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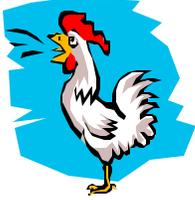
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



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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 60.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 59.75 cents last year on the 4th of August, 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	148.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	68.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	78.00
LEG QUARTERS	23.50
WINGS	58.50

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 07/22/00	2000	1999
EGGS SET	179,259	179,814
CHICKS PLACED	140,384	142,036
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		0
		-01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 179 million eggs during the week ending July 29, 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 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 140 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 29, 2000. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through July 29, 2000, were 4.40 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 9-Sep-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 145.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 147.5 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 152.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.40 CENTS PER POUND.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly light to fair. Offerings were irregular at times, but usually more than sufficient overall. Movement into retail and distributive channels was no better than moderate. The market tone was about steady. In the parts market, Boneless-skinless breasts continued to see fairly active call, and bone-in breasts were in good balance. Leg quarters and drums were generally in the weakest position.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail demand was slow to fair with few scattered features present. Food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies were more than sufficient to satisfy limited trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were short of an active call and held with confidence. Wings were well cleared and moving, and dark meat items were usually sufficient with fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

MIDWEST Trade sentiment on whole fryers steady to barely steady. Additional offerings of whole birds adequate, Wogs fully sufficient for immediate trade needs. Fill in trading in Chicago reported in the high 30's. Retail demand sluggish in Chicago, slowly improving elsewhere, generally light to fair. Retail features noted in the St. Louis area on leg quarters at 29 and 49 cents, and in Ohio on boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.77. Food service movement moderate overall with an occasionally fairly good noted in all areas. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate; size mixed, mostly desirable. Part trading irregular; moderate to active on boneless/skinless breasts and slow to fair on all other items. Supplies barely adequate to short on boneless/skinless breasts, gizzards and livers, adequate on all other items. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on breast items and steady on the remainder of parts.

WESTERN The market tone was generally steady. Offerings easily adequate to cover the fair buyer's needs. Some processors plan to reduce slaughter schedules as high temperatures continued to effect live weights. Retail demand fairly good overall, best to cover feature activities. Floor stocks adequate.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair at best. Seller offerings were in good balance on 3 pound and smaller sizes. Larger sizes were readily available and generally slow to clear. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights ranged mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 46 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. Breast items were in close balance and clearing well. Other parts were at least adequate for the mostly light to fair buying interest. *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	40-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.89
NO. OF BOXES	9,980

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

AUGUST 01, 2000					SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS					AUGUST 02, 2000								
ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD	ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD	ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD				
	(000)	RANGE				(000)	RANGE				(000)	RANGE						
BREAST - B/S	549	135.00-180.00	142-150	147.09	BREAST - B/S	518	135.00-180.00	145-150	148.56	BREAST - B/S	518	135.00-180.00	145-150	148.56				
TENDERLOINS	187	175.00-225.00	-	180.52	TENDERLOINS	145	175.00-225.00	175-180	182.12	TENDERLOINS	145	175.00-225.00	175-180	182.12				
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	61.00-67.50	61-63	61.66	BREAST - LINE RUN	79	61.00-68.00	62-65	61.71	BREAST - LINE RUN	79	61.00-68.00	62-65	61.71				
FRONT HALVES	75	56.00-61.00	-	58.67	FRONT HALVES	86	57.50-62.00	61-62	61.48	FRONT HALVES	86	57.50-62.00	61-62	61.48				
LEGS	86	27.00-40.00	28-29	27.91	LEGS	86	27.00-40.00	29-30	27.91	LEGS	86	27.00-40.00	29-30	27.91				
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	548	18.00-21.00	18-19	18.66	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	708	18.00-21.00	19-20	19.08	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	708	18.00-21.00	19-20	19.08				
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	952	21.00-24.00	22-23	22.47	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,032	20.50-24.00	22-23	22.34	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,032	20.50-24.00	22-23	22.34				
WINGS (WHOLE)	100	53.00-59.00	54-56	55.72	WINGS (WHOLE)	101	53.00-59.00	53-55	55.69	WINGS (WHOLE)	101	53.00-59.00	53-55	55.69				
WINGS (CUT)	408	62.00-85.00	65-67	66.51	WINGS (CUT)	439	64.00-85.00	65-67	68.38	WINGS (CUT)	439	64.00-85.00	65-67	68.38				
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	49 25.00-40.00				-	27.76	DRUMSTICKS	49 25.00-40.00				-	27.76
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	44 20.00-40.00				-	20.27	THIGHS	44 20.00-40.00				-	20.27
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	59 59.00-62.00				-	60.78	B/S THIGHS	59 59.00-62.00				-	60.78

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR AUGUST 1, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR AUGUST 02, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
37.00 - 41.00	38.67	37.75 - 41.50	40.28	39.01

