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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak in the Northeast, mostly steady elsewhere. Retail demand was slow to fair with high expectations for next week due to upcoming holiday. Food service was better especially for fast food and catering services. Supplies were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, availability of breast items continued to show irregularity, but was at least sufficient for the mixed demand. Wings were short to adequate and moving, and dark meat was balanced to ample with light trading. 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 advanced .25 cent to 59.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.25 cents last year on the 23rd of June, 1999.

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	143.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	90.00
LEG QUARTERS	21.50
WINGS	52.50

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## CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES WEEK ENDING 06/17/00	2000	1999	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	183,023	183,331	0
CHICKS PLACED	148,473	148,570	0

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 183 million eggs during the week ending June 17, 2000. This was down slightly 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 DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 148 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 17, 2000. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through June 17, 2000, were 3.52 billion, up 1 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 29-Jul-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.5 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 155.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 156.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.17 CENTS PER POUND.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive. Offerings remain at least fully sufficient for full trade requirements. Movement into retail and distributive outlets were slow and disappointing. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts market, breasts items were adequate, thighs were ample, and most other items were generally adequate.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to fair but expected to improve as the July 4th holiday approaches. Supplies were sufficient enough to easily handle trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were in good balance and moving well due in part to retail features. Wings and dark meat were mostly adequate and showing fair to moderate movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights desirable to heavy.

**MIDWEST** Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Additional offerings of whole birds and WOGs were sufficient for the light buyer interest. Retail demand slow to fair, instances moderate in the Michigan area with some expectations for improved demand next week. Movement into food service channels was light to good, mostly moderate and best into fast food accounts and catering. Floor stocks adequate to ample, sizes mostly desirable. Parts trading continued to struggle on white meat items, light to fairly good on dark meat items and jumbo wings. Breasts items supplies fully adequate, jumbo wings and small sized tenderloins barely adequate to short of needs, all other items fully sufficient for trade needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady on all items.

**WESTERN** Market tone generally steady. Offerings fully adequate. Retailer demand for whole body fryers moderate and fairly good for parts, best to cover features planned or in progress. Floor stocks in fairly good balance.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive, and generally noted as below expectations for mid-week trading. Offerings were more than sufficient for the mostly light demand. Live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, wings were balanced to closely cleared. Breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Leg items ranged 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	50-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.01
NO. OF BOXES	10,307

\*7 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	635	120.00-189.00	130-140	131.88
TENDERLOINS	182	152.00-205.00	150-155	159.64
BREAST - LINE RUN	120	67.00-75.00	68-69	67.53
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	85	27.00-37.00	27-29	27.59
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	581	17.00-20.00	17-18	17.22
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,097	18.00-22.00	20-21	20.75
WINGS (WHOLE)	100	45.00-52.50	46-47	47.51
WINGS (CUT)	472	51.00-75.00	56-58	56.02
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 JUNE 20, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S	
RANGE	AVERAGE
33.25 - 38.00	36.34

ITEM	POUNDS		WTD	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	633	120.00-189.00	130-140	133.56
TENDERLOINS	180	152.00-205.00	-	159.69
BREAST - LINE RUN	120	67.00-75.00	68-69	67.53
FRONT HALVES	145	51.00-56.00	-	52.86
LEGS	85	27.00-37.00	-	27.59
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	581	17.00-20.00	17-18	17.25
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,097	18.00-22.00	20-21	20.64
WINGS (WHOLE)	105	45.00-52.50	46-47	47.39
WINGS (CUT)	1,978	51.00-75.00	56-57	55.87
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 JUNE 21, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S		5-DAY
RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
34.00 - 38.00	35.06	35.35

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 irregular with retail and distributive movement usually slow to moderate. Demand was light and unaggressive. Offerings were in fair balance, although breast items were slightly more available than a day earlier, wings ranged from short to adequate, thighs were fully adequate to ample, and leg quarters increased in availability. However, the overall market tone was generally steady.

