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**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX**

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**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 24-Oct-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>	
10-20	2,317	5.55	59-74	63.18	11,392	
10-21	2,339	5.54	58-72	62.65	6,632	
10-22	2,355	5.49	58-74	63.46	9,012	
10-23	2,249	5.38	59-72	63.28	7,521	
10-24	2,182	5.48	59-73	62.91	9,765	
Weekly	11,442	5.49	Cumulative:	63.12	44,321	

**NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, week of 27-Oct-03**

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	58.86	59.81	45.87
Chicago	56.78	56.45	43.60
Detroit	56.50	56.29	43.50
Los Angeles	70.62	70.65	65.68
Composite Weighted Average	64.04	63.82	52.93

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 24-Oct-03**

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	153.86	2,844,880
Tenderloins	143.93	744,735
Breast - With Ribs	84.04	1,007,680
Breast - Line Run	78.45	537,800
Legs	38.33	1,226,760
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	29.73	2,070,258
Drumsticks	38.54	628,080
Thighs	39.02	325,270
B/S Thighs	86.68	422,490
Wings (Whole)	86.98	680,780

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

**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 18-Oct-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	190,198	197,141	185,654	206,561	203,034
Chicks Placed	160,184	157,502	155,782	169,647	168,661

**SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 18-OCT-03**

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	157,115	156,092	155,053
Average Live Weight	5.26	5.14	5.05
To Date 2003 (000)	6,454,731	6,297,616	-----
To Date 2002 (000)	6,530,121	6,375,068	-----

**MONTHLY COLD STORAGE:** Total frozen poultry supplies on **September 30, 2003** were down 5% from last month and down 17% from last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were down 2% from last month and down 28% from last year's level. Total pounds of turkey in freezers decreased 8% from last month and were 3% below last year.

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