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 quiet. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were still clearing well at most locations, and bone-in breasts were usually well-balanced to barely adequate. Dark meat items were fully adequate to ample, particularly leg quarters and drums. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly light to fair. The market tone was fully steady on breast items, no better than steady 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

AUGUST 01, 2000				AUGUST 02, 2000			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	145.46	536,310	BREAST - B/S	145	146.80	521,680
TENDERLOINS	175-180	184.72	122,520	TENDERLOINS	175-180	184.51	124,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	58-59	64.14	344,200	BREAST - WITH RIBS	59-60	65.56	229,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	58	59.95	42,680	BREAST - LINE RUN	59	62.41	200,200
LEGS	33-34	34.41	283,960	LEGS	33-34	34.90	192,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.99	620,137	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.29	648,639
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	32.13	198,130	DRUMSTICKS	33-34	31.64	152,160
THIGHS	21-22	28.23	172,460	THIGHS	21-22	28.67	160,160
B/S THIGHS	69-70	74.10	61,840	B/S THIGHS	69-70	74.57	65,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	66.31	350,360	WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	65.37	370,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	77,880	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	84,060
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.89	60,365	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.05	50,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.00	89,960	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.52	99,480

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	
	08/0208	0107/3107/28 07/31	07/28	07/26	07/24			
ALA	3,797	3,933	3,847	3,962	5.00	4.77	3,770	5.05
ARK	5,283	5,297	5,027	5,947	4.89	4.80	5,184	4.89
DELMARVA	2,332	2,370	2,387	2,359	5.13	5.03	2,387	5.15
KY-LA-TN	2,075	2,064	2,035	2,056	4.43	4.28	2,039	4.35
MISS	2,868	2,807	2,543	3,097	5.07	4.97	2,732	4.87
NC	2,644	2,660	2,601	3,078	5.91	6.01	2,670	5.94
TEXAS	2,339	2,344	2,331	2,315	4.75	4.63	2,341	4.72
TOTAL	21,338	21,475	20,771	22,814	5.03	4.92	21,123	5.00
MON-WED63,943 (A)					62,914 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Aug 00 is estimated to be 31,924,000 up 2.41 percent from a week ago and up 6.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,042,000)

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	ICE PACK	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 AUGUST 5 -00

CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
	CURRENT WEEK 08/05/00 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/29/00
BRO-FRY	161,078 (2)	160,427
LT HENS	1,875	1,809
HVY HENS	1,796	1,731
TOTAL	164,749	163,967

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Aug-00 is 157.9 million head compared to 154.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.4 million head or 3.5 million more than estimated available. For week of 12-Aug-00 the estimated available is 158.6 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 31-Jul-00	161,786	94,065		
AM 1-Jul-00	150,279	93,719		
CHG	11,507	346		
PCT CHG	8	0		

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/31/00	07/24/00	08/03/99	07/31/00	07/24/00	08/03/99
PACIFIC						
COAST	22,974	22,790	39,503	14,068	14,432	19,056
LOS ANGELES	281	278	1142	4,657	4,801	9,103

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 08/01/00

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.70	.80	.74	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	1.10	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.00	4.75
BROILERS lb.	.55	.75	.66	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.40	.45
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	3.00	7.50
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.75	4.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.90	1.45	1.23	ROOSTERS ea.	2.00	3.25
GEESE lb.	.35	.40	.36	GEESE ea.	4.50	5.50
TURKEYS lb.	-	.80	-	TURKEYS ea.	2.00	9.00
DUCKS lb.	1.25	1.75	1.59	DUCKS ea.	1.25	3.50
RABBITS lb.	.65	1.20	.83	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	3.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	5.00	6.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	3.00
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	3.00	3.35	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	2.50	-			

TOTAL COOPS 103

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 31, 2000

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	52-54
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	61-62

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending July 28, 2000

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	
RAYON						
Low	69.89	135.90	77.66	19.41	21.84	50.96
High	72.41	145.61	97.07	33.97	24.27	50.96
Mostly	70.28	135.90	87.36	19.41	24.27	50.96
SAN JUAN						
Low	71.83	140.75	82.51	26.69	19.41	62.13
High	76.69	160.17	106.78	46.11	31.55	62.13
Mostly	73.77	145.61	92.22	33.97	24.27	62.13
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	70.28	126.19	77.66	19.41	21.84	50.96
High	72.80	135.90	87.36	29.12	24.27	50.96
Mostly	70.28	135.90	87.36	19.41	21.84	50.96
BECERRA						
Low	71.83	131.05	87.36	24.27	19.41	63.87
High	75.23	165.02	106.78	48.54	33.97	63.87
Mostly	73.97	145.61	97.07	38.83	26.69	63.87

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