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Trade sentiment was mostly about steady. Retail demand was fair at best, and food service was fair to good, best for fast food promotions. Supplies were more than sufficient for light needs. In the parts structure, breast items were irregular with supplies balanced to well cleared, but adequate to ample and discounted in the Midwest. Wings were mixed ranging adequate to ample in parts of the Northeast, yet better balanced and somewhat tightening and improved in other locations. Dark meat was at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

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 60.00 cents last year on the 11TH 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	148.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	69.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	77.00
LEG QUARTERS	23.50
WINGS	57.00

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES WEEK ENDING 07/29/00	2000	1999	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	177,117	179,885	-02
CHICKS PLACED	141,330	144,959	-03

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 177 million eggs during the week ending August 5, 2000. This was down 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 DOWN 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 141 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 5, 2000. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through August 5, 2000, were 4.54 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 16-Sep-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 145.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 145.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 150.8 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 136.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.83 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN. The market tone was steady. Offerings were fully adequate, however buyer interest was lacking. Demand by retail stores was fair overall, good where features were planned. Restaurant reported as moderate. Floor stocks were adequate and buyers were reluctant to add more product to their inventories.

SOUTHERN. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light and unaggressive with little trading. Supplies were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items continued to have the strongest movement with supplies well cleared to adequate. Wings were more balanced and interest was improved, and the remaining items were at least adequate with fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

MIDWEST. Whole fryer trade sentiment mostly steady. Offerings of whole fryers and WOGs adequate or available for the limited buyers needs. Retail demand light to fair, best where scattered features are in progress. In Chicago features reported on whole birds at 49 and 79 cents, boneless skinless breast at \$1.79 and leg quarters at 39 cents. Food service movement in a full range, slow to fairly good, best where promotions or summer activities are a factor. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Sizes desirable. Supplies of breast items adequate to fully adequate, balance of items adequate or available. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on breast items, generally steady on the balance of items.

NORTHEAST. Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair. Offerings of all sizes were irregular at times, but were generally adequate for immediate interest. Movement into retail and distributive channels light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts market, most dealers were unaggressive and very selective while usually limiting purchases to most immediate needs. Bone-in breasts were well balanced, boneless-skinless breasts were adequate to available. The balance of items were more than sufficient with drums in the longest position.

DELMARVA. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as light and typical of mid-week activity. Offerings again varied by size, but were fully adequate overall. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy 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. Boneless skinless breasts were irregularly balanced. Bone-in breast were clearing satisfactorily at most points. Leg items were at least adequate with drumsticks offered at highly competitive prices. Wings 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	40-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.15
NO. OF BOXES	9,675

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

AUGUST 08, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 09, 2000

ITEM	AUGUST 08, 2000				AUGUST 09, 2000				
	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM
BREAST - B/S	611	135.00-180.00	145-150	152.94	BREAST - B/S	682	130.00-180.00	143-150	146.49
TENDERLOINS	183	185.00-225.00	-	191.27	TENDERLOINS	248	190.00-225.00	190-195	196.65
BREAST - LINE RUN	156	62.00-66.00	-	64.97	BREAST - LINE RUN	115	62.00-68.00	63-65	65.74
FRONT HALVES	105	57.00-62.00	-	59.00	FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	27.00-40.00	28-29	27.91	LEGS	86	27.00-40.00	28-29	27.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	556	18.00-21.00	18-20	18.75	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	452	18.00-21.00	18-19	18.51
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,178	21.00-23.00	22-23	22.20	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,210	21.00-24.00	22-23	22.29
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				WINGS (WHOLE)	95	52.00-57.00	53-56	54.66
WINGS (CUT)	605	59.00-87.00	64-67	66.09	WINGS (CUT)	550	61.00-87.00	64-68	69.72
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	4	22.00-40.00	-	22.00
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR AUGUST 8, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR AUGUST 09, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
37.00 - 41.00	38.67	37.50 - 42.50	39.51	39.37

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 generally sluggish as dealers purchased to cover most immediate needs. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were usually available, however, bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to well balanced. Drums were fully adequate and the balance of items were at least sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels continued slow to fair. The market tone remained no better than steady.

