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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 11-OCT-2004

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	45-76.25	58-61	60.50	31

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 09-Oct-04

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	171,763	164,024

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

76.25

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

75.95

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	198.50	1,424
BREASTS - B/S	165.00	5,619
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.50	1,506
THIGH MEAT - B/S	77.50	1,061
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,132
WINGS	107.50	2,998

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices on whole fryers into the Chicago area unchanged from Monday's final. Trade interest was light to fair, market tone mostly steady. Offerings were limited on small birds, larger weights adequate. First of the month demand was fading with few receivers noting demand better than moderate. Retail advertisements provided bulk of movement, followed by restaurants, while fast food was fairly light. Floor stocks were in better balance at week's end with some noting fully adequate supplies. Weights were desirable overall. Parts trade was generally unchanged all week, very light to instances fair; best demand noted on breast items for ads and dark meat. Parts offerings remained fully sufficient. The market tone steady to firm on dark meat, steady with a cautious undertone on wings and leg quarters and steady to weak on the balance.

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 OCTOBER 08, 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	75.97	75.21	64.58	EASTERN REGION	75.81	74.80**	62.50
CENTRAL REGION	75.86	77.00	64.46	CENTRAL REGION	76.00	74.30**	62.63
WESTERN REGION	76.00**	75.70**	64.19	WESTERN REGION	75.50**	74.80**	64.35

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 02-October -2004 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS

	THOUSANDS
Head	162,066
Avg Wt	5.35
Last week	161,724
Same wk yr ago	158,247
Avg Wt	4.99
To-date/2004	6,107,022
To-date/2003	6,014,731

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

YOUNG HENS YOUNG TOMS THOUSANDS

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS
Head	1,650	2,615
Avg Wt	15.61	35.73
Last week	1,580	2,652
Same wk yr ago	1,929	2,743
Avg Wt	15.53	34.43
To-date/2004	67,339	99,516
To-date/2003	73,337	106,524

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	110.00	110.00
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	157.00 - 165.00	161.00
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy SPARERIB	82.00 - 93.00	86.40
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	141.00	141.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	453.61 496.00	468.22
168 3 Round, top inside round	160.11 172.30	166.41
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	452.15 481.00	458.10
Ground Beef 81%	122.50 137.55	128.59

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