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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak in the Northeast, generally steady elsewhere. Retail demand was improved from previous week due to first of the month business. Food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food channels. Supplies of larger sizes were adequate to short in the Northeast, but fully adequate to ample in the Midwest. Smaller sizes were at least sufficient. In the parts structure, trading was best for breast items with supplies in closer balance. Demand for dark meat and wings was light to fair with wings in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were 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 .50 cent to 59.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 70.00 cents last year on the 5th of August 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	157.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	61.50
LEG QUARTERS	20.50
WINGS	52.00

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 7/31/99	1999	1998	
EGGS SET	179,135	174,311	+03
CHICKS PLACED	141,699	138,463	+02

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 31, 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 81 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 142 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 31, 1999. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through July 31, 1999, were 4.34 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 11-Sep-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 150.7 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 144.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 131.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 70.92 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were adequate. Sizes trended lighter due to hot weather conditions in some production areas. Demand for wholebody was light to moderate, moderate to fairly good for parts; best where featured. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was fully steady on bone-in breasts, barely steady on wings and generally steady on balance of parts.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail movement was improved from last week due in part to first of the month business. Food service also improved ranging fair to fairly good, best into fast food. Supplies were better balanced as a result of decreased production and slightly higher DOA counts due to the effects of high heat. In the parts structure, breast items received additional interest, and demand for dark meat items was better, mainly for retail ads. Availability was balanced to fully sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was in a full range, mostly steady. Offerings were at least adequate for lighter weight product with heavier weights fully adequate to ample for trade needs. Movement into retail and food service accounts was reported as slowly improving, but fell short of expectations. Best demand in all areas was into fast food accounts. Floor stocks were in good balance with sizes mostly desirable. Parts trading was light to instances fair and highly selective. Supplies of all items were at least adequate with breast items in better balance and wings remaining long. The trade sentiment was at least steady on breast items, steady on dark meat items and wings were barely steady to weak.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate at best. Offerings continued to be readily available on 2 1/2's and about adequate on the balance. Demand through most outlets was slightly improved with dealers attributing it to the first of the month. The market tone was barely steady to weak in instances. In the parts market, breast items were held with confidence, wings were weak and difficult to place, and other items were in good balance to easily satisfy current trade needs.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair on the adequate to ample supply of 2.5 to 3 pound sizes; good on the adequate to short supply of heavier sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly light to desirable. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady on the smaller sizes; fully steady on the larger. In the parts complex, a fairly active inquiry was keeping the breast cuts well cleared. Leg quarters were closely cleared to fully adequate. Wings were readily available.

*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	47-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.66
NO. OF BOXES	6,409

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 04, 1999

ITEM	POUNDS			
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	869	125.00-171.00	135-140	143.15
TENDERLOINS	102	135.00-190.00	-	146.86
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	105	59.00-65.00	-	61.67
LEGS	96	24.00-35.00	24-25	25.83
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	14.00-18.50	14-15.5	15.29
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,180	17.00-21.00	17-19	18.34
WINGS (WHOLE)	136	47.00-55.00	48-50	50.55
WINGS (CUT)	456	54.00-69.00	56-59	59.69
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	70	50.00-67.00	-	52.83

ITEM	POUNDS			
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	791	127.00-171.00	135-145	146.58
TENDERLOINS	102	130.00-190.00	130-135	145.39
BREAST - LINE RUN	130	61.00-64.00	62-63	62.91
FRONT HALVES	115	54.00-63.00	-	59.22
LEGS	58	24.00-35.00	24-25	25.52
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	387	13.00-17.50	16-17	16.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,154	17.00-21.00	18-19	18.05
WINGS (WHOLE)	176	46.00-55.00	47-49	49.79
WINGS (CUT)	496	52.00-68.00	57-59	58.64
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	82	53.00-70.00	-	57.09

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR AUGUST 03, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
36.50-41.75	38.48

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR AUGUST 04, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
33.50 - 40.25	37.61	37.02

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 about moderate as dealers began to feel more comfortable working with normal floor stocks. Offerings were in closer balance on breast items, burdensome on wings, and generally adequate on the balance. Retail and distributive movement improved slightly for the first of the month. The market tone was unsettled as breast items were held with some confidence, wings were sharply discounted, and the balance of items were generally steady.

