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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was about steady in the West, steady to barely steady in the Midwest, and steady to weak in the East. Retail demand was slow to fair, best where scattered features were present. Food service was moderate to good, best for fast food and resort areas. Supplies were adequate to ample, instances short on lighter weights in parts of the Midwest. In the parts structure, trading was slow to moderate with wings in the strongest position. Supplies were balanced to well cleared for wings, at least adequate and at times difficult to clear for all other parts. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cent to 61.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 67.50 cents last year on the 15th of July 1998.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
BREASTS - B/S	164.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	65.50
LEG QUARTERS	23.50
WINGS	51.50

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 7/10/99	1999	1998	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	179,414	174,784	+03
CHICKS PLACED	146,777	142,108	+03

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 179 million eggs during the week ending July 10, 1999. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 10, 1999. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through July 10, 1999, were 3.91 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 21-Aug-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 150.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 154.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 72.89 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was about steady. Offerings were adequate to ample and slow to clear. Sharper discounts were offered on surplus product. Buyer interest in other than regular commitments had yet to develop. Demand for whole body was light to moderate and fairly good for parts, best where featured. Floor stocks were adequate. The market tone remained weak on breast fronts and leg quarters, steady on drumsticks and thighs, firm on wings.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to weak. Demand was unaggressive to fair with light trading. Supplies were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, wings showed best movement with supplies adequate to close balanced, dark meat items were adequate to fully sufficient with demand slow to light. Breast items were irregular, but mostly balanced with fair interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady to barely steady. Offerings of whole fryers were fully adequate or available for large sizes and adequate to instances short on lighter weight product. Retail demand was unseasonably slow to fair with best movement where features in progress. Movement into food service channels was fair to fairly good, best into fast food outlets and resort areas. Floor stocks adequate with weights desirable and trending higher. Parts trading was light to moderate at best. Supplies of all items at least adequate with wings in the best balance. The trade sentiment was fully steady on wings, barely steady on boneless/skinless breasts and dark meat items, about steady on the remainder of items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained seasonally light. Offerings were usually more than adequate to handle the limited buyer interest. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair with promotional activity doing little to increase buying. The market tone was weak and unsettled. In the parts market, product was relatively more than sufficient for current light needs with competitively priced product from outside the area vying for the available business.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as light to fair at best and typical of normal mid-week activity. Offerings were fully adequate to ample on the 2.5 pound size; adequate and in fairly good balance on the heavier sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. In the parts complex wings cleared at higher trending prices. Leg items were readily available and difficult to clear. Breast items were fully adequate. Tenderloins were in excess. *BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	53-77
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	60.22
NO. OF BOXES	6,584

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	731	148.00-196.00	148-155	173.46	BREAST - B/S	886	148.00-196.00	148-155	169.34
TENDERLOINS	72	140.00-195.00	140	156.81	TENDERLOINS	70	140.00-195.00	140	157.29
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	75.00-78.00	78	77.71	BREAST - LINE RUN	82	75.00-78.00	78	77.71
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				LEGS	84	29.00-39.00	29	29.52
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	273	19.00-23.00	19-22	21.54	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	833	19.00-25.00	19-22	21.85
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,141	22.00-26.00	22-23.5	23.67	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,061	21.00-26.00	21-23.5	22.80
WINGS (WHOLE)	227	44.00-49.00	47-49	47.11	WINGS (WHOLE)	227	44.00-49.00	47-49	47.11
WINGS (CUT)	462	57.00-66.00	55-57	59.79	WINGS (CUT)	528	57.00-66.00	57-61	60.17
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	68	62.00-72.00	69-72	70.38	B/S THIGHS	68	62.00-72.00	-	70.38

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR JULY 13, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE
 40.00-47.50 46.41

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR JULY 14, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE TODAY'S 5-DAY
 AVERAGE AVERAGE
 42.00 - 45.00 43.43 44.56

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was mostly light and unaggressive. Offerings were fully adequate with competitively priced product from outside the immediate area causing some unsettledness. Retail and distributive movement continued discouraging with limited promotional activity creating some consumer buying interest. The market tone was about steady.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL

TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES JULY 13, 1999

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	AVG**				TRADING*	AVG**	AVG**		
BREAST - B/S	150-155	157.15	448,240			BREAST - B/S	145-155	155.75	512,320		
TENDERLOINS	-	141.50	32,320			TENDERLOINS	-	138.70	48,720		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	76.69	200,800			BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	79.17	178,560		
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	70.77	119,000			BREAST - LINE RUN	67	71.22	151,000		
LEGS	30-31	34.76	143,040			LEGS	30-31	35.27	211,240		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.62	375,051			LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	21.15	392,366		
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	33.57	93,750			DRUMSTICKS	30-31	33.66	78,200		
THIGHS	17-18	30.96	52,720			THIGHS	17-18	26.17	95,600		
B/S THIGHS	70-71	71.35	32,550			B/S THIGHS	70-71	72.79	23,080		
WINGS (WHOLE)	48-49	53.26	182,480			WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	57.68	184,400		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.09	23,280			BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.16	18,640		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	25.28	19,655			LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	25.02	20,600		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35	39.32	30,920			GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	39.39	38,840		

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	07/14	07/13	07/12	07/09	07/12	07/09	07/07	07/05
ALA	3,782	3,884	3,747	4,688	5.12	5.07	3,830	4.16
ARK	4,956	5,226	4,976	6,962	4.89	4.73	4,710	4.36
DELMARVA	2,421	2,419	2,404	2,852	4.96	4.84	2,377	5.40
KY-LA-TN	1,814	1,785	1,698	1,863	4.57	4.38	1,755	4.11
MISS	2,791	2,779	2,758	3,076	5.04	4.89	2,740	3.87
NC	2,587	2,589	2,280	2,443	5.76	5.54	2,366	5.43
TEXAS	2,067	2,062	2,069	2,235	4.82	4.67	2,073	4.66
TOTAL	20,418	20,744	19,932	24,119	5.03	4.88	19,851	4.59
MON-WED	61,577 (A)				44,589 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Jul 99 is estimated to be 30,548,000 up 2.55 percent from a week ago and up 8.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,788,000; last year 28,287,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	83-91
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	359
RABBITS-CUT UP	376

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		92-98
	DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-110
	DRY PACK	118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	92
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		149-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 17

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	07/17/99 (1)	07/10/99
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	152,457 (2)	140,372
LT HENS	2,280	1,896
HVY HENS	1,643	1,430
CHECK TOTAL	156,380	143,698

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Jul-99 is 155.4 million head compared to 146.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.3 million head or 1.1 million less than estimated available. For week of 24-Jul-99 the estimated available is 155.7 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 12-Jul-99	193,183	101,317
AM 1-July-99	180,335	96,237
CHG	12848	5080
PCT CHG	7	5

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT

(IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/12/99	07/05/99	07/13/98	07/12/99	07/05/99	07/13/98
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	41,183	24,793	44,635	21,442	19,995	9,796
ANGELES	1,191	1,237	534	10,147	10,378	2,950

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 07/13/99

	LO	HI	AVG	LO	HI	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.501	.55	.69	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-3.00	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-2.00	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	1.252	1.50
BANTAMS lb.	-.35	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.404	.25
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	.90
PULLETS lb.	-3.50	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.002	.75
ROOSTERS lb.	1.151	1.601	1.35	ROOSTERS ea.	.401	.75
GEESE lb.	-.40	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	1.002	1.35	1.41	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.651	1.45	.97	DUCKS ea.	-2.75	-
RABBITS lb.	.601	1.55	.93	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.505	1.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.00	11.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.25	3.25
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-2.75	-	-	SILKIES ea.	1.50	4.75
DUCKS ea	-12.00	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	4.25
GUINEA KEETS ea.	3.00	6.00	-			

TOTAL COOPS 134

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JULY 14, 1999.

HENS		RANGE
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)		60-62
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)		66

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