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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was about steady to weak, mostly barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best for fast food promotions and retail features activity. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate, with heavier sizes in the longest position. In the parts structure, wings were clearing satisfactorily. Tenders were in good balance, but breast items and dark meat were at least adequate to fully adequate and competitively priced. In production areas, live supplies were at least moderate. Weights ranged desirable to heavy, 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 61.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 58.75 cents last year on the 6th October, 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	155.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.50
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 09/30/00	2000	1999	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	174,511	175,385	0
CHICKS PLACED	136,664	132,436	+03

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 175 million eggs during the week ending September 30, 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 UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 137 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 30, 2000. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through September 30, 2000, were 5.68 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 11-Nov-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 143.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 146.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 148.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 156.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.46 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN The market tone was barely steady to weak. Offerings ample. Retail demand moderate, best where featured. Floor stocks adequate to occasionally heavier than desired.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was generally about steady. Demand was light to fair, but improvements were noted where retail features, food service and first of the month business were active. Supplies were in better balance than earlier in the week, but still more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were in close balance and clearing well. Other items were at least adequate for the mostly light to fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

MIDWEST Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was steady to weak. Offerings of additional whole birds and Wogs fully sufficient for the cautious and selective buyer interest. Retail demand was slow to fair. Movement into food service channels was irregular, slow to good, mostly fair and best into fast food where promotions present. Floor stocks balanced to ample with instances of reductions in current commitments noted; weights were in desirable range. In the parts complex, trading centered on wings and tenders, limited to inactive trading noted on all other items. Supplies were heavy on breast items, moderate to fully adequate on leg quarters, irregular on wings and limited on tenderloins. Trade sentiment steady on tenderloins and wings with the remainder of items cautiously steady to weak.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair. Offerings of the 3.5 to pound and larger sizes were fully adequate, however, better interest centered around the lighter weights keeping product in a better balance. The market tone was about steady. In the parts market, bone-in breasts were generally adequate, and boneless-skinless breasts were usually available. Dark meat items, particularly drums and thighs, were fully adequate. Wings remained well cleared.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair and centered mainly on the adequate to closely cleared supply of lighter weights. Offerings were adequate to ample on the over 3 pound sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts varied from plant to plant and were at least adequate. Bone-in breasts were adequate and in closer balance. Leg cuts were fully adequate to ample. Wings, livers and gizzards cleared well.

*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	38-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.41
NO. OF BOXES	13,149

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 04, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD	
	(000)	RANGE		AVG	AVG
BREAST - B/S	618	115.00-195.00	130-145	168.87	
TENDERLOINS	160	215.00-255.00	215-220	223.59	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
LEGS	88	33.00-48.00	33-35	34.36	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	512	24.00-28.00	25-27	25.77	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,137	28.00-31.00	29-30	29.58	
WINGS (WHOLE)	180	65.00-69.00	66-68	67.09	
WINGS (CUT)	514	80.00-68.00	80-85	83.15	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD	
	(000)	RANGE		AVG	AVG
BREAST - B/S	498	115.00-195.00	130-145	172.61	
TENDERLOINS	80	214.00-255.00	-	224.50	
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	74.00-79.00	77-79	77.51	
FRONT HALVES	90	68.50-71.00	-	69.58	
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	392	24.00-28.00	25-26	25.55	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	817	28.00-31.00	29-30	29.60	
WINGS (WHOLE)	108	65.00-69.00	65-68	67.09	
WINGS (CUT)	240	80.00-98.00	80-84	86.30	
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 OCTOBER 03, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

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TODAY'S	
RANGE	AVERAGE
45.50 - 48.50	47.34

TODAY'S		5-DAY	
RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
46.25 - 49.50	47.57	47.46	

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 no better than fair and was generally typical of midweek activity. Offerings of bone-in breasts were at least adequate to available, however, supplies continued to be moving into a better balance. Boneless-skinless breasts remained fully adequate, and drums and thighs were readily available. Wings were usually clearing well. The market tone remained fully steady on wings, cautiously 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

