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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady at best with some caution reported. Retail demand was mostly fair at best. Food service was mixed, best into fast food. Availability was mixed, depending on size, but was still more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were readily available and discounted to move, except for tenders which were closer balanced. Wings were tight, and dark meat was usually sufficient. Movement was light to good. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range.

**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 59.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.25 cents last year on the 14th of July 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	137.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	69.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.50
LEG QUARTERS	22.50
WINGS	55.50

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### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 07/08/00	2000	1999	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	177,036	179,244	-01
CHICKS PLACED	147,709	146,774	+01

### Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 177 million eggs during the week ending July 8, 2000. This was down 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 148 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 8, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through July 8, 2000, were 3.97 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 19-Aug-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.3 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 155.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.32 CENTS PER POUND.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was no better than fair. Offerings, although mixed in size, were more than adequate for immediate needs. Retail and distributive movement was slow to moderate at best. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, wings continued to be the most active item in this depressed market. Breast items were readily available at discounts. The balance of parts was more than adequate for trade needs.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was slow and unaggressive to fair with little trade activity. Supplies were at least adequate and continued to outweigh interest. In the parts structure, wings were in the tightest position and had the best movement. Breast items were adequate to ample and discounted, and dark meat was sufficient with fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**MIDWEST** Trade sentiment on whole fryers steady with cautious undertone. Additional offerings of whole fryers and wog's fully sufficient for the very limited trade interest. Movement into retail channels generally slow to fair at best with an occasional fairly good demand noted in the Michigan area. Retail features noted in Chicago on split breasts at 69 cents and ten pound bagged leg quarters at 29 cents. Food service demand was irregular, light to fairly good. Floor stocks adequate to ample, sizes were mixed. In the parts complex, breast items fully sufficient to ample for the mostly inactive trading even with sharp discounts noted. Trading on leg quarters tapering, supplies were adequate. Wings and tenderloins were short of needs for the light to fairly active trading. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on wings and tenderloins, steady on dark meat items and cautiously steady to weak on breast items.

**WESTERN** The market tone was generally steady. Offerings adequate, instances fully adequate. Buying activity was fair at best. Demand for whole body fair, light on breasts, fairly good on wings, moderate on the balance.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair at best and generally unaggressive. Seller offerings varied in size and volume and were fully adequate for current needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights ranged light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, wings and tenders were noted as in the best balance. Breast items were barely steady to weak. Most other items were about steady.

\*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	56.63
NO. OF BOXES	8,656

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JULY 12, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	744	110.00-183.00	130-140	135.17
TENDERLOINS	182	160.00-205.00	160-165	165.38
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	68.00-74.00	68-69	68.51
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	27.00-39.00	27-29	28.09
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	677	17.00-20.00	17-18	17.70
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,085	19.00-23.00	21-22	21.17
WINGS (WHOLE)	62	54.00-59.00	54-56	57.23
WINGS (CUT)	1,914	52.00-78.00	59-61	59.19
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	618	110.00-183.00	130-135	128.78
TENDERLOINS	280	162.00-205.00	165-170	180.21
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	68.00-74.00	68-69	68.51
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	27.00-39.00	27-29	28.09
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	642	17.00-20.00	18-19	18.56
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,141	19.00-23.00	20-22	21.28
WINGS (WHOLE)	62	54.00-57.00	55-56	55.94
WINGS (CUT)	499	57.00-82.00	60-62	63.65
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	75	27.00-39.00	-	32.60
B/S THIGHS	72	58.00-61.00	-	59.54

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JULY 11, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S	
RANGE	AVERAGE
34.00 - 38.50	35.85

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JULY 12, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S		5-DAY
RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
36.00 - 39.00	37.53	36.20

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 generally light as sellers entertained bids well below current market levels to move product. Offerings of all items were usually in excess of current needs. Breast items were in the longest position and were being discounted steeply. Movement into retail and distributive channels was slow to no better than moderate. The market tone was very weak on breast items, steady on wings, and steady at best 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

ITEM	JULY 11, 2000		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	130.80	574,780
TENDERLOINS	155	165.64	129,570
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	64.80	246,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	53.04	212,400
LEGS	35-36	37.10	389,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23-24	25.43	627,763
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	38.78	121,980
THIGHS	22-23	28.83	195,240
B/S THIGHS	83-84	85.64	48,020
WINGS (WHOLE)	56-57	66.53	316,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	58,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.46	37,650
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.88	55,810

