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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was barely steady in the West, barely steady to weak in the Midwest, and in the East about steady but weak on the larger sizes. Retail and distributive demand was light to fair, instances better where featured. Food service was light to moderate, best for promotions. Supplies were adequate to ample. In the parts structure, wings and tenders were close balanced to tight with good movement. Dark meat items and the remaining breast items were at least sufficient and at times discounted. In production areas, live supplies were at least moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cent to 61.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 59.25 cents last year on the 29th September, 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	160.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	77.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.50
LEG QUARTERS	29.50
WINGS	68.50

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES WEEK ENDING 09/23/00	2000	1999	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	170,056	166,904	+02
CHICKS PLACED	140,988	140,037	+01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 170 million eggs during the week ending September 23, 2000. This was up 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 UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 141 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 23, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through September 23, 2000, were 5.54 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 4-Nov-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 146.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 148.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 148.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 153.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.81 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN The market tone was barely steady. Offerings ample overall. Buyer's interest just fair. Sharp discounts did little to stimulate interest in additional product. Demand by stores good to cover features elsewhere only fair. Demand by restaurants moderate at best. Floor stocks generally adequate. Trade sentiment about steady on parts.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand remained light to fair with limited features. Supplies were still at least sufficient, but had become better balanced. In the parts structure, tenders and wings were barely adequate to tight and being held with confidence. Other breast items were adequate to fully sufficient, but had decreased in availability in some areas, and dark meat was usually adequate with fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

MIDWEST Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers barely steady to weak. Offerings of additional product available, buyer interest light. Retail demand remained sluggish for end of the month business with Chicago reporting fair interest on featured items. Retail features noted in Chicago on whole fryers at 59 cents and boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.79. Food service movement light to moderate, best for promotions. Floor stocks balanced to more than desired, weights satisfactory. Parts trading centered on wings and tenderloins which were generally well cleared, mixed trading noted on leg quarters with breast items long and difficult to place. Trade sentiment fully steady on wings and tenders, steady to barely steady on leg quarters and barely steady to weak on breast items.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best. Offerings of the larger sizes were ample with 4 pound birds in the longest position. The 2.5 to 3 pound sizes were usually adequate and continued to be clearing satisfactorily. Movement into retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was weak on the 3.5 pound and larger birds, about steady on the balance. In the parts market, boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate and bone-in breasts were in ample supply. Dark meat items, particularly drums and thighs, were readily available. Wings were in good balance as seasonal demand remained strong.

DELMARVA Movement of ready to cook whole birds was slow. Seller offerings were adequate and in fairly good balance on the 2.25 and 2.50 sizes. 3.0 pound and heavier sizes were readily available and generally slow to clear. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 50 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment remained mostly weak. In the parts complex, wings and giblets continued to clear satisfactorily. Other cuts were generally noted as fully adequate to ample with breast items most readily available.

*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	42-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.98
NO. OF BOXES	11,903

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPTEMBER 27, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS		WTD	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	562	138.00-205.00	140-145	148.64
TENDERLOINS	165	215.00-255.00	215-220	223.48
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	71.00-75.00	72-74	73.74
FRONT HALVES	105	66.00-71.00	-	69.33
LEGS	120	33.00-48.00	34-35	34.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	421	25.00-28.00	26-27	26.19
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,090	28.00-30.00	29-30	29.21
WINGS (WHOLE)	80	62.00-67.00	62-64	65.63
WINGS (CUT)	473	80.00-99.00	80-82	83.05
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS		WTD		ITEM
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	
BREAST - B/S	469	120.00-205.00	145-150	147.95	BREAST - B/S
TENDERLOINS	185	200.00-255.00	200-215	219.46	TENDERLOINS
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	71.00-75.00	72-74	73.48	BREAST - LINE RUN
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES
LEGS	86	33.00-48.00	34-36	34.05	LEGS
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	541	24.00-28.00	25-26	25.56	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,150	28.00-30.00	29-30	29.27	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)
WINGS (WHOLE)	98	62.00-67.00	62-64	64.96	WINGS (WHOLE)
WINGS (CUT)	401	80.00-99.00	80-82	83.98	WINGS (CUT)
DRUMSTICKS	44	27.00-48.00	-	28.91	DRUMSTICKS
THIGHS	44	22.00-48.00	-	24.36	THIGHS
B/S THIGHS	50	62.00-80.00	-	65.60	B/S THIGHS

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

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TODAY'S	
RANGE	AVERAGE
45.50 - 49.50	47.76

TODAY'S		5-DAY
RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
46.50 - 49.50	47.78	48.69

