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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 26-MAR-2004

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	69.25-81	71-74	73.22	27

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

73.75

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

73.62

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 27-Mar-04

	Current Week	Previous Week
BRO-FRY	156,496	157,909

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	252.00	1,259
BREASTS - B/S	226.50	5,503
BREASTS - WHOLE	121.00	1,827
THIGH MEAT - B/S	118.50	1,035
LEG QUARTERS	35.00	7,386
WINGS	129.50	2,987

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged when compared to Monday's majority. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers continues steady to fully steady. Additional offerings were light. Movement into retail channels was light to moderate. Food service trade was moderate, fairly good demand into fast food promotions. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights were desirable to at times heavy. Parts offerings were limited on white meat and wings. The market tone was fully steady to firm on white meat 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 MARCH 26, 2004

	CURRENT			CURRENT		
	WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS						
EASTERN REGION	61.00	62.50**	59.03			
CENTRAL REGION	63.00**	63.00**	60.80**			
WESTERN REGION	66.00	63.00**	61.50**			
16-24 LB TOMS						
EASTERN REGION				59.00	60.00**	57.50
CENTRAL REGION				61.00**	61.00**	56.50
WESTERN REGION				61.00**	61.00**	56.80

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 20-Mar-2004 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS

THOUSANDS

HEAD	153,006
AVG WT	5.15
LAST WEEK	157,179
SAME WK YR AGO	153,022
AVG WT	5.09
TO-DATE/2004	1,689,638
TO-DATE/2003	1,655,032

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

YOUNG HENS

YOUNG TOMS

THOUSANDS

HEAD	1,701	2,449
AVG WT	15.71	36.35
LAST WEEK	1,646	2,589
SAME WK YR AGO	1,777	2,744
AVG WT	15.79	36.29
TO-DATE/2004	18,544	27,029
TO-DATE/2003	18,966	29,026

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated

PRICE RANGE

WTD AVG

Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	113.00	113.00
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	145.00	145.00
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy SPARERIB	91.00	91.00
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	151.00	151.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated

PRICE RANGE

WTD AVG

112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls,heavy	620.00 655.00	643.17
168 3 Round, top inside round	165.50 179.85	170.31
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	626.71 652.00	633.66
Ground Beef 81%	104.00 121.25	108.75

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