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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 01-Oct-2004

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	44-76.75	58-61	60.66	31

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Oct-04

	Current Week	Previous Week
BRO-FRY	164,024(2)	164,337

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

76.75

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.

76.34

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	219.50	1,353
BREASTS - B/S	167.50	5,623
BREASTS - WHOLE	90.00	1,520
THIGH MEAT - B/S	76.50	1,047
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,168
WINGS	108.50	3,020

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from last Monday's final. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was cautiously steady. Heavy weight bird offerings continued plentiful with smaller weights adequate; fill-in trade on 3 up wogs noted at 48 cents and on 2.5 to 2.75 wogs at 57 cents into the Ohio area. Retail and food service movement was generally slow, instances moderate around resorts and for some retail features. Features noted on boneless skinless breasts at \$2.25. Floor stocks were sufficient to fully sufficient. Weights were mostly desirable, instances heavier than desired. Buyers remained cautious on parts trade as most continue to work from current inventories. Supplies of breast cuts ample with the balance of parts fully sufficient. The market tone was about steady on wings and leg cuts, barely steady to weak on breast 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 OCTOBER 01, 2004				WEEK OF OCTOBER 01, 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	75.21	75.11	63.28	EASTERN REGION	74.80 **	74.00	61.63
CENTRAL REGION	77.00	74.06	63.33	CENTRAL REGION	74.30 **	74.00	60.82
WESTERN REGION	75.70 **	75.00 **	63.33	WESTERN REGION	74.80 **	74.00 **	62.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 25-Sep-2004 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS

THOUSANDS

HEAD	161,724
AVG WT	5.39
LAST WEEK	154,376
SAME WK YR AGO	160,024
AVG WT	5.24
TO-DATE/2004	5,944,956
TO-DATE/2003	5,856,484

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

YOUNG HENS

YOUNG TOMS

THOUSANDS

HEAD	1,580	2,652
AVG WT	15.74	36.02
LAST WEEK	1,759	2,730
SAME WK YR AGO	2,044	2,877
AVG WT	15.75	34.80
TO-DATE/2003	65,689	96,901
TO-DATE/2002	71,408	103,781

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated

	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	126.00-128.00	127.00
BNLS strap-on 5-11#	169.00	169.00
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	89.00	89.00
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#DN-LGT	130.00-135.00	133.20

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated

	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy		
112A 3	450.00 490.00	455.15
Round		
168 3, top inside round	167.00 180.00	167.32
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	444.60 475.00	459.15
Ground Beef 81%	142.00 148.48	143.22