ITEM	JULY 12, 2000		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	128.33	382,720
TENDERLOINS	155	165.11	82,520
BREAST - WITH RIBS	51-52	61.83	319,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	51	50.07	185,400
LEGS	35-36	37.47	185,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	25.02	483,398
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	38.68	106,840
THIGHS	22-23	26.11	144,120
B/S THIGHS	83-84	83.59	61,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	56-57	66.11	345,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.82	61,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.15	37,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	45.15	44,040

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	
	07/12	07/11	07/10	07/07	07/10	07/07	07/05	07/03
ALA	3,930	3,927	3,869	3,984	4.87	4.89	3,544	4.97
ARK	5,297	5,300	5,211	6,539	4.86	4.93	2,330	4.74
DELMARVA	2,404	2,336	2,371	2,435	5.07	5.08	2,380	5.22
KY-LA-TN	2,054	2,060	1,937	1,979	4.55	4.42	2,085	4.40
MISS	2,780	2,781	2,825	3,063	5.08	4.92	2,182	4.55
NC	3,930	2,701	3,839	2,236	4.87	6.01	2,404	5.50
TEXAS	2,369	2,371	2,323	2,323	4.72	4.62	2,291	4.75
TOTAL	22,764	21,476	22,375	22,559	4.87	4.94	17,216	4.86
MON-WED 65,567(A)						43,000(A)		

(A) Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Jul 00 is estimated to be 34,057,000 up 9.25 percent from a week ago and up 9.5 percent from a year ago.

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	79-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

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

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Jul-00

CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
	CURRENT WEEK 07/15/00 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/08/00
BRO-FRY	160,294 (2)	135,366
LT HENS	1,839	1,496
HVY HENS	1,541	1,375
TOTAL	163,674	138,237

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 15-Jul-00 is 157.4 million head compared to 160.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.6 million head or 3.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 22-Jul-00 the estimated available is 157.8 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	LBS			LBS		
AM 10-Jul-00	156,291			96,736		
AM 1-Jul-00	150,279			93,719		
CHG	6,012			3,017		
PCT CHG	4			3		

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/11/00	07/04/00	07/13/99	07/11/00	07/04/00	07/13/99
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	22,298	20,121	41,183	16,817	13,898	19,642
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	299	326	1,191	4,652	4,767	10,147

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 07/11/00

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	1.00	.56	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.05	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.75	1.00	.84	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	2.50	-
BANTAMS lb.	1.05	1.30	1.17	BANTAMS ea.	1.00	3.50	-
BROILERS lb.	.35	1.25	.66	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	1.60	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.50	1.10	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.95	1.60	1.36	ROOSTERS ea.	3.00	6.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	3.00	5.50	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	9.50	11.00	-
DUCKS lb.	1.00	1.90	1.59	DUCKS ea.	1.00	6.50	-
RABBITS lb.	.10	.85	.57	RABBITS ea.	.75	3.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	3.75	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.50	12.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	.50	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	2.50	6.00	-
SILKIES ea.	.75	1.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	1.50	4.75	-				

TOTAL COOPS 169

**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 July 10, 2000

	RANGE
<b>HENS</b> ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	55-56
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	58-64

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending July 7, 2000

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	60.28	133.74	71.64	19.11	3.34	50.15
High	72.12	143.29	95.53	28.66	4.78	50.15
Mostly	69.26	133.74	85.97	23.88	3.34	50.15
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	71.17	133.74	81.20	26.27	7.16	58.27
High	74.75	157.62	100.30	42.99	11.94	61.61
Mostly	74.18	138.51	90.75	38.21	8.60	61.14
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	68.78	124.18	71.64	19.11	3.34	48.24
High	71.74	143.29	85.97	28.66	4.78	48.24
Mostly	69.54	133.74	76.42	19.11	3.34	48.24
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	72.60	133.74	81.20	26.27	5.73	62.66
High	74.99	162.39	105.08	40.60	11.94	62.66
Mostly	74.18	143.29	90.75	38.21	9.55	62.66

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