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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the West, no better than steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light to moderate, and not quite up to holiday expectations with improvements slow to develop. Food service demand was better due to promotional activity for fast food. Availability varied, with supplies in good balance in the West, but at least adequate elsewhere. In the parts structure, breast items in the Northeast were well balanced to tight. All other parts in the remaining areas were more than sufficient for the light buying interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to at times heavier.

**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 59.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.50 cents last year on the 30th 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	141.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	89.00
LEG QUARTERS	22.00
WINGS	52.50

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 06/24/00	2000	1999	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	181,886	180,367	+01
CHICKS PLACED	149,952	147,965	+01

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 182 million eggs during the week ending June 24, 2000. This was up 1 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 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 24, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through June 24, 2000, were 3.67 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 5-Aug-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 156.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 54.56 CENTS PER POUND.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light. Offerings continued more than adequate to meet current trade requirements. Retail and distributive movement was slow to moderate at best. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, supplies were usually adequate to available for the limited demand.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was irregular with mixed opinions of improvements; however, optimism was still present for end of this week and early next week. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient. In the parts structure, trading was slow and unaggressive to moderate with hopes that holiday features and promotions will improve movement. Availability was at least adequate for all items. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**MIDWEST** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Additional offerings readily available with distributors generally satisfied through regular commitments. Movement into retail and food service channels expressed as lackluster, slow to fairly good. With first of the month and fourth of July demand yet to occur, scattered features provided best movement. Retail features noted in Chicago on whole fryers at 59 cents and boneless skinless breasts at \$1.68 and \$1.69. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Sizes mostly desirable, but on the heavier side of the range. Parts trading was noted as quiet for the available supplies. Trade sentiment was steady with a cautious undertone.

**WESTERN** The market tone was fully steady to firm. Offerings in good balance with holiday buying interest. Retail demand moderate for whole body and good for parts. Floor stocks adequate. Ads noted: N. CA - whole body 79, leg quarters 69, drumsticks 99, thighs 99, boneless breasts 299-399

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained generally slow in developing and behind projections for the upcoming holiday. Seller offerings varied by size and volume, but in total were fully adequate to ample for immediate needs. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Boneless skinless breasts were well balanced, instances short. Tenders were tight. Other cuts were generally noted as 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	50-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.19
NO. OF BOXES	8,844

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUNE 28, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	717	120.00-191.00	130-135	131.76
TENDERLOINS	177	155.00-200.00	-	160.08
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	67.00-70.00	67-68	69.65
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	92	27.00-37.00	27-29	28.30
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	637	16.50-20.00	17-19	17.46
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,215	19.00-22.00	21-22	21.14
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
WINGS (CUT)	380	51.00-77.00	-	55.49
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	673	120.00-191.00	130-140	133.10
TENDERLOINS	219	155.00-200.00	155-160	167.33
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	105	51.00-56.00	-	53.00
LEGS	44	27.00-37.00	-	27.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	647	17.00-20.00	17-19	17.65
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,430	19.00-22.00	20-22	20.90
WINGS (WHOLE)	108	47.00-52.00	-	49.30
WINGS (CUT)	466	51.00-77.00	-	55.89
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 27, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S	
RANGE	AVERAGE
33.75 - 38.50	35.40

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR JUNE 28, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S		5-DAY
RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
34.00 - 38.00	35.33	35.19

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 mostly light to fair today with cautious but hopeful expectations noted for the end of the week. Offerings of tenders remained no more than adequate. Bone-in breasts were generally available at discounts. All other items were adequate at least. Movement into retail and distributive outlets was slow to no better than moderate. The market tone was about steady.

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

ITEM	JUNE 27, 2000		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	133.31	598,860
TENDERLOINS	150-155	159.62	158,300
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	70.85	304,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	59.21	122,000
LEGS	35-36	35.76	268,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	23.79	707,463
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	36.60	173,100
THIGHS	23-24	33.40	122,020
B/S THIGHS	84-85	87.66	72,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	64.63	366,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	59,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.44	56,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	45.01	95,440

ITEM	JUNE 28, 2000		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	136.12	393,400
TENDERLOINS	150-155	160.12	112,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	70.92	267,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	56.76	48,200
LEGS	35-36	40.12	158,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	25.68	315,272
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	38.62	125,040
THIGHS	23-24	31.55	122,640
B/S THIGHS	84-85	89.58	59,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	62.86	284,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.01	59,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.24	53,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.69	99,400

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 WTS		AVG	
	06/28	06/27	06/26	06/23	06/26	06/23	06/21	06/19
ALA	4,049	4,025	3,930	4,237	5.03	4.75	3,896	5.01
ARK	5,205	5,318	5,155	6,234	4.86	4.94	5,211	4.94
DELMARVA	2,430	2,451	2,329	2,775	5.14	5.03	2,230	5.21
KY-LA-TN	2,063	2,090	2,067	2,054	4.56	4.39	2,039	4.52
MISS	2,808	2,842	2,773	3,084	5.06	5.00	2,739	5.05
NC	2,716	2,654	2,501	3,089	5.73	6.01	2,581	5.90
TEXAS	2,333	2,342	2,372	2,446	4.73	4.73	2,357	4.83
TOTAL	21,604	21,722	21,127	23,919	5.01	4.95	21,053	5.06
MON-WED	64,952(A)						62,775(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Jun 00 is estimated to be 32,322,000 up 3.69 percent from a week ago and up 4.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,851,000)

## 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
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

## 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 01-Jul-00

CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
	CURRENT WEEK 07/01/00 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 06/24/00
BRO-FRY	167,936 (2)	163,950
LT HENS	1,925	1,962
HVY HENS	1,594	1,724
TOTAL	171,455	167,636

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Jul-00 is 158.7 million head compared to 162.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.3 million head or 9.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 08-Jul-00 the estimated available is 157.7 million head.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT**

(IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	06/26/00	06/19/00	06/28/99	06/26/00	06/19/00	06/28/99
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	20,849	21,480	37,375	13,808	12,742	20,297
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	364	335	1,250	4,459	4,522	11,235

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 06/27/00

	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 26, 2000

HENS		RANGE
	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	55-59
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	58-65

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**\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\***

**THE MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 23, 2000 IS UNAVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION.**

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