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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady. Retail demand was light with noted features increasing interest. Food service was light to fairly good, best where fast food promotions were present. Availability was mixed ranging from adequate to ample in the Midwest, generally adequate elsewhere with smaller sizes at times tight. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts continued to have best movement with supplies balanced to well cleared. Fronts were in good balance and moving, but all other parts were more than sufficient for the light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 58.50 cent to 58.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 68.25 cents last year on the 28th of October, 1998.

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

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

BREASTS - B/S	148.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	61.50
LEG QUARTERS	20.00
WINGS	59.50

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

ITEM	1999	1998	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
15 STATES			
WEEK ENDING 10/23/99			
EGGS SET	163,806	164,280	0
CHICKS PLACED	138,729	137,998	+01

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 164 million eggs during the week ending October 23, 1999. This was down slightly 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 139 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 23, 1999. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through October 23, 1999, were 6.01 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 4-Dec-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 143.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 140.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 142.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 154.0 MILLIONHEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 62.69 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady. Offerings in fairly good balance and confidently held. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good, best to cover features. Floor stocks were adequate overall. The market tone remained firm on fronts and linerun breasts with balance of parts about steady.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was fair to moderate, best where featured. Supplies were sufficient to close balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading continued good for bone-in breasts and fronts with supplies barely adequate to short. The remaining items were more than sufficient to handle the light buying interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady to instances fully steady. Additional whole bird and WOG offerings were limited for the generally disinterested buyer. Retail movement was slow and discouraging. Features of note in Chicago on whole birds at 49 cents, split breasts at \$.79 and \$.89, and in Ohio, a major chain featured family pack boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.77 a lb. Food service demand was spotty, very light to good, best where features present. Floor stocks were in balance to ample with sizes in a desirable range. Parts trading was moderately active on whole and split breasts, best where promotions active. The balance of parts trading was light. Supplies of bone-in breasts were adequate to instances short of trade needs and clearing best, fully adequate and slow to clear on all other items. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on whole breasts, about steady on the remainder of items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained fair. Offerings were tight to adequate on three pound birds, however, all other sizes were generally adequate for immediate needs. Retail and distributive movement was usually moderate to good. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts market, bone-in breasts commanded premiums when buyers were in need of them and all other items were more than sufficient to handle current trade needs.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained sufficient to keep the bulk of offerings cleared satisfactorily, particularly on the 3 pound sizes which were generally noted as tight. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 52 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. In the parts complex bone-in breasts were adequate to well cleared. Wings remained tight at some plants, fully adequate elsewhere. Leg items and boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate for immediate needs.

*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	50-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.58
NO. OF BOXES	8,490

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS		WTD	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	644	135.00-185.00	135-140	141.10
TENDERLOINS	120	140.00-165.00	140-145	145.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	137	73.00-78.00	-	74.46
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	476	14.00-18.50	14-15	15.39
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,116	17.00-20.00	19-20	19.03
WINGS (WHOLE)	161	57.00-59.00	-	57.50
WINGS (CUT)	427	66.00-77.00	66-67	66.46
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	61	51.00-68.00	-	54.56

ITEM	POUNDS		WTD	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	634	135.00-185.00	135-140	141.20
TENDERLOINS	68	140.00-165.00	140-145	148.82
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	52	23.00-33.00	23-24	25.31
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	436	14.50-18.50	14.5-15	15.33
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,116	16.50-20.00	19-20	19.03
WINGS (WHOLE)	161	42.00-57.00	-	48.06
WINGS (CUT)	460	61.00-77.00	64-66	66.24
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR OCTOBER 26, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
33.00-46.75	39.45

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR OCTOBER 27, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
34.75 - 49.25	41.42	40.22

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 typically slow for the middle of the week. Bone-in breasts were being offered at premium prices, but most buyers were reluctant to make purchases unless absolutely necessary. All other items were at least adequate for immediate needs. Retail and distributive movement was quiet. The market tone was fully steady to firm on bone-in breasts, and about 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 **OCTOBER 26, 1999**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	135	140.40	389,040	
TENDERLOINS	140-145	145.06	50,920	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	66-67	72.61	222,200	
BREAST - LINE RUN	66	70.67	144,350	
LEGS	26-27	29.36	181,880	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	19.38	528,829	
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	30.96	130,350	
THIGHS	17-18	26.39	104,120	
B/S THIGHS	69-70	73.53	40,290	
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	68.11	285,900	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.09	30,680	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	59.08	49,631	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	49.62	39,870	

