



Fast Food Fax

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Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand ranged light to moderate best where feature activity was planned. Wings, tenders and boneless thighs were in good balance and well cleared. Breast items were sufficient. Other items were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Weights were in a full range but mostly desirable.

Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Aug 30, 2003

	FOOD SERVICE/			
	<u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	----
Total (000)	12,599	31,103	35,944	79,646
Percentage	16%	39%	45%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weights</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weights</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	2,637	3.31
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	2,808	3.53
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., - 2 lbs., 12 oz.	2,890	3.63
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	<u>4,264</u>	<u>5.35</u>
		12,599	15.82

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
Jul 12	205,198	98	169,360	100	209,181	100	171,454	100	159,849	111
Jul 19	206,346	99	165,293	99	206,745	98	169,527	98	157,206	98
Jul 26	206,521	99	167,532	100	210,122	98	171,915	99	157,247	100
Aug 02	206,486	99	167,227	98	211,058	99	173,204	100	159,246	101
Aug 09	207,339	101	169,877	101	210,051	99	172,610	100	160,883	101
Aug 16	205,238	100	169,222	101	211,029	99	172,264	100	161,757	101
Aug 23	205,977	101	168,436	100	209,402	99	171,412	99	160,560	99
Aug 30	203,412	100	168,375	101	207,028	100	169,189	100	162,103	101
Sep 06	200,452	98	167,621	100	201,941	99	164,868	99	137,041	85

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 09/15/03				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed _____	59.50 - 62	61.13	58.71	51.08
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed _____	55 - 58	57.12	57.12	48.75
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed _____	74	71.32	71.32	66.65
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		64.27	63.61	56.69
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 69.25)		67.74	67.36	62.70
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		56.30	56.18	43.55

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
Weekly Weighted Average	09/12/03	09/12/03	09/15/03
Breast - B/S	173.99	167.14	195.50
Tenderloins	160.04	176.02	207.00 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	88.98	95.62	99.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	28.66	28.26	33.00
Wings	79.59	86.70	83.50