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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 14-Mar-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>	
03-10	2,336	5.08	50-69	58.83	8,253	
03-11	2,333	5.08	48-69	57.47	8,160	
03-12	2,259	5.07	52-69	58.27	7,326	
03-13	2,267	5.07	49-69	59.33	7,774	
03-14	2,160	4.99	48-69	57.60	8,353	
Weekly	11,354	5.06	Cumulative:	58.09	38,865	

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

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	54.95	55.26	47.27
Chicago	54.70	55.39	48.31
Detroit	54.73	56.45	48.80
Los Angeles	67.82	67.60	65.67
12-City Composite	60.89	61.12	55.22

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

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	149.32	2,282,930
Tenderloins	113.33	718,180
Breast - With Ribs	87.13	837,640
Breast - Line Run	81.56	492,440
Legs	33.16	1,672,680
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	21.14	2,242,795
Drumsticks	26.79	690,770
Thighs	33.24	247,550
B/S Thighs	68.62	356,740
Wings (Whole)	70.88	989,960

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

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 08-Mar-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	205,590	205,205	209,711	201,092	202,802
Chicks Placed	163,738	164,349	171,686	162,324	163,604

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

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	151,538	148,405	155,103
Average Live Weight	4.94	5.12	5.21
To Date 2003 (000)	1,477,466	1,325,928	-----
To Date 2002 (000)	1,525,923	1,370,820	-----

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on 01/31/03 were up 5% from last month and were 7% above last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were down 6% from last month and down slightly from last year. Total pounds of turkeys in freezers increased 31% from last month and were 23% above last year.

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