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	135	140.85	274,120	
TENDERLOINS	140-145	144.89	22,280	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	66-67	73.74	142,840	
BREAST - LINE RUN	66	71.57	114,400	
LEGS	26-27	31.15	67,200	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	18.73	204,956	
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	30.14	35,230	
THIGHS	17-18	24.23	19,000	
B/S THIGHS	69-70	66.60	16,400	
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	67.93	121,680	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.32	12,520	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	54.99	6,520	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	48.83	17,960	

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		AVG	
	10/27	10/26	10/25	10/22	10/25	10/22	10/20	10/18
ALA	3,570	3,831	3,898	4,516	5.19	5.30	3,712	5.23
ARK	5,078	5,219	5,224	5,301	4.95	4.84	4,935	4.90
DELMARVA	2,360	2,406	2,473	2,280	5.12	4.99	2,319	4.87
KY-LA-TN	1,606	1,758	1,806	1,805	4.48	4.29	1,800	4.58
MISS	2,524	2,669	2,781	3,020	5.08	5.00	2,548	5.16
NC	2,584	2,602	2,542	2,751	5.88	5.73	2,570	5.90
TEXAS	2,157	2,180	2,096	2,323	4.92	4.77	2,047	4.86
TOTAL	19,879	20,665	20,351	21,996	5.11	5.03	19,931	5.09
MON-WED	61,211(A)				60,298(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Oct 99 is estimated to be 29,741,000 down 0.56 percent from a week ago and up 1.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,908,000; last year 29,390,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	80-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	83-88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	DRY PACK
FRESH FRYERS	91-96	107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	104	112
HENS OVER 5#	91	98
DUCKS	149-166	

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING OCT -30

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/30/99 (1)	10/23/99
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	154,210 (2)	156,045
LT HENS	2,008	1,948
HVY HENS	1,635	1,670
CHECK TOTAL	157,853	159,663

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Oct-99 is 148.5 million head compared to 148.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.1 million head or 7.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 06-Nov-99 the estimated available is 148.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 25-Oct-99	168,228	90,031		
AM 1-Oct-99	183,153	95,290		
CHG	-14,925	-5,259		
PCT CHG	-8	-6		

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/25/99	10/18/99	10/26/98	10/25/99	10/18/99	10/26/98
PACIFIC						
COAST	31,980	27,187	42,383	14,589	14,735	7,013
LOS ANGELES	915	894	606	5,340	5,728	2,308

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 10/19/99

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	.90	.59	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.40	.95	.65	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.40	.65	.56	BANTAMS ea.	.20	1.00	-
BROILERS lb.	.60	.70	.64	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	5.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	1.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.40	.90	.59	ROOSTERS ea.	.50	3.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	.40	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	2.50	-
DUCKS lb.	.20	.80	.50	DUCKS ea.	-	1.50	-
RABBITS lb.	.60	1.25	1.01	RABBITS ea.	.25	.90	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.50	5.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	9.00	9.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	.70	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	4.50	5.00	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 156

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 OCTOBER 25, 1999.

HENS		RANGE
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)		59-62
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)		66

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 22, 1999

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	48.25	104.08	66.23	23.65	4.73	44.94
High	49.67	123.00	75.69	28.39	5.68	44.94
Mostly	49.20	118.27	75.69	23.65	4.73	44.94
SAN JUAN						
Low	51.09	89.89	66.23	21.29	5.68	42.58
High	52.99	118.27	80.42	30.75	9.46	43.52
Mostly	51.09	113.54	75.69	23.65	7.10	43.52
EW SAN JUAN						
Low	47.31	113.54	61.50	18.92	4.73	42.58
High	49.67	123.00	70.96	23.65	5.68	42.58
Mostly	49.67	118.27	70.96	18.92	4.73	42.58
BECERRA						
Low	49.67	89.89	66.23	14.19	4.26	43.52
High	52.04	108.81	80.42	28.39	7.10	43.52
Mostly	51.09	104.08	70.96	23.65	5.68	43.52

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FOR 10/26/99

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.95	.71	HEAVY FOWL ea.	1.25	2.25	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.25	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.15	1.25	.25	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	4.75	-
BANTAMS lb.	.50	1.75	.95	BANTAMS ea.	.25	2.75	-
BROILERS lb.	.40	.50	.42	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.30	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	2.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.55	1.20	.84	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	.20	.45	.35	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.70	.90	.79	TURKEYS ea.	-	3.25	-
DUCKS lb.	.30	1.30	.80	DUCKS ea.	2.50	3.50	-
RABBITS lb.	.10	2.00	.93	RABBITS ea.	-	.75	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.70	2.10	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea	8.00	11.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	.70	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	6.00	15.00	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 157