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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 26-JAN-2004

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	65.5-79	66-69	69.02	25

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

70.00

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

69.94

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Jan-04

	Current Week	Previous Week
BRO-FRY	151,364	162,400

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	207.50	1,262
BREASTS - B/S	180.50	5,200
BREASTS - WHOLE	94.50	1,405
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.00	931
LEG QUARTERS	33.00	7,394
WINGS	115.00	2,812

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were 1 cent higher from last Tuesday's Majority. The market tone on broiler/fryers remained steady to firm, mostly fully steady. Offerings were light to occasionally moderate for the like trade interest. Demand into retail centers was lackluster, mostly slow to light and as expected for end of the month. Food service demand was slow to moderate, best into casual dining. Extreme cold temperatures and new snow storms limiting consumer traffic. Floor stocks were in close balance to fully adequate. Weights were mostly desirable. Parts trade was spotty and irregular on mostly light offerings. Supplies of wings were more available, but clearing well; breast cuts were in close balance to tight; dark meat was barely adequate and held with confidence. The market tone was fully steady to firm on all parts.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2004

8-16 LB HENS	CURRENT	LAST	SAME WEEK	16-24 LB TOMS	CURRENT	LAST	SAME WEEK
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO		WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	61.50**	63.00	61.00**	EASTERN REGION	59.00**	60.00	58.50**
CENTRAL REGION	60.50**	59.50	60.50**	CENTRAL REGION	57.50**	57.50	57.75**
WESTERN REGION	62.00**	62.30**	60.38**	WESTERN REGION	59.00**	59.00**	58.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 17-Jan-2004 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS

	THOUSANDS
HEAD	157,478
AVG WT	5.20
LAST WEEK	158,835
SAME WK YR AGO	153,150
AVG WT	5.14
TO-DATE/2004	316,313
TO-DATE/2003	305,691

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS
	THOUSANDS	
HEAD	1,730	2,563
AVG WT	15.90	37.57
LAST WEEK	1,659	2,403
SAME WK YR AGO	1,717	2,681
AVG WT	15.61	38.16
TO-DATE/2004	3,389	4,966
TO-DATE/2003	3,491	5,290

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	136.00	136.00
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	211.00 - 214.00	211.60
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	82.00 - 83.00	82.13
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	132.00	132.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls,heavy Round	445.00 499.61	473.66
168 3 Round, top inside round	170.00 180.76	172.87
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	483.20 500.00	490.90
Ground Beef 81%	132.00 159.00	145.52

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