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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to weak. Demand was unaggressive to fair with limited trading and light feature activity. Supplies were at least adequate and readily available. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate, best for breast items and where retail ads were present. Availability of breast items was adequate to close balanced, dark meat items were balanced to fully sufficient, and wings were mixed, mostly adequate. 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 advanced .25 cent to 61.50 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 2nd of September, 1998.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
BREASTS - B/S	201.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	99.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	61.50
LEG QUARTERS	23.00
WINGS	54.00

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### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 8/28/99	1999	1998	
EGGS SET	179,531	175,967	+02
CHICKS PLACED	140,631	138,416	+02

### Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 180 million eggs during the week ending August 28, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 141 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 28, 1999. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through August 28, 1999, were 4.92 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 9-Oct-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 149.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 151.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 145.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 151.0 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 68.19 CENTS PER POUND.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was generally steady. Offerings readily available. Buying interest was fair but disappointing for Labor day needs. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good, best to cover features in progress. Floor stocks adequate overall. Parts were generally steady with breasts starting to show some weakness.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady, instances weak. Demand was light with limited trading. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to good, best for breast items, particularly bone-in. Supplies were in good balance to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady to barely steady, instances weak. Offerings of whole birds were adequate on heavier sizes and light on smaller sized product for buyers current needs. Retail movement was mixed, slow to fair, mostly light with limited features providing best interest. Food service demand was moderate at best. Floor stocks were at least adequate with sizes in a full range. In the parts complex, trading was seasonally light with best interest on bone-in breasts and leg quarters. Retail features were noted in Chicago on boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.79 and \$2.99, split breasts at \$1.00 and \$1.99, and in the St. Louis area, boneless/skinless breasts at \$2.99 and bagged leg quarters at 26 cents. Supplies of breast items were becoming more available, leg quarters and wings were adequate with livers short of full trade needs. Parts trade sentiment was generally steady on all items.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally light. Offerings were readily available and slow in clearing. Retail and distributive movement continued light with improvement noted for first-of-the-month business. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts market, bone-in breast was mostly steady; about steady on the balance.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds varied from light and unaggressive and typical of mid-week and end-of-month activity to about moderate. Offerings were available and were generally slow in clearing. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 53 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate. Breast cuts were noted as in good balance with the light and selective buying interest.

\*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	51-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.25
NO. OF BOXES	7,944

\*6 of 8 plants reporting.

AUGUST 31, 1999  
POUNDSSOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPTEMBER 01, 1999

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	WTD	
			MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	763	140.00-238.00	-	212.75
TENDERLOINS	97	150.00-190.00	150-155	160.82
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	105	78.00-86.50	-	83.50
LEGS	88	31.00-37.00	31-32	31.55
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	356	19.00-21.00	19-20	19.60
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,558	21.00-24.00	21-23	22.14
WINGS (WHOLE)	76	51.00-53.50	51-52	51.91
WINGS (CUT)	416	56.00-70.00	61-64	62.89
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	90	52.00-65.00	-	57.22

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	WTD	
			MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	737	140.00-238.00	187-195	213.05
TENDERLOINS	39	150.00-190.00	-	169.49
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	110	75.00-85.50	-	80.89
LEGS	88	31.00-37.00	31-32	31.55
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	276	19.00-21.00	19-20	19.41
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,318	21.00-23.00	22-23	22.01
WINGS (WHOLE)	190	51.00-61.00	51-54	57.38
WINGS (CUT)	186	61.00-71.00	61-63	66.38
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	81	53.00-68.00	-	57.10

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR AUGUST 31, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
48.50-53.75	51.55

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 01, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.00 - 53.25	50.15	52.36

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 light to moderate with dealers cautious and attempted to keep purchases in close balance with current needs. Offerings were generally adequate for trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was mostly light. The market tone was generally steady on bone-in breast; cautiously steady on the balance.

