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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 25-Apr-03

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)		ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY			
	<u>Actual Slaughter</u>	<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Weighted Price</u>	<u># of Boxes</u>	
04-21	1,547	5.33	51-66	56.82	2,483	
04-22	2,198	5.23	48-63	54.32	7,017	
04-23	2,209	5.19	50-68	55.82	3,849	
04-24	2,152	5.15	51-71	54.99	8,466	
04-25	2,031	5.12	50-63	55.23	11,212	
Weekly	10,135	5.20	Cumulative:	55.16	33,027	

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 28-Apr-03

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	52.36	52.24	46.15
Chicago	50.09	50.37	45.52
Detroit	50.67	50.60	45.64
Los Angeles	67.59	67.41	64.28
12-City Composite	58.10	57.61	53.84

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 25-Apr-03

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	148.61	2,126,855
Tenderloins	135.57	556,063
Breast - With Ribs	83.04	971,760
Breast - Line Run	78.89	576,480
Legs	31.25	1,323,800
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	20.91	2,109,483
Drumsticks	28.32	531,740
Thighs	32.21	214,220
B/S Thighs	66.02	501,720
Wings (Whole)	65.63	887,610

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

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 19-Apr-03

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>	<u>10-Weeks Prior</u>	<u>7-Weeks Prior</u>
Eggs Set	208,793	209,026	211,242	202,772	206,547
Chicks Placed	166,755	169,038	168,903	164,887	163,548

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 19-APR-03

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	144,469	152,185	158,640
Average Live Weight	5.31	5.17	5.16
To Date 2003 (000)	2,387,548	2,243,079	-----
To Date 2002 (000)	2,445,523	2,283,883	-----

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on 03/31/03 were up 3% from last month but down 7% from last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were down 4% from last month and down 20% from last year's level. Total pounds of turkeys in freezers increased 14% from last month and 16% above last year.

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