



Fast Food Fax

SEP 20, 2004

Trade sentiment was mixed but mostly barely steady. Demand was fair to instances fairly good best where media promotions were planned. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available. Dark meat items were at least sufficient. Wings were adequate. Weights were mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Sept 04, 2004

	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)	25,276	22,125	42,204	89,605
Percentage	28%	25%	47%	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.	7,098	7.92
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	5,502	6.14
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	6,972	7.78
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.l	5,704	6.37
		25,276	28.21

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 17	213,573	103	174,330	105	212,852	103	174,161	102	161,060	110
Jul 24	212,608	102	173,164	103	213,728	102	176,923	102	161,269	100
Jul 31	214,473	104	172,155	103	213,895	101	178,349	103	161,732	100
Aug 07	213,454	103	174,371	103	212,737	101	175,300	102	159,603	99
Aug 14	213,018	104	173,308	102	212,324	101	174,911	101	161,051	101
Aug 21	212,548	103	175,852	104	213,649	102	175,859	102	163,809	102
Aug 28	210,374	104	174,887	103	214,094	103	175,620	104	164,670	101
Sep 04	209,158	104	173,432	103	212,932	105	174,763	106	167,764	102
Sep 11	202,346	104	174,288	103	210,446	102	173,595	103	149,574	89

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 09/20/04				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	60-63	62.74	62.64	61.68
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	58-61	61.58	61.44	58.27
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	83	80.05	81.08	71.62
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		69.21	69.59	64.59
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 78.00)		76.63	77.10	67.65
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		41.26	42.78	55.80

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
Weekly Weighted Average	09/17/04	09/17/04	09/20/04
Breast - B/S	144.96	125.38	180.00
Tenderloins	174.03	195.20	230.00 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	86.95	91.20	99.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	32.53	25.60	31.50
Wings	110.46	95.59	109.50