ITEM	OCTOBER 03, 2000		VOL/LBS
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	130-135	132.40	707,030
TENDERLOINS	185-190	213.79	205,550
BREAST - WITH RIBS	58-60	62.59	475,929
BREAST - LINE RUN	58	61.53	152,000
LEGS	35-36	39.63	265,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.68	741,600
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	34.46	231,280
THIGHS	27-28	30.58	234,480
B/S THIGHS	77-78	82.26	56,020
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67	76.83	332,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.98	86,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.51	86,545
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	56.18	107,770

ITEM	OCTOBER 04, 2000		VOL/LBS
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	130-135	132.83	708,560
TENDERLOINS	185-190	213.58	178,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	58-60	65.18	381,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	58	61.90	176,280
LEGS	35-36	38.22	239,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.96	635,177
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	34.96	212,360
THIGHS	27-28	35.06	160,840
B/S THIGHS	77-78	82.72	53,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67	76.24	373,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.07	103,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.52	87,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	56.04	113,800

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	
	10/04	10/03	10/02	09/29	10/02	09/29	09/27	09/25
ALA	3,978	4,003	3,938	4,107	5.09	4.87	3,860	5.10
ARK	5,118	5,279	5,074	5,326	4.94	4.79	4,884	4.82
DELMARVA	2,353	2,312	2,352	2,433	5.27	5.04	2,366	5.13
KY-LA-TN	1,936	1,923	1,828	1,921	4.37	4.27	1,799	4.32
MISS	2,707	2,718	2,821	2,796	5.16	4.87	2,589	5.02
NC	2,667	2,641	2,648	2,966	5.91	6.01	2,633	5.78
TEXAS	2,286	2,284	2,157	1,970	4.65	4.55	2,231	4.64
TOTAL	21,045	21,160	20,818	21,519	5.08	4.91	20,362	4.99
MON-WED	63,339 (A)						61,806 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Oct 00 is estimated to be 31,486,000 up 1.00 percent from a week ago and up 3.9 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,293,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	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 OCT-07-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/07/00 (1)	09/30/00
	THOUSAND HEAD	

BRO-FRY	158,875 (2)	156,882
LT HENS	1,710	1,617
HVY HENS	1,548	1,585
CHECK TOTAL	162,133	160,084

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Oct-00 is 150.9 million head compared to 154.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.2 million head or 8.3 million more than estimated available. For week of 14-Oct-00 the estimated available is 150.8 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 1-Oct-00	156,571		69,164	
AM 1-Sep-00	167,385		75,915	
CHG	-10,814		-6751	
PCT CHG	-6		-9	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/2/00	09/25/00	10/4/99	10/2/00	09/25/00	10/4/99
PACIFIC COAST	19,908	20,324	36,902	8,755	10,594	15,307
LOS ANGELES	290	255	935	3,563	3,907	5,809

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 10/03/00

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	HEAVY FOWL lb.	.25	.80	.65	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.35	.45	.40	BANTAMS ea.	.85	3.50
BROILERS lb.	.40	.65	.57	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.05	.20
PULLETS lb.	-	1.55	-	PULLETS ea.	4.50	6.50
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	2.00
ROOSTERS lb.	.60	1.00	.84	ROOSTERS ea.	-	3.75
GEESE lb.	.25	.40	.35	GEESE ea.	2.75	3.00
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.80	1.55	1.35	DUCKS ea.	1.50	3.50
RABBITS lb.	.75	1.55	1.14	RABBITS ea.	1.25	1.75
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.75	3.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	2.00	8.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	.25
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	1.00	9.25
SILKIES ea.	1.00	2.25	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-			

TOTAL COOPS 130

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 OCTOBER 2, 2000

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	54-57
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	58-66

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending September 29, 2000

	Whole Chickens	Legs Breasts w/ Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON					
Low	57.75	134.75	77.00	14.44	14.44
High	60.06	154.00	96.25	24.06	24.06
Mostly	59.58	144.38	86.63	14.44	14.44
SAN JUAN					
Low	58.23	134.75	77.00	21.66	19.25
High	60.25	149.19	91.44	33.69	24.06
Mostly	59.68	139.57	86.63	24.06	21.66
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	58.04	134.75	77.00	14.44	14.44
High	60.06	154.00	96.25	24.06	24.06
Mostly	59.29	144.38	86.63	14.44	14.44
BECERRA					
Low	58.71	139.57	81.81	24.06	19.25
High	60.35	149.19	96.25	28.88	28.88
Mostly	58.71	144.38	86.63	24.06	24.06

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