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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 23-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>	
05-19	2,280	5.29	51-69	58.21	8,108	
05-20	2,372	5.24	53-74	58.01	9,519	
05-21	2,385	5.08	53-69	58.97	9,504	
05-22	2,370	5.11	53-74	59.27	8,483	
05-23	2,801	5.20	53-71	59.53	7,281	
Weekly	12,307	5.19	Cumulative:	58.77	42,895	

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 26-May-03

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	57.04	55.13	56.38
Chicago	55.13	52.52	51.68
Detroit	55.64	51.93	50.92
Los Angeles	68.37	67.85	67.01
12-City Composite	61.33	59.86	58.47

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 23-May-03

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	168.54	2,700,398
Tenderloins	158.43	620,400
Breast - With Ribs	98.85	1,085,542
Breast - Line Run	96.53	541,200
Legs	34.28	1,270,760
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	25.03	2,659,995
Drumsticks	31.71	744,077
Thighs	35.12	358,461
B/S Thighs	68.96	458,250
Wings (Whole)	72.71	1,014,200

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

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 17-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	209,019	205,876	213,431	207,539	205,168
Chicks Placed	170,022	170,085	171,004	165,230	169,325

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 17-MAY-03

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	155,533	155,587	158,538
Average Live Weight	5.25	5.20	5.10
To Date 2003 (000)	3,008,808	2,853,275	-----
To Date 2002 (000)	3,077,610	2,919,072	-----

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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