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

ITEM	AUGUST 08, 2000			ITEM	AUGUST 09, 2000		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS		CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	148.06	540,190	BREAST - B/S	145-150	149.99	516,820
TENDERLOINS	180	194.95	151,020	TENDERLOINS	180	191.55	129,260
BREAST - WITH RIBS	59-60	65.22	327,200	BREAST - WITH RIBS	59-60	65.60	316,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	59	62.25	72,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	59	62.22	162,000
LEGS	33-34	33.42	287,240	LEGS	33-34	34.72	211,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.43	775,253	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.19	508,046
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	31.66	183,470	DRUMSTICKS	33-34	30.72	179,850
THIGHS	21-22	28.52	181,570	THIGHS	21-22	28.32	227,710
B/S THIGHS	69-70	74.98	65,011	B/S THIGHS	69-70	74.59	69,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	54-55	62.91	353,630	WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	63.03	344,939
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.11	89,320	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.97	96,955
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.56	65,785	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.69	38,580
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.18	105,490	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.50	103,280

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	
	08/09	08/08	08/07	08/04	08/07	08/04	08/02	07/31
ALA	3,958	3,953	3,896	4,162	4.92	4.79	3,695	5.00
ARK	5,327	5,324	5,259	5,218	4.88	4.72	5,222	4.89
DELMARVA	2,393	2,337	2,405	2,710	5.03	4.98	2,378	5.13
KY-LA-TN	2,081	2,043	2,053	2,053	4.43	4.31	2,115	4.43
MISS	2,783	2,856	2,877	3,350	5.03	5.02	2,857	5.07
NC	2,660	2,660	2,512	2,860	5.72	6.01	2,610	5.91
TEXAS	2,316	2,320	2,244	2,346	4.69	4.57	2,333	4.75
TOTAL	21,518	21,493	21,246	22,699	4.96	4.88	21,210	5.03
MON-WED	64,733(A)				63,313(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Aug 00 is estimated to be 32,193,000 up 3.27 percent from a week ago and up 5.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,500,000)

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		RANGE
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 AUG 12,2000

CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
	CURRENT WEEK 08/12/00 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/05/00
BRO-FRY	161,367 (2)	161,078
LT HENS	1,772	1,875
HVY HENS	1,738	1,796
CHECK TOTAL	164,877	164,749

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Aug-00 is 158.6 million head compared to 157.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.7 million head or 3.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 19-Aug-00 the estimated available is 157.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	LBS			LBS		
AM 7-Aug-00	165,613			87,853		
AM 1-Jul-00	150,279			93,719		
CHG	15,334			-5,866		
PCT CHG	10			-6		

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/07/00	07/31/00	08/09/99	08/07/00	07/31/00	08/09/99
PACIFIC						
COAST	24,711	22,974	38,349	9,699	14,068	18,937
LOS ANGELES	270	281	1,185	1,259	4,657	8,547

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 08/08/00

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG			
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG	
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	1.15	.57	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	3.25	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	1.00	1.10	-
BANTAMS lb.	.35	.50	.39	BANTAMS ea.	.50	3.75	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.40	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.45	.55	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	9.00	9.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.35	1.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.40	1.40	.80	ROOSTERS ea.	1.00	4.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	4.00	4.50	-
DUCKS lb.	.50	1.25	.95	DUCKS ea.	.50	3.25	-
RABBITS lb.	.20	.70	.45	RABBITS ea.	-	.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	2.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	1.50	4.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	.85	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	1.00	3.50	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	1.00	2.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	3.00	4.50	-				

TOTAL COOPS 160

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 August 7, 2000

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	54-56
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-62

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending August 4, 2000

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	70.08	135.90	87.36	19.41	21.84	50.48
High	72.61	145.61	97.07	33.97	24.27	50.48
Mostly	71.44	135.90	87.36	19.41	24.27	50.48
SAN JUAN						
Low	73.97	140.75	87.36	29.12	19.41	63.10
High	75.72	160.17	101.92	48.54	26.69	63.10
Mostly	75.72	145.61	92.22	36.40	21.84	63.10
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	69.89	126.19	77.66	19.41	21.84	50.48
High	72.80	145.61	97.07	29.12	24.27	50.48
Mostly	71.44	135.90	87.36	19.41	21.84	50.48
BECERRA						
Low	74.06	140.75	82.51	29.12	5.82	63.87
High	75.72	160.17	106.78	48.54	12.13	63.87
Mostly	75.72	150.46	97.07	38.83	7.28	63.87

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