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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 26-APR-2004

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	70.25-81	72-75	74.05	28

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Apr-04

	Current Week	Previous Week
BRO-FRY	158,623	158,112

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

75.00

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

74.82

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	259.50	1,209
BREASTS - B/S	228.00	5,376
BREASTS - WHOLE	123.50	1,782
THIGH MEAT - B/S	114.50	981
LEG QUARTERS	34.50	7,421
WINGS	131.50	2,900

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. The whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady, instances fully steady. Offerings were light to moderate for a mostly light trade interest. Movement into retail and food service accounts was slow to fair for the most part; occasionally fairly good for fast food and retail features. Floor stocks were adequate to long. Weights mostly desirable. Trade on parts was quiet, although inquiries for out-front increased. Offerings of parts were light to moderate with wings and tenders slightly more available. The market tone was mostly steady, undertone firm on dark meat and breast cuts; barely steady on wings.

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 APRIL 23, 2004

	CURRENT			LAST			SAME WEEK		
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION	64.60**	64.00	61.50**						
CENTRAL REGION	64.50**	64.00	62.00						
WESTERN REGION	65.10**	65.00**	61.50**						
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	64.90**	62.00	59.00**						
CENTRAL REGION	64.70**	64.00	58.50**						
WESTERN REGION	64.80**	64.50**	58.50**						

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 17-Apr-2004 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS

THOUSANDS

HEAD	152,185
AVG WT	5.26
LAST WEEK	150,462
SAME WK YR AGO	144,469
AVG WT	5.31
TO-DATE/2004	2,297,086
TO-DATE/2003	2,260,755

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

YOUNG HENS

YOUNG TOMS

THOUSANDS

HEAD	1,634	2,466
AVG WT	15.81	37.29
LAST WEEK	1,589	2,278
SAME WK YR AGO	1,778	2,644
AVG WT	16.18	37.07
TO-DATE/2004	25,310	36,967
TO-DATE/2003	25,952	40,309

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	114.00 - 122.00	116.20
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	147.00	147.00
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	94.00	94.00
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LG	148.00 - 155.00	150.33

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	690.00 739.00	711.13
168 3 Round, top inside round	182.90 194.42	186.70
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	728.72 750.00	741.01
Ground Beef 81%	113.00 136.10	123.56

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