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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was overall generally steady; however, the Northeast was fully steady to firm for heavier weights and steady at best on smaller sizes, and the Midwest was steady to instances weak. Retail demand was slow to at times moderate, best for ads and holiday items. Food service was fair to fairly good. Supplies were usually sufficient with larger sizes in the tightest position in the Northeast. In the parts structure, wings received the best interest followed by gizzards with supplies close balanced. All other items were mixed, but mostly more than adequate to handle needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, 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 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 66.75 cents last year on the 18th of November, 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	141.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	66.50
LEG QUARTERS	20.50
WINGS	69.00

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 11/13/99	1999	1998
EGGS SET	177,347	180,373
CHICKS PLACED	130,854	129,741
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		-02
		+01

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 177 million eggs during the week ending November 13, 1999. This was down 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 131 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 13, 1999. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through November 13, 1999, were 6.41 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-Dec-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 138.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 139.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 138.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 108.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.63 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady. Offerings in fair balance on heavy weights and easily adequate on small sizes. Buying interest was seasonally fair. Demand was light by stores and moderate overall by fast foods, best for parts. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was about steady with line-run breasts in the weakest position.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was seasonally light to moderate with increased interest for featured and holiday meat items. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings continued to have the best movement with supplies often short of an active call. The remaining items were at least adequate with fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady to occasionally weak. Additional offerings of whole birds and WOG's were in balance with buyers current trade needs. Retail demand was slow to instances fair with most interest on traditional Thanksgiving items. Food service movement was fair to fairly good, demand mixed into fast food accounts. Floor stocks were adequate. Sizes desirable. Parts demand was light with wings providing the best interest. Supplies of wings and rib on breast adequate to barely adequate, balance of items available. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on wings, steady to weak on boneless/skinless breasts and steady on the balance of items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was usually moderate. Smaller birds were readily available and larger sizes were mostly tight to adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light to moderate. The market tone remained steady at best on the smaller sizes and fully steady on the larger sizes. In the parts market, all items were more than adequate except wings which were tight to adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds varied from light to good and was best on the tight supply of the heavier sizes. 2.5 to 3.0 pound sizes were at least adequate for current inquiry. Live supplies were seasonally moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were light to moderate as plants reduced operations to keep pace with the anticipated light demand. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 60 to 72 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on the heavy sizes; generally no better than steady on the smaller. Wings and gizzards remained in demand. Other cuts were at least adequate.

*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	56-78	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	62.68	
NO. OF BOXES	7,603	

*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	658	115.00-193.00	130-135	135.41
TENDERLOINS	99	130.00-167.00	130-135	140.20
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	130	20.00-34.00	20-23	22.92
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	356	15.50-19.00	16-17	16.70
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,214	17.50-21.00	19-21	19.97
WINGS (WHOLE)	93	61.00-65.00	62-63	63.16
WINGS (CUT)	474	74.00-88.00	78-80	81.03
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS		WTD	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	659	122.00-193.00	130-135	136.61
TENDERLOINS	340	130.00-200.00	130-135	141.59
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	72.00-77.50	72-75	72.55
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	130	20.00-34.00	20-23	22.92
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	15.50-19.00	16-17	16.83
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,134	17.50-21.00	20-21	20.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	93	61.00-65.00	62-63	63.16
WINGS (CUT)	524	70.00-88.00	78-80	80.96
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 NOVEMBER 16, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
34.75-44.00	39.10

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

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
34.75 - 44.00	40.91	42.47

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 quiet with most buyers turning their interest to traditional holiday items. Offerings of wings were tight to adequate. Other items were more than sufficient for current trade requirements. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally slow. The market tone range steady to firm on wings and about steady on the the balance of parts.

