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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady, instances weak. Demand into all channels was slow to only fair at best with no noted improvements since beginning of the week. Supplies were more than sufficient and readily available with very little interest even at reduced levels. In the parts structure, availability of wings was close balanced to short with good movement. All other items were at least adequate with breast items in the longest position and slow to clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to heavy.

**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 63.25 cents last year on the 6th of January, 1999.

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

### DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

BREASTS - B/S	134.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	68.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	73.50
LEG QUARTERS	20.00
WINGS	79.50

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### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 01/01/00	2000	1999	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	182,048	178,719	+02
CHICKS PLACED	144,668	141,868	+02

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

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 182 million eggs during the week ending January 1, 2000. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 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 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 1, 2000. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through January 1, 2000, were 7.40 billion, up 2 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 12-Feb-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.5 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 149.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 153.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.45 CENTS PER POUND.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was generally steady. Offerings ample. Buying activity was light. Discounts common but slow to stimulate the unaggressive and cautious buyers' interest. Demand by stores moderate, best to cover features; restaurants fairly good, best by fast foods. Floor stocks adequate. Wings continued in a strong position, bone-in breasts barely steady and leg quarters about steady.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand continued slow to fair. Supplies were at least sufficient for limited trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was best for wings with supplies balanced to tight. Dark meat was sufficient with fair to moderate demand, and breast items were in heavy supply with light interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to slightly heavier.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady to barely steady, instances weak. Additional product offerings were readily available with buyers unaggressive. Retail and food service movement was light to fair, mostly light. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate with buyers being highly selective. Sizes were desirable. Parts movement was seasonal with trading on wings and dark meat items moderate, breast items slow. Supplies were fully adequate or available on all items, except wings were adequate to short. Features reported in Chicago on boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.69 and \$1.79 and in Michigan, one major chain featured leg quarters at 49 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings, leg quarters steady and barely steady to weak on breast items.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light. Offerings, regardless of size, were generally available. Retail and distributive movement was fair at best. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts market, all items were at least adequate with breast items remaining the most abundant.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as slow with no significant improvement in activity since the week began. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for immediate delivery. Live supplies were at least adequate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was steady at best. In the parts complex, wings were adequate and in best balance. Breast items were readily available and slow to clear. Leg quarters were in decent balance. Legs, drums and thighs were fully adequate to ample.

\*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		54-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		57.66
NO. OF BOXES		8,670

\*6 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JANUARY 05, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD
	(000)	RANGE		AVG
BREAST - B/S	712	123.00-164.00	125-130	130.97
TENDERLOINS	104	121.00-168.00	125-130	132.05
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	57.00-69.00	57-59	57.84
FRONT HALVES	42	54.00-59.00	-	56.92
LEGS	48	26.00-34.00	26-28	27.33
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	606	15.50-19.00	16-17	16.44
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,229	17.50-21.00	20	19.84
WINGS (WHOLE)	138	62.00-78.00	-	69.98
WINGS (CUT)	423	81.00-92.00	86-89	87.04
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD
	(000)	RANGE		AVG
BREAST - B/S	707	123.00-164.00	125-130	130.74
TENDERLOINS	154	125.00-168.00	-	130.54
BREAST - LINE RUN	192	57.00-69.00	57-59	62.00
FRONT HALVES	105	49.00-53.00	-	51.33
LEGS	49	27.00-34.00	27-29	28.29
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	341	15.50-19.00	16-17	16.04
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,198	17.75-21.00	19-20	19.82
WINGS (WHOLE)	109	70.00-78.00	72-75	74.20
WINGS (CUT)	492	84.00-95.00	86-89	87.97
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 JANUARY 4, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
34.75 - 39.00	36.68

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR JANUARY 5, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
32.25 - 36.00	33.69	35.53

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 more than typically quiet for midweek. Offerings were at least adequate for the current limited needs. Movement into retail and distributive outlets continued slow and showed few signs of improving. The market tone was weak on bone-in breasts, at least steady on wings, and no better than steady on the remainder of parts.

