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**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX**

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**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 21-May-04**

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)		ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY		
	Actual Slaughter	Live Weight	Price Range	Weighted Price	# of Boxes
05/17	2,214	5.67	78-96	85.41	8,280
05/18	2,223	5.56	81-96	86.29	5,326
05/19	2,230	5.56	78-96	85.36	6,823
05/20	2,248	5.53	78-94	86.36	7,463
05/21	2,397	5.52	78-94	84.88	7,043
Weekly	11,312	5.57	Cumulative:	85.63	34,936

**NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 24-May-04**

Weighted Averages for:	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago
New York	82.72	82.25	57.04
Chicago	79.44	78.80	55.13
Detroit	81.11	80.33	55.64
Los Angeles	82.28	81.33	68.37
12-City Composite	81.77	80.50	61.33

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 21-May-04**

	Weekly Weighted Average Price	Total Volume/Pounds
Breast - B/S	237.46	3,026,402
Tenderloins	224.60	480,960
Breast - With Ribs	133.27	675,640
Breast - Line Run	130.55	625,160
Legs	48.65	1,390,121
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	38.83	1,526,871
Drumsticks	46.59	743,162
Thighs	49.98	541,995
B/S Thighs	116.66	389,520
Wings (Whole)	108.02	784,600

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

**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 15-May-04**

	Current Week	Last Week	10-Weeks Prior	7-Weeks Prior
Eggs Set	212,861	212,557	210,125	**210,313**
Chicks Placed	174,269	174,628	170,953	169,208

\*\*CORRECTION: Week ending 08-May-04 should have read "210,864"

**SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 15-MAY-04**

	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago
Head (000)	158,470	157,101	155,533
Average Live Weight	5.24	5.33	5.25
To Date 2004 (000)	2,926,562	2,768,092	-----
To Date 2003 (000)	2,882,015	2,726,482	-----

**MONTHLY COLD STORAGE:** Total frozen poultry supplies on April 30, 2004 were 7% higher than the previous month, but were 10% lower than a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 6% from the previous month, but down 12% from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 7% from last month, but down 6% from April 30, 2003.

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