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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 09-May-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>	
05-12	2,296	5.18	51-67	57.65	8,279	
05-13	2,354	5.25	52-73	58.37	9,247	
05-14	2,370	5.18	53-69	58.14	7,929	
05-15	2,390	5.10	52-73	58.27	8,628	
05-16	2,485	5.27	53-74	57.73	7,292	
Weekly	11,894	5.20	Cumulative:	58.05	41,375	

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 19-May-03

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	55.13	55.09	52.38
Chicago	52.52	52.04	49.62
Detroit	51.93	53.18	48.58
Los Angeles	67.85	67.09	66.67
12-City Composite	59.86	59.02	56.77

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 16-May-03

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	162.48	2,040,080
Tenderloins	146.43	470,230
Breast - With Ribs	94.96	879,280
Breast - Line Run	92.13	536,640
Legs	35.34	848,900
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	24.63	2,275,145
Drumsticks	31.68	545,552
Thighs	35.52	329,570
B/S Thighs	65.34	374,300
Wings (Whole)	70.55	812,190

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

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 10-May-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	205,876	208,624	211,162	206,547	206,460
Chicks Placed	170,085	171,495	172,081	163,548	169,125

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 10-MAY-03

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	155,587	156,760	158,061
Average Live Weight	5.20	5.09	5.24
To Date 2003 (000)	2,853,275	2,697,688	-----
To Date 2002 (000)	2,919,072	2,761,011	-----

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on 04/30/03 were up 9% from last month but down 5% from last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were up 12% from last month but down 16% from last year's level. Total pounds of turkeys in freezers increased 6% from last month and 11% above last year.

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