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

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	125-130	130.52	659,680
TENDERLOINS	125	124.94	96,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	51-52	56.44	312,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	51	51.02	123,000
LEGS	26-27	31.33	170,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	18.59	544,004
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	33.07	85,030
THIGHS	21-22	28.77	69,630
B/S THIGHS	70-71	74.42	24,230
WINGS (WHOLE)	74-75	83.21	210,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.99	64,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.59	42,735
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	64.64	74,400

ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	125-130	133.38	318,160
TENDERLOINS	125	124.87	69,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	50-51	59.24	203,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	50	50.85	128,040
LEGS	26-27	30.96	201,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	18.65	423,333
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	33.96	89,320
THIGHS	21-22	29.49	69,720
B/S THIGHS	70-71	74.05	27,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	75-76	83.76	257,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	53,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.00	46,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	64.03	78,400

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	
	01/05	01/04	01/03	12/31	01/03	12/31	12/29	12/27
ALA	3,656	3,696	3,898	(A)	4.92	5.18	3,732	5.19
ARK	4,959	5,198	5,224	(A)	5.10	4.56	5,026	5.01
DELMARVA	2,416	2,425	2,473	Holiday	5.23	0.00	2,480	5.23
KY-LA-TN	1,990	1,943	1,806	(A)	4.55	5.43	1,932	4.69
MISS	2,750	2,774	2,781	(A)	4.99	4.80	2,769	5.15
NC	2,593	2,604	2,542	(A)	5.23	5.77	2,519	5.23
TEXAS	2,230	2,238	2,096	(A)	4.88	4.42	2,247	4.94
TOTAL	20,594	20,878	18,529	4,948	5.10	4.96	20,705	5.08
MON-WED	60,651	(A)					62,977	(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Jan 99 is estimated to be 30,811,000 down 0.83 percent from a week ago and up 7.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,070,000; last year 28,560,000)

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	78-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-98
	DRY PACK	104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-107
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		149-162

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JAN -08

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	01/08/00 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD	01/01/00	
BRO-FRY	157,538 (2)		124,759	
LT HENS	2,089		1,582	
HVY HENS	1,691		1,093	
CHECK TOTAL	161,318		127,434	

(1)ESTIMATED  
 (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Jan-00 is 144.3 million head compared to 150.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.5 million head or 15.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 15-Jan-00 the estimated available is 148.5 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS  
 (INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 3-Jan-00	65,047		75,162	
AM 1-Dec-99	82,430		74,738	
CHG	-17,383		424	
PCT CHG	-21		1	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	1/3/00	12/29/99	1/4/99	1/3/00	12/29/99	1/4/99
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	5,874	5,809	15,057	12,595	13,056	8,786
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	126	131	307	3,611	3,884	4,197

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 01/04/00

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	.25	.65	.50	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.10	.35	.23	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.25	1.15	.61	BANTAMS ea.	.50	4.00
BROILERS lb.	.40	.60	.52	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.50
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	1.00
ROOSTERS lb.	.50	1.25	.90	ROOSTERS ea.	.75	3.50
GEESE lb.	-	.20	-	GEESE ea.	3.00	4.00
TURKEYS lb.	.40	.45	.42	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.20	1.05	.58	DUCKS ea.	1.00	1.50
RABBITS lb.	.50	1.25	.86	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.50	2.60
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.00	9.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	1.00	1.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-			

TOTAL COOPS 151

**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 JANUARY 05, 2000

HENS		RANGE
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)		60-63
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)		66

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending December 31, 1999

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	58.97	115.07	76.71	23.97	5.75	52.74
High	62.33	134.24	86.30	28.77	7.19	52.74
Mostly	62.33	134.24	86.30	23.97	5.75	52.74
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	57.05	105.48	71.92	23.97	7.19	50.34
High	59.45	124.66	81.51	35.96	9.59	50.34
Mostly	57.53	115.07	71.92	28.77	7.19	50.34
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	57.53	115.07	67.12	19.18	5.75	55.14
High	62.33	134.24	86.30	23.97	7.19	55.14
Mostly	58.97	129.45	76.71	23.97	5.75	55.14
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	57.53	105.48	64.73	23.97	5.75	50.34
High	59.45	129.45	81.51	35.96	9.59	50.34
Mostly	57.53	115.07	71.92	28.77	8.63	50.34

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