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

TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES **AUGUST 31, 1999**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD	
		AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	195-200	199.34	514,910
TENDERLOINS	155	155.19	62,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	99.20	208,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	94.60	112,400
LEGS	30-31	33.75	214,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.66	646,422
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	31.88	109,630
THIGHS	20-21	30.75	81,560
B/S THIGHS	70-71	70.73	45,630
WINGS (WHOLE)	49-50	56.20	201,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.18	26,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	54.73	16,826
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	40.08	54,600

**SEPTEMBER 01, 1999**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD	
		AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	195-200	203.83	308,200
TENDERLOINS	155	153.86	83,270
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	99.47	221,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	96.88	122,560
LEGS	30-31	34.66	162,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.85	596,754
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	34.77	78,830
THIGHS	20-21	27.07	86,080
B/S THIGHS	70-71	70.75	37,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	49-50	56.72	207,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.23	15,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	58.67	17,312
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.18	25,720

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	
	09/01	08/31	08/30	08/27	08/30	08/27	08/25	08/23
ALA	3,908	3,917	3,837	4,085	5.05	5.06	3,795	5.02
ARK	5,252	5,222	5,151	6,759	4.76	4.66	5,062	4.54
DELMARVA	2,554	2,517	2,496	2,688	4.99	4.90	2,423	4.99
KY-LA-TN	1,808	1,805	1,788	2,057	4.44	4.26	1,735	4.47
MISS	2,879	2,784	2,761	3,183	4.89	4.75	2,700	4.81
NC	2,554	2,529	2,481	3,176	5.56	5.28	2,538	5.54
TEXAS	2,051	1,928	1,904	2,823	4.62	4.47	2,001	4.56
TOTAL	21,006	20,702	20,418	24,771	4.92	4.79	20,254	4.84
MON-WED	62,559 (A)						60,068 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Sep 99 is estimated to be 31,427,000 up 3.40 percent from a week ago and up 7.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,393,000; last year 29,289,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRYDELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	84-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	83-88
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRYDELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		93-98
	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 SEPT - 4

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	09/04/99 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD		08/28/99
BRO-FRY	159,340 (2)			160,496
LT HENS	1,987			1,896
HVY HENS	1,575			1,602
CHECK TOTAL	162,902			163,994

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Sep-99 is 152.7 million head compared to 150.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.3 million head or 8.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 11-Sep-99 the estimated available is 150.8 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 30-Aug-99	190,894		97,195	
AM 1-Aug-99	195,480		94,776	
CHG	-4,586		2,419	
PCT CHG	-2		3	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT**

(IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/30/99	08/23/99	08/31/98	08/30/99	08/23/99	08/31/98
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	38,497	37,767	43,024	17,224	17,148	8,276
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	1,019	1,075	455	6,683	6,989	3,156

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 08/31/99

	LO HI AVG			LO HI AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	.20	.90	.40	HEAVY FOWL ea.	1.00
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	2.00
BANTAMS lb.	-	.30	-	BANTAMS ea.	.25	2.25
BROILERS lb.	.30	.60	.53	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	.30	.80	.46	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	.75
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	4.75	5.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.75	2.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.30	1.45	.94	ROOSTERS ea.	-	1.00
GEESE lb.	-	.50	-	GEESE ea.	-	6.50
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	2.50	4.00
DUCKS lb.	.40	1.55	1.13	DUCKS ea.	-	3.50
RABBITS lb.	.35	1.20	.79	RABBITS ea.	-	3.50
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.50	3.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	10.00	11.50
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.00	4.25
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	5.00
SILKIES ea.	.75	1.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.50	-			

TOTAL COOPS 188

**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 30, 1999.

HENS		RANGE
		59-63
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)		66
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)		

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending August 27, 1999

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	48.40	101.64	72.60	24.20	4.84	43.56
High	49.37	121.00	87.12	29.04	5.81	43.56
Mostly	49.37	121.00	72.60	24.20	4.84	43.56
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	55.66	106.48	72.60	24.20	5.81	52.27
High	57.11	125.84	77.44	33.88	8.71	52.27
Mostly	55.66	116.16	72.60	29.04	5.81	52.27
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	47.43	106.48	72.60	19.36	4.84	43.56
High	49.37	121.00	87.12	29.04	5.81	43.56
Mostly	48.40	121.00	77.44	24.20	4.84	43.56
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	55.66	106.48	70.18	24.20	4.84	50.82
High	57.11	121.00	82.28	31.46	7.26	50.82
Mostly	57.11	111.32	77.44	29.04	5.81	50.82

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