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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 28-MAY-2004

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	73.5-87	78-81	79.59	30

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

78.00

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.

77.92

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

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME ITEM (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	256.50	1,270
BREASTS - B/S	257.00	5,286
BREASTS - WHOLE	135.00	1,788
THIGH MEAT - B/S	122.50	972
LEG QUARTERS	37.50	7,412
WINGS	119.00	2,931

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-MAY-04

	Current Week	Previous Week
BRO-FRY	162,401(2)	162,971

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Trade sentiment continued steady to firm. Offerings of whole fryers very limited for the light to moderate buyer needs. Movement into all channels was usually noted as expected, fair to very good. Best demand was into catering, scattered holiday retail features and some fast food outlets. Retail features noted on 3# bag boneless/skinless breasts at \$7.99; boneless/skinless breasts at \$2.99; split breasts at \$1.18 and \$1.99; drums and thighs at 99 and 87 cents. Floor stocks were in a full range, but mostly adequate to in very close balance. Weights were desirable. Offerings of wings were fully available with all other items adequate to short. The market tone was fully steady to firm on drums and breast cuts, steady on leg quarters with wings steady to barely steady.

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 MAY 28, 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	67.50	67.00	60.00**	EASTERN REGION	67.50	67.38	58.50**
CENTRAL REGION	67.00	66.20	59.38**	CENTRAL REGION	67.17	66.80	57.75**
WESTERN REGION	67.30 **	66.50 **	60.50**	WESTERN REGION	67.40 **	66.70 **	57.50**

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 22-May-2004 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS THOUSANDS

HEAD	159,896
AVG WT	5.20
LAST WEEK	158,470
SAME WK YR AGO	159,049
AVG WT	5.01
TO-DATE/2003	3,086,458
TO-DATE/2002	3,041,064

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

YOUNG HENS THOUSANDS

HEAD	1,802	2,567
AVG WT	16.02	37.23
LAST WEEK	1,807	2,612
SAME WK YR AGO	2,024	2,784
AVG WT	15.89	36.69
TO-DATE/2003	34,366	49,643
TO-DATE/2002	36,003	54,720

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	129.00-135.00	132.11
BNLS strap-on 5-11#	184.00-194.00	189.00
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	97.00	97.00
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#DN-LGT	160.00-164.00	162.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy		
112A 3	520.00 585.27	540.16
Round		
168 3, top inside round	169.73 186.00	174.75
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	700.71 759.80	736.32
Ground Beef 81%	102.99 120.15	107.83

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