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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 12-Dec-03

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)		ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY			
	Actual Slaughter	Live Weight	Price Range	Weighted Price	# of Boxes	
12-08	2,203	5.53	59-77	65.38	9,937	
12-09	2,226	5.52	58-75	65.02	7,474	
12-10	2,043	5.46	61-75	65.20	6,592	
12-11	2,229	5.37	57-75	64.58	6,665	
12-12	2,088	5.40	58-77	64.59	9,760	
Weekly	10,789	5.46	Cumulative:	64.96	40,428	

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, week of 15-Dec-03

Weighted Averages for:	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago
New York	61.36	62.26	50.61
Chicago	59.22	59.29	44.87
Detroit	58.14	59.00	44.33
Los Angeles	72.35	71.79	65.10
Composite Weighted Average	65.77	66.01	53.89

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 12-Dec-03

	Weekly Weighted Average Price	Total Volume/Pounds
Breast - B/S	145.60	3,162,216
Tenderloins	142.93	652,490
Breast - With Ribs	83.13	762,541
Breast - Line Run	77.24	543,360
Legs	37.09	1,829,240
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	29.54	1,843,700
Drumsticks	38.96	777,419
Thighs	39.47	479,320
B/S Thighs	88.05	371,910
Wings (Whole)	99.36	711,820

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg))

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 06-Dec-03

	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago	10-Weeks Prior	7-Weeks Prior
Eggs Set	202,883	207,122	199,994	195,796	187,654
Chicks Placed	167,042	164,879	161,841	163,123	160,277

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 06-DEC-03

	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago
Head (000)	154,912	118,334	151,980
Average Live Weight	5.45	5.35	5.13
To Date 2003 (000)	7,511,270	7,356,358	-----
To Date 2002 (000)	7,570,901	7,418,921	-----

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on **October 31, 2003** were down 6% from last month and down 21% from last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were down slightly from last month and down 30% from last year's level. Total pounds of turkey in freezers decreased 12% from last month and were 8% below last year.

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