



Fast Food Fax

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Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate. Wings were in close balance and well cleared. Breast items were at least adequate to available. Other items were at adequate to least adequate. Weights were in a full range but mostly desirable.

Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Sep. 27, 2003

| | FOOD SERVICE/ | | | |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|--------|
| | FAST FOOD | RETAIL | DEBONING | TOTAL |
| Weight Range | 4.20 & Down | 4.21 - 5.25 | 5.26 & Up | ---- |
| Total (000) | 18,785 | 26,724 | 33,161 | 78,670 |
| Percentage | 24% | 34% | 42% | 100% |

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

| Live Weights | RTC WOG Weights | No. of Head (000) | Percentage of Total Slaughter |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3.60 lbs. & Lighter | Under 2 lbs., 8 oz. | 4,941 | 6.28 |
| 3.61 - 3.80 lbs. | 2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz. | 4,925 | 6.26 |
| 3.81 - 4.00 lbs. | 2 lbs., 10 oz., - 2 lbs., 12 oz. | 4,811 | 6.12 |
| 4.01 - 4.20 lbs. | 2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz. | 4,108 | 5.22 |
| | | 18,785 | 23.88 |

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) | %** |
| 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 |
| Sep 13 | 196,147 | 102 | 169,258 | 102 | 205,095 | 99 | 166,973 | 100 | 158,505 | 116 |
| Sep 20 | 194,733 | 103 | 165,572 | 100 | 204,832 | 98 | 166,977 | 98 | 156,044 | 98 |
| Sep 27 | 196,208 | 102 | 163,230 | 99 | 208,211 | 100 | 169,647 | 101 | 160,024 | 103 |
| Oct 04 | 192,871 | 100 | 159,130 | 102 | 207,394 | 100 | 169,064 | 100 | 158,247 | 99 |

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 10/13/03 | | | | |
| NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed _____ | 58- 60 | 59.87 | 59.52 | 45.45 |
| CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed _____ | 53- 56 | 56.58 | 56.56 | 43.33 |
| LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed _____ | 74 | 70.84 | 71.58 | 65.32 |
| 12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg. | | 63.07 | 63.63 | 52.70 |
| GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 68.75) | | 67.27 | 67.51 | 61.87 |
| SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg. | | 49.61 | 51.48 | 33.00 |

| Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.) | Northeast (Delivered) | Southern States (FOB) | Georgia (FOB) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Weekly Weighted Average | 10/10/03 | 10/10/03 | 10/13/03 |
| Breast - B/S | 163.72 | 146.72 | 183.00 |
| Thenderloins | 159.29 | 169.24 | 20200 (Line run) |
| Breast - Line Run | 80.07 | 86.31 | 91.00 (Whole) |
| Leg Quarters | 28.71 | 26.58 | 32.00 |
| Wings | 84.87 | 81.46 | 89.50 |