\*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**	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	130	134.46	529,730	
TENDERLOINS	145-150	155.25	150,586	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	70.50	342,080	
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	65.97	181,920	
LEGS	35-36	39.22	200,360	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	24.51	624,747	
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	39.39	146,035	
THIGHS	23-24	31.27	166,140	
B/S THIGHS	84-85	89.65	58,490	
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	63.26	367,920	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.06	77,880	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.33	54,735	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.79	89,600	

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	130	132.65	552,520	
TENDERLOINS	145-150	154.88	131,440	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	70.77	337,160	
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	64.30	65,920	
LEGS	35-36	38.79	197,360	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	25.01	418,381	
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	39.32	136,670	
THIGHS	23-24	31.04	131,650	
B/S THIGHS	84-85	91.62	48,600	
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	63.94	382,720	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.96	78,600	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.41	50,760	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.93	87,080	

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		AVG	
	06/21	06/20	06/19	06/16	06/19	06/16	06/14	06/12
ALA	3,910	4,045	3,883	3,929	5.01	4.91	3,826	5.07
ARK	5,301	5,331	5,123	6,061	4.94	4.76	5,169	4.96
DELMARVA	2,204	2,385	2,375	2,449	5.21	4.98	2,420	5.08
KY-LA-TN	1,906	1,947	1,958	2,155	4.52	4.41	2,126	4.55
MISS	2,859	2,747	2,552	2,776	5.05	4.90	2,740	5.07
NC	2,659	2,680	2,573	3,008	5.90	6.01	2,457	5.91
TEXAS	2,353	2,115	2,340	2,369	4.83	4.59	2,340	4.80
TOTAL	21,192	21,250	20,804	22,747	5.06	4.89	21,078	5.07
MON-WED	63,733 (A)						63,478 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Jun 00 is estimated to be 31,706,000 up 1.71 percent from a week ago and up 4.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,377,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	78-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	74
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	294-299
RABBITS-CUT UP	299-309

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		92-96
	DRY PACK	102-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	106-111
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		148-160

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Jun-00

CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
	CURRENT WEEK 06/24/00 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 06/17/00
BRO-FRY	163,950 (2)	163,932
LT HENS	1,962	1,930
HVY HENS	1,724	1,635
TOTAL	167,636	167,497

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Jun-00 is 158.8 million head compared to 1614.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.3 million head or 5.5 million more than estimated available. For week of 01-Jul-00 the estimated available is 158.7 million head.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT**

(IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	06/19/00	06/12/00	06/21/99	06/19/00	06/12/00	06/21/99
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	21,480	21,416	39,595	12,742	13,191	19,451
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	335	406	1,300	4,522	4,364	10,482

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 06/20/00

	LO	HI	AVG		LO	HI	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.75	1.20	.84	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.90	1.50	1.02	MIXED FOWL ea.	2.00	2.75	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	1.25	-	BANTAMS ea.	.50	5.00	-
BROILERS lb.	.65	.80	.68	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	.75	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	1.50	4.25	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.70	5.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.50	1.30	.94	ROOSTERS ea.	1.00	3.00	-
GEESE lb.	.20	.45	.31	GEESE ea.	-	4.50	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.30	1.70	1.55	DUCKS ea.	.25	7.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.10	1.50	.61	RABBITS ea.	.60	1.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	4.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	5.50	8.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	.10	3.00	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	3.75	-
SILKIES ea.	2.50	3.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 148

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JUNE 19, 2000

HENS		RANGE
	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	54-59
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	58-64

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending June 16, 2000

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	73.22	128.14	77.80	27.46	6.86	52.63
High	75.51	137.29	86.95	36.61	9.15	52.63
Mostly	75.05	137.29	77.80	32.03	6.86	52.63
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	74.14	128.14	82.37	36.61	5.49	55.83
High	75.97	141.87	91.53	45.76	11.44	55.83
Mostly	75.05	128.14	86.95	36.61	6.86	55.83
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	73.22	128.14	73.22	22.88	6.86	52.63
High	75.51	137.29	82.37	32.03	9.15	52.63
Mostly	73.22	128.14	77.80	22.88	6.86	52.63
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	74.14	137.29	82.37	34.32	6.86	57.66
High	75.51	151.02	96.10	45.76	9.15	57.66
Mostly	75.05	141.87	91.53	36.61	8.24	57.66

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