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

TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES AUGUST 03, 1999

AUGUST 04, 1999

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	135-145	142.58	479,470	
TENDERLOINS	130-135	134.63	26,800	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	65.49	159,680	
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	58.95	70,000	
LEGS	27-28	31.26	110,710	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	18.39	361,360	
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	31.44	79,550	
THIGHS	17-18	28.56	50,880	
B/S THIGHS	70-71	68.64	31,200	
WINGS (WHOLE)	48-49	56.24	129,640	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.10	20,400	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.08	8,660	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	38.65	33,310	

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	140-145	144.94	427,529	
TENDERLOINS	130-135	133.82	26,880	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	59-60	66.27	178,640	
BREAST - LINE RUN	59	61.68	188,240	
LEGS	27-28	28.90	216,760	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	18.54	368,840	
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	32.03	67,230	
THIGHS	17-18	26.84	61,800	
B/S THIGHS	70-71	69.58	36,280	
WINGS (WHOLE)	46-47	54.15	203,440	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.01	20,120	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.58	11,000	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	39.62	30,960	

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 WTS		AVG WTS	
	08/04	08/03	08/02	07/30	08/02	07/30	07/28	07/26
ALA	3,869	3,862	3,690	3,927	4.90	4.86	3,814	5.07
ARK	5,139	4,858	4,988	5,562	4.73	4.43	4,751	4.76
DELMARVA	2,470	2,417	2,373	2,564	4.96	4.84	2,374	5.01
KY-LA-TN	1,778	1,788	1,723	2,070	4.41	4.40	1,799	4.38
MISS	2,724	2,780	2,719	2,836	4.82	4.78	2,788	4.96
NC	2,588	2,582	2,483	2,859	5.44	5.43	2,490	5.65
TEXAS	1,939	2,079	2,047	2,657	4.67	4.59	1,985	4.72
TOTAL	20,507	20,366	20,023	22,475	4.86	4.74	20,001	4.95
MON-WED	61,499 (A)						60,473 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Aug 99 is estimated to be 30,681,000 up 2.22 percent from a week ago and up 5.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,014,000; last year 28,965,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	83-91
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	309-334
RABBITS-CUT UP	326-351

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-97
	DRY PACK	107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	92
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		149-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 7

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/07/99 (1)	07/31/99
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	158,837 (2)	153,315
LT HENS	2,139	2,212
HVY HENS	1,508	1,572
CHECK TOTAL	162,484	157,099

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Aug-99 is 156.8 million head compared to 147.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.8 million head or 4.0 million more than estimated available. For week of 14-Aug-99 the estimated available is 155.9 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 2-Aug-99	195,480	94,776
AM 1-July-99	180,335	96,237
CHG	15,145	-1,461
PCT CHG	8	-2

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT

(IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/2/99	07/26/99	08/3/98	08/2/99	07/26/99	08/3/98
PACIFIC						
COAST	39,503	41,680	40,877	19,056	19,310	8,807
LOS ANGELES	1,142	1,158	458	9,103	9,586	2,819

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 08/03/99

	LO HI AVG			LO HI AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	.45	1.00	.80	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.50	1.55	.88	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.40	.75	.65	BANTAMS ea.	.50	.75
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	.25	.40	.33	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.50	.75
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.75	1.25
ROOSTERS lb.	.45	1.50	.86	ROOSTERS ea.	2.00	5.00
GEESE lb.	-	.35	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.30	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.40	.75	.60	DUCKS ea.	-	3.00
RABBITS lb.	.15	1.15	.80	RABBITS ea.	-	1.50
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	3.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.00	10.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.50	3.25
GUINEA KEET Sea	2.75	4.00	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	6.00
SILKIES ea.	1.50	3.25	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.25	-			

TOTAL COOPS 84

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 AUGUST 2, 1999.

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

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