



# Fast Food Fax

DEC 29, 2003

Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand ranged light to good, best where feature activity was planned or in progress. All items were generally adequate following the holiday weekend. Weights were mostly desirable.

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## Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Dec. 13, 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)	25,306	29,485	42,058	96,849
Percentage	26%	30%	43%	99%

### 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.	10,370	10.71
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	5,344	5.52
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	6,591	6.81
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	<u>3,001</u>	<u>3.10</u>
		25,306	26.14

### 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)	%**
Oct 25	<b>190,408</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>158,628</b>	<b>101</b>	205,286	100	167,590	100	<b>159,099</b>	<b>101</b>
Nov 01	<b>192,529</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>159,856</b>	<b>103</b>	205,824	101	169,019	102	<b>157,750</b>	<b>99</b>
Nov 08	<b>199,335</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>153,307</b>	<b>101</b>	203,034	100	165,164	100	<b>158,112</b>	<b>100</b>
Nov 15	<b>203,470</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>156,301</b>	<b>106</b>	200,658	99	163,123	99	<b>157,078</b>	<b>99</b>
Nov 22	<b>203,078</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>156,686</b>	<b>101</b>	194,994	102	159,201	102	<b>151,254</b>	<b>96</b>
Nov 29	<b>207,122</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>164,879</b>	<b>102</b>	193,272	102	157,538	102	<b>118,334</b>	<b>78</b>
Dec 06	<b>202,883</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>167,042</b>	<b>103</b>	195,796	102	160,277	103	<b>154,912</b>	<b>131</b>
Dec 13	<b>206,418</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>166,780</b>	<b>102</b>	194,961	101	158,893	101	<b>153,501</b>	<b>99</b>
Dec 20	<b>206,340</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>170,156</b>	<b>103</b>	196,586	102	160,248	103	<b>154,431</b>	<b>101</b>

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
<b>Week of 12/29/03</b>				
<b>NEW YORK</b> Grade A Ice-packed	62-64	62.57	60.91	55.22
<b>CHICAGO</b> Grade A Ice-packed	56-59	59.29	58.97	52.46
<b>LOS ANGELES</b> Grade A Ice-packed	74	71.92	72.04	66.04
<b>12-CITY COMPOSITE</b> Weighted Avg.		65.57	65.73	58.22
<b>GEORGIA DOCK</b> FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 69.00)		67.51	67.81	60.73
<b>SOUTHERN STATES</b> FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		52.61	52.64	40.06

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
<b>Weekly Weighted Average</b>	<b>12/26/03</b>	<b>12/26/03</b>	<b>12/29/03</b>
<b>Breast - B/S</b>	147.15	135.55	170.50
<b>Tenderloins</b>	144.48	151.70	202.50 (Line run)
<b>Breast - Line Run</b>	72.95	82.85	89.00 (Whole)
<b>Leg Quarters</b>	29.75	25.56	30.50
<b>Wings</b>	101.49	101.45	103.50