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

Midweek trucklot buying activity was very quiet. Supplies of breast items remained in ample supply and at discounted levels. Dark meat items were more than sufficient. Wings continued to see active call and offerings were no more than adequate to closely cleared. Movement into retail and distributive channels was light to fair at best. The market tone was cautiously steady to weak on boneless-skinless breasts, barely steady to weak on bone-in breasts, fully steady on wings, no better than steady on the balance of items.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	135-140	144.67	662,000	
TENDERLOINS	180-185	214.51	206,240	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	70.40	416,400	
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	65.78	192,440	
LEGS	35-36	39.52	307,800	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.64	510,646	
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	36.40	145,110	
THIGHS	27-28	32.56	219,430	
B/S THIGHS	77-78	82.70	50,920	
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67	76.54	412,760	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	93,080	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.46	81,900	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.74	90,790	

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	135	140.59	606,320	
TENDERLOINS	180-185	215.02	120,920	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	67.51	348,600	
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	61.27	199,800	
LEGS	35-36	39.09	236,480	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	26.91	577,232	
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	36.19	163,240	
THIGHS	27-28	32.80	157,600	
B/S THIGHS	77-78	81.48	60,840	
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67	75.59	366,280	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	87,960	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.37	73,720	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.90	82,320	

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	
	09/27	09/26	09/25	09/22	09/25	09/22	09/20	09/18
ALA	3,913	4,019	3,873	3,922	5.10	4.85	3,855	5.06
ARK	5,046	5,255	4,837	4,883	4.82	4.72	5,159	4.85
DELMARVA	2,400	2,375	2,384	2,538	5.13	4.97	2,373	5.17
KY-LA-TN	1,850	1,887	1,858	1,855	4.32	4.30	1,878	4.39
MISS	2,585	2,794	2,688	3,018	5.02	4.90	2,891	5.00
NC	2,642	2,669	2,587	2,501	5.78	6.01	2,583	5.80
TEXAS	2,258	2,291	2,259	1,793	4.64	4.46	2,282	4.73
TOTAL	20,694	21,290	20,486	20,510	4.99	4.86	21,021	5.01
MON-WED	62,847 (A)						62,744 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Sep 00 is estimated to be 30,961,000 down 0.68 percent from a week ago and up 2.2 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,304,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	72
DUCKS	129
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-96
	DRY PACK	103-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	106-111
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		149-165

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT-27-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/30/00 (1)	09/23/00
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	156,882 (2)	159,439
LT HENS	1,617	1,659
HVY HENS	1,585	1,670
CHECK TOTAL	160,084	162,768

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Sep-00 is 150.2 million head compared to 155.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.2 million head or 7.0 million more than estimated available. For week of 07-Oct-00 the estimated available is 150.9 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 25-Sep-00	160,624	77,114
AM 1-Aug-00	167,385	75,915
CHG	-6,761	1,199
PCT CHG	-4	2

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/25/00	09/18/00	09/28/99	09/25/00	09/18/00	09/28/99
PACIFIC						
COAST	20,324	18,610	37,169	10,594	11,581	15,497
LOS ANGELES	255	235	989	3,907	3,903	5,667

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 09/26/00

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	.65	.43	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.60	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.10	.85	.44	BANTAMS ea.	1.10	1.75
BROILERS lb.	.25	.35	.34	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	.40	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.50	6.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	3.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.60	.90	.78	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.70	1.45	1.02	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.40	1.25	.70	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.50	3.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	.50	6.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	.60
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	3.00	9.00
SILKIES ea.	-	3.75	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.80	2.50	-			

TOTAL COOPS 96

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 September 25, 2000

HENS		RANGE
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)		52-58
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)		58-62

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending September 22, 2000

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	57.05	124.66	71.92	9.59	14.38	48.90
High	59.07	143.83	86.30	23.97	23.97	48.90
Mostly	58.30	143.83	86.30	19.18	14.38	48.90
SAN JUAN						
Low	52.74	124.66	76.71	19.18	14.38	50.34
High	59.45	148.63	91.09	33.56	23.97	50.34
Mostly	58.30	139.04	86.30	23.97	19.18	50.34
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	57.15	119.86	71.92	9.59	14.38	45.55
High	59.26	143.83	86.30	23.97	23.97	45.55
Mostly	57.92	134.24	76.71	14.38	19.18	45.55
BECERRA						
Low	55.62	124.66	76.71	19.18	16.78	51.59
High	59.83	148.63	88.70	31.16	23.97	51.59
Mostly	55.62	143.83	86.30	23.97	21.58	51.59

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