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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 14-Feb-03

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)		ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY		
	<u>Actual Slaughter</u>	<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Weighted Price</u>	<u># of Boxes</u>
02-10	2,338	5.23	48-69	58.31	9,456
02-11	2,324	5.09	48-69	57.52	11,151
02-12	2,341	5.10	50-68	58.84	7,750
02-13	2,279	5.08	48-69	58.47	7,312
02-14	2,419	5.00	50-69	58.56	7,500
Weekly	11,701	5.10	Cumulative:	58.27	43,170

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 17-Feb-03

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	54.11	54.74	47.55
Chicago	55.28	55.41	48.04
Detroit	56.09	56.38	48.80
Los Angeles	68.66	66.68	65.84
12-City Composite	60.26	60.86	55.63

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 14-Feb-03

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	138.41	2,194,280
Tenderloins	114.47	479,390
Breast - With Ribs	90.84	882,480
Breast - Line Run	86.44	627,560
Legs	31.00	1,149,920
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	20.89	2,264,623
Drumsticks	28.08	617,045
Thighs	31.17	306,783
B/S Thighs	66.22	320,370
Wings (Whole)	71.75	905,760

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

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 08-Feb-03

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>	<u>10-Weeks Prior</u>	<u>7-Weeks Prior</u>
Eggs Set	201,937	203,980	208,199	202,586	200,256
Chicks Placed	165,277	166,256	165,373	161,875	164,701

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 08-FEB-03

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	150,335	151,181	155,316
Average Live Weight	5.05	5.21	5.09
To Date 2003 (000)	878,124	727,789	-----
To Date 2002 (000)	901,952	746,636	-----

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on 12/31/02 were down 3% from last month but were 15% above last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were down 4% from last month but were 7% above last year. Total pounds of turkeys in freezers decreased slightly from last month but were 39% above last year.

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