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

ITEM	NOVEMBER 16, 1999		VOL/LBS
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	130-135	132.65	524,720
TENDERLOINS	130	134.33	64,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	75.95	161,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	69.29	195,280
LEGS	26-27	29.68	217,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.07	378,856
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	33.42	91,230
THIGHS	19-20	27.19	60,080
B/S THIGHS	70-71	71.34	31,510
WINGS (WHOLE)	68-69	77.15	189,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.08	33,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.50	28,626
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.00	25,930

ITEM	NOVEMBER 17, 1999		VOL/LBS
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	130-135	133.11	270,960
TENDERLOINS	130	139.20	88,720
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	75.75	138,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	68.26	155,040
LEGS	26-27	30.82	120,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.59	341,855
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	33.25	73,232
THIGHS	19-20	28.23	47,222
B/S THIGHS	70-71	72.15	35,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	69-70	78.44	185,400
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.04	31,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	49.84	27,768
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	57.36	36,520

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	
	11/17	11/16	11/15	11/12	11/15	11/12	11/10	11/08
ALA	3,834	3,852	3,898	3,766	5.09	5.06	3,725	5.20
ARK	5,072	5,226	5,224	4,598	4.96	4.73	4,974	4.92
DELMARVA	2,047	1,995	2,473	2,010	5.08	4.87	2,356	4.95
KY-LA-TN	1,723	1,365	1,806	1,739	4.44	4.30	1,689	4.19
MISS	2,598	2,463	2,781	2,662	4.45	4.98	2,672	5.07
NC	2,525	2,555	2,542	2,788	5.95	5.80	2,326	5.92
TEXAS	2,025	2,224	2,096	1,937	4.77	4.60	2,047	4.82
TOTAL	19,824	19,680	19,369	19,500	4.97	4.94	19,789	5.06
MON-WED	59,362 (A)				59,538 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Nov 99 is estimated to be 29,659,000 down 0.12 percent from a week ago and up 6.1 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,695,000; last year 27,951,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	79-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	76-88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		92-97
	DRY PACK	107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		149-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING NOV -20

CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
	CURRENT WEEK 11/13/99 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/06/99
BRO-FRY	146,690 (2)	154,965
LT HENS	2,049	1,741
HVY HENS	1,489	1,457
CHECK TOTAL	150,228	158,163

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Nov-99 is 140.5 million head compared to 153.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 148.5 million head or 8.0 million more than estimated available. For week of 27-Nov-99 the estimated available is 140.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 15-Nov-99	132,130	82,632		
AM 1-Nov-99	161,851	82,865		
CHG	-29,721	-233		
PCT CHG	-18	0		

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/15/99	11/08/99	11/16/98	11/15/99	11/08/99	11/16/98
PACIFIC COAST	18,099	24,442	21,803	13,513	13,884	4,492
LOS ANGELES	806	990	511	4,434	5,036	2,510

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 11/16/99

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.25	.60	.42	HEAVY FOWL ea.	.50	2.75	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.10	.15	.12	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.25	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.15	.40	.19	BANTAMS ea.	.10	1.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	.30	.70	.58	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	.25	.30	.29	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.10	.20	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	2.75	4.25	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.25	1.00	.56	ROOSTERS ea.	.15	.50	-
GEESE lb.	.10	.20	.13	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.30	1.40	.70	TURKEYS ea.	-	10.00	-
DUCKS lb.	.15	.55	.38	DUCKS ea.	.50	2.75	-
RABBITS lb.	.30	1.10	.72	RABBITS ea.	.90	1.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.50	5.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea	5.00	9.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	.25	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	3.00	4.00	-
SILKIES ea.	-	.60	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	3.00	3.25	-				

TOTAL COOPS 261

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 NOVEMBER 15, 1999.

HENS		RANGE
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)		60-64
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)		66

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending November 12, 1999

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	49.37	106.48	67.76	19.36	4.84	48.40
High	50.34	116.16	72.60	24.20	5.81	48.40
Mostly	50.34	116.16	72.60	24.20	5.81	48.40
SAN JUAN						
Low	52.27	101.64	62.92	21.78	5.81	43.56
High	55.66	121.00	77.44	31.46	8.71	43.56
Mostly	54.21	116.16	67.76	24.20	7.26	43.56
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	53.24	106.48	62.92	19.36	4.84	48.40
High	55.18	116.16	72.60	24.20	5.81	48.40
Mostly	54.21	116.16	67.76	19.36	4.84	48.40
BECERRA						
Low	53.24	106.48	67.76	21.78	4.84	45.98
High	55.66	125.84	77.44	31.46	8.71	45.98
Mostly	55.66	116.16	72.60	26.62	5.81	45.98

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