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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to firm with caution still noted in the Northeast. Demand ranged slow to good, best where featured, and into fast food and resort areas. Supplies were generally adequate with lighter weights more available in the East. In the parts complex, although breast items were beginning to appear in the Northeast, supplies were still adequate to tight and held with confidence. All other items were balanced to closely cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable but heavier than desired in the Midwest, and lighter in the East and South.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .75 cents to 60.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 71.50 cents last year on the 19th 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	186.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	61.50
LEG QUARTERS	22.00
WINGS	52.00

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 8/14/99	1999	1998	
EGGS SET	178,699	174,829	+02%
CHICKS PLACED	144,782	139,885	+03%

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 179 million eggs during the week ending August 14, 1999. This was up 2 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 14, 1999. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through August 14, 1999, were 4.63 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 25-Sep-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 150.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 146.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 150.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 70.47 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was firm. Offerings adequate. Buying interest in other than regular commitments slow to develop. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best to cover features. Floor stocks generally adequate. In the parts complex white meat items firm and dark meat items generally steady.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Movement was fair to good with active trading. Supplies were in close balance to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good for all items with availability limited to sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light as extreme heat continued to affect sizes in various locations.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Offerings on whole fryers were limited, but adequate for trade needs. Retail movement in a full range, mostly light to fair, best where features present. In Chicago, whole birds featured at 59 cents. Food service demand was light in the St. Louis area, moderate to instances good elsewhere, best into fast food accounts and resort areas. Floor stocks were generally adequate with weights desirable to heavier than desired. In the parts complex, supplies of breast items and wings were adequate to tight, balance of items adequate for the light to fair trading. Features noted in the St. Louis area on whole breasts at \$.99 and bagged leg quarters at \$.29 cents. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on breast items and steady on the remainder of items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about usual for a Wednesday. Offerings of lighter weights were at least adequate and heavier weights were about adequate to cover current needs. Retail and distributive movement was mostly light. The market tone continued cautiously steady. In the parts market, breasts, although beginning to appear in some instances, were usually held with confidence, and other items were generally in balance with needs.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained good and easily kept offerings of the 3.5 and 4.0 sizes well cleared to short. 3.0 pound and lighter weights were fully sufficient for a less aggressive and typically slower midweek buying interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights continued to vary, but were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items, especially bone-in were in close balance to short. Other items were noted as adequate or closely cleared.

*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	52-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.76
NO. OF BOXES	7,708

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

POUNDS

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	844	170.00-214.00	180-190	192.54
TENDERLOINS	122	140.00-190.00	150-155	155.57
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	80.00-82.00	-	80.14
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	446	17.50-20.00	18-19	19.22
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,130	20.00-21.00	20-21	20.19
WINGS (WHOLE)	143	47.00-53.00	48-49	49.89
WINGS (CUT)	418	52.00-69.00	57-58	57.55
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	59	55.00-65.00	-	57.31

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

POUNDS

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	926	170.00-214.00	175-180	192.89
TENDERLOINS	107	135.00-190.00	150-155	154.02
BREAST - LINE RUN	120	82.00-86.00	84-85	85.73
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	128	28.00-35.00	29-30	29.69
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	714	17.50-20.50	19-20	19.44
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,131	19.00-23.00	21-22	21.55
WINGS (WHOLE)	188	47.00-53.00	48-49	50.11
WINGS (CUT)	622	56.50-68.00	58-59	58.11
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	42	22.00-35.00	-	24.17
B/S THIGHS	34	58.00-65.00	-	60.32

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR AUGUST 17, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
47.75-57.50	51.45

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR AUGUST 18, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.25 - 58.25	52.97	51.05

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 activity was typically slow for midweek business. Offerings were usually held with confidence on breast items with product beginning to surface in some instances, and the balance was generally adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light and traders were becoming increasingly cautious as they looked ahead. The market tone was unsettled.

