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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 19-Dec-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>	
12-15	2,180	5.61	57-75	63.98	11,805	
12-16	2,146	5.52	58-72	63.52	7,699	
12-17	1,679	5.59	55-75	63.49	7,730	
12-18	2,204	5.38	55-77	63.97	7,344	
12-19	2,059	5.43	57-72	63.14	6,889	
Weekly	10,269	5.50	Cumulative:	63.66	41,467	

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, week of 22-Dec-03

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	60.91	61.36	52.29
Chicago	58.67	59.22	48.49
Detroit	60.17	58.14	48.83
Los Angeles	72.04	72.35	65.94
Composite Weighted Average	65.73	65.77	57.12

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 19-Dec-03

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	147.55	2,950,404
Tenderloins	143.55	742,500
Breast - With Ribs	84.28	880,240
Breast - Line Run	75.67	647,640
Legs	37.48	1,926,516
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	29.72	2,020,904
Drumsticks	38.74	628,240
Thighs	40.78	332,590
B/S Thighs	87.83	429,450
Wings (Whole)	99.13	719,860

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

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 13-Dec-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	206,418	202,883	203,251	194,961	190,111
Chicks Placed	166,780	167,042	163,147	159,201	158,893

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 13-DEC-03

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	153,501	154,912	154,894
Average Live Weight	5.23	5.45	5.09
To Date 2003 (000)	7,664,771	7,511,270	-----
To Date 2002 (000)	7,725,795	7,570,901	-----

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on **November 30, 2003** were down 21% from last month and 18% below last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were down 3% from last month and down 27% from last year's level. Total pounds of turkey in freezers decreased 39% from last month but were 6% above last year.

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