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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 20-SEP-2004

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	44-78	58-61	60.90	30

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

78.00

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

77.70

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 18-Sep-04

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	169,891	153,951

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	233.50	1,092
BREASTS - B/S	182.00	5,299
BREASTS - WHOLE	99.50	1,522
THIGH MEAT - B/S	78.50	815
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	7,333
WINGS	109.50	2,802

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was cautiously steady. Major producers in direct path of hurricane damage had curtailed or limited production; production areas outside of eastern gulf area were running and offerings were moderate, although transport issues were a concern. Buyer interest was irregular, mostly light to fair. Demand was generally light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights desirable. Offerings of parts were available for the limited trade needs. The market tone was steady overall with weak undertone on breast cuts.

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 ENDING SEPTEMBER 17, 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	74.50**	73.75**	62.00	EASTERN REGION	73.90**	73.75**	61.26
CENTRAL REGION	75.00	73.25**	61.99	CENTRAL REGION	74.00	73.25**	59.50**
WESTERN REGION	74.50**	73.00	64.57	WESTERN REGION	73.90**	73.75**	62.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 11-September-2004 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS	
THOUSANDS	
Head	149,574
Avg Wt	5.31
Last week	167,764
Same wk yr ago	158,505
Avg Wt	5.18
To-date/2004	5,628,856
To-date/2003	5,540,416

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

YOUNG HENS		YOUNG TOMS	
		THOUSANDS	
Head	1,564	2,371	
Avg Wt	15.87	35.68	
Last week	1,827	2,716	
Same wk yr ago	1,980	2,882	
Avg Wt	15.25	34.37	
To-date/2004	62,350	91,519	
To-date/2003	67,488	98,186	

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	125.00 - 126.00	125.73
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	175.00	175.00
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	85.00 - 86.00	85.24
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	123.00	123.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	475.00 538.00	492.87
168 3 Round, top inside round	168.00 175.00	168.15
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	419.00 455.00	434.97
Ground Beef 81%	130.25 141.50	133.89

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