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

TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES AUGUST 17, 1999

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	180-185	181.01	596,540
TENDERLOINS	140-145	145.12	38,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	87.31	194,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	82.92	131,840
LEGS	30-31	33.97	159,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.70	346,383
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	35.22	77,870
THIGHS	20-21	31.16	62,070
B/S THIGHS	70-71	69.39	33,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	48-49	53.26	202,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.42	27,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.61	13,770
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	42.50	32,515

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	185	183.25	350,040
TENDERLOINS	140-145	144.53	28,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	90.29	227,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	87.34	79,600
LEGS	30-31	34.47	121,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.39	408,047
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	34.25	68,430
THIGHS	20-21	30.32	67,240
B/S THIGHS	70-71	70.57	36,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	48-49	56.67	197,860
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.19	20,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.66	14,584
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	43.87	26,080

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	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	08/18	08/17	08/16	08/13	08/1608/136
ALA	3,645	3,823	3,758	3,689	4.99 4.78 3,779 4.89
ARK	5,250	4,066	5,065	4,503	4.69 4.63 4,963 4.66
DELMARVA	2,476	2,444	2,434	2,358	4.95 4.88 2,457 4.99
KY-LA-TN	1,838	1,816	1,604	1,689	4.37 4.21 1,743 4.36
MISS	2,765	2,755	2,704	3,268	4.84 4.69 2,744 4.84
NC	2,601	2,555	2,480	2,582	5.55 5.40 2,546 5.48
TEXAS	1,944	2,040	2,019	2,797	4.52 4.49 2,046 4.53
TOTAL	20,519	19,499	20,064	20,886	4.86 4.74 20,278 4.83
MON-WED	60,467	(A)			60,775 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Aug 99 is estimated to be 30,699,000 up 0.89 percent from a week ago and up 5.5 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 30,429,000; last year 29,091,000)

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#	83-88
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY	
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
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 21

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/21/99 (1)	08/14/99
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	150,833 (2)	156,034
LT HENS	2,056	2,134
HVY HENS	1,620	1,564
CHECK TOTAL	154,509	159,732

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Aug-99 is 155.5 million head compared to 150.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 152.7 million head or 2.8 million less than estimated available. For week of 28-Aug-99 the estimated available is 154.6 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 16-Aug-99	192,360		94,845	
AM 1-Aug-99	195,480		94,776	
CHG	-3,120		69	
PCT CHG	-2		0	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT

(IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/16/99	08/9/99	08/17/98	08/16/99	08/9/99	08/17/98
PACIFIC						
COAST	39,801	38,349	42,850	17,171	18,937	8,453
LOS ANGELES	1,185	1,185	454	7,490	8,547	2,833

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 08/17/99

	LO	HI	AVG	LO	HI	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.60	.70	.64	HEAVY FOWL ea.	1.00	3.00
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-.75	-.75	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.40	.15	.80	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.90	6.00
BROILERS lb.	.30	.35	.32	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-.40	-.40	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.30	2.00
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	1.60	7.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	2.25
ROOSTERS lb.	.55	1.40	1.11	ROOSTERS ea.	1.10	4.50
GEESE lb.	-.15	-.15	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	3.00	5.75
DUCKS lb.	.60	1.45	1.07	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.10	.90	.72	RABBITS ea.	.50	3.75
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	2.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL e	5.75	12.25
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.50	5.50
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	2.50	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	1.50	4.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-2.25	-	-			

TOTAL COOPS 128

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 18, 1999.

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

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending August 18, 1999

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	52.64	95.71	71.78	23.93	4.7	45.46
High	53.60	119.63	86.14	28.71	5.74	45.46
Mostly	53.60	105.28	76.57	23.93	4.79	45.46
SAN JUAN						
Low	52.64	105.28	62.21	19.14	4.79	50.25
High	55.03	119.63	76.57	31.11	7.18	50.25
Mostly	55.03	114.85	67.00	23.93	5.74	50.25
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	50.25	95.71	71.78	19.14	4.79	45.46
High	53.60	119.63	86.14	23.93	5.74	45.46
Mostly	52.64	105.28	76.57	23.93	4.79	45.46
BECERRA						
Low	54.55	100.49	62.21	21.53	5.74	51.68
High	56.47	114.85	76.57	31.11	8.61	51.68
Mostly	56.47	110.06	67.00	26.32	5.74	51.68

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