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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 01-MAR-2004

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	67.75-81	69-72	71.70	27

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 28-Feb-04

	Current Week	Previous Week
BRO-FRY	157,143	156,084

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

72.25

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

72.18

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

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	220.50	1,243
BREASTS - B/S	194.50	5,487
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.50	1,777
THIGH MEAT - B/S	124.50	1,015
LEG QUARTERS	39.50	7,683
WINGS	122.00	2,969

MIDWEST The market tone on whole broiler/fryers continues steady. Preliminary majority prices were unchanged in Chicago. Offerings were light for a like trade interest. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with fast food moderate to instances good. Floor stocks were in balance to occasionally long. Weights mostly desirable. Parts trade was slow with buyers very cautious as markets adjust. Supplies of leg quarters were building slightly, boneless skinless breasts varied tight to adequate for needs, wings well cleared and tenderloins tight. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on tenderloins, steady on wings, unsettled on breast cuts and cautiously steady to weak on dark meat items.

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 FEBRUARY 27, 2004

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	61.90**	61.50**	61.50**	EASTERN REGION	61.50	58.63**	59.00**
CENTRAL REGION	61.30**	61.00**	60.31	CENTRAL REGION	59.10**	58.00**	58.00
WESTERN REGION	62.30**	62.00**	61.50**	WESTERN REGION	59.00	59.00**	57.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 21-Feb-2004 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS

THOUSANDS

HEAD	152,287
AVG WT	5.05
LAST WEEK	152,505
SAME WK YR AGO	147,355
AVG WT	5.04
TO-DATE/2004	1,073,294
TO-DATE/2003	1,050,730

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

YOUNG HENS

YOUNG TOMS

THOUSANDS

HEAD	1,651	2,507
AVG WT	15.58	36.23
LAST WEEK	1,708	2,385
SAME WK YR AGO	1,668	2,606
AVG WT	15.79	37.14
TO-DATE/2004	11,724	17,010
TO-DATE/2003	11,802	18,174

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	101.00-11000	105.86
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	156.00 - 164.00	158.92
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy SPARERIB	85.00	85.00
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LG	142.00	142.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls,heavy Round	485.00 555.00	531.28
168 3 Round, top inside round	154.00 166.46	158.80
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	535.00 575.00	562.18
Ground Beef 81%	107.00 126.00	115.75

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