To-date/2012*	66,481		94,573
To-date/2011*	5,880,530	To-date/2011*	66,878		95,006
% Change YTD	-4%	% Change YTD	-1%		0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing		Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing			
Current week	677,072	Current week	24,626		79,030
Last week	603,234	Last week	20,008		73,471
Same wk yr ago	697,596	Same wk yr ago	28,257		81,043
To-date/2012*	24,288,808	To-date/2012*	894,021		3,030,400
To-date/2011*	25,067,829	To-date/2011*	908,839		2,945,274
% Change YTD	-3%	% Change YTD	-2%		3%
Dressing %	75.5%	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	655.00 689.00	661.12
168 3 Round, top inside round	216.00 234.98	217.83
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	508.70 528.00	512.68
Ground Beef 81%	187.00 210.98	196.50

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News