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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was reported in a full range, but was overall mostly steady. Demand, although not active, was light to moderate; however, movement surpassed expectations into fast food outlets especially where features were planned or in progress. Offerings of smaller sizes were short to balanced, other sizes mixed. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts and wings were clearing well, boneless skinless breasts were at least sufficient, and the remaining items were mostly balanced. In production areas, live supplies were at least 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 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 58.50 cents last year on the 13th, 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	151.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00
LEG QUARTERS	29.50
WINGS	69.50

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### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES WEEK ENDING 10/07/00	2000	1999	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	174,993	168,688	+04
CHICKS PLACED	136,140	133,105	+02

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 175 million eggs during the week ending October 7, 2000. This was up 4 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 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 136 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 7, 2000. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through October 7, 2000, were 5.81 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 18-Nov-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 141.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 143.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 144.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 150.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.64 CENTS PER POUND.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair during midweek trading. Offerings of the 3.5 to 4 pound birds were available, however the smaller sizes were about adequate to well balanced. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts market, bone-in breasts were mixed in availability, ranging adequate to occasionally tight. Boneless-skinless breasts were fully sufficient. Wings were clearing satisfactorily and the remainder of items were more than adequate for current call.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was fair to moderate with increased interest where business for fast food promotions and retail features was strong. Supplies were in balance to at times limited for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were irregular, but balanced, particularly bone-in which was at times short. Wings were well cleared and held with confidence, and dark meat was sufficient with export leg quarters in the better position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**MIDWEST** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Additional whole bird and Wog offerings were fully sufficient for the limited buyer interest; a few receivers in all areas noting cutbacks on regular commitments. Fill in trading in Chicago at 46 cents. Retail demand was generally light overall with an occasional moderate movement stated where features were in progress. Retail features noted in Michigan and Chicago on whole fryers at 49 and 59 cents respectively and in the St. Louis area whole breasts featured at 79 cents and boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.69. Food service demand continued irregular, slow to fairly good with best demand into casual restaurants. Floor stocks balanced to instances long, sizes desirable. Parts trading was moderate on wings and tenderloins. Boneless/skinless breasts trading levels were occasionally moderate with discounts a factor and all other parts trading limited. Supplies were fully adequate or available on all items, except wings were irregular and tenderloins well cleared. Trade sentiment about steady to weak on breast items, unsettled on wings, steady to barely steady on dark meat items and steady on the remainder.

**WESTERN** The market tone was fully steady. Offerings were adequate. Buyers' interest was only fair. Retail demand was moderate. Floor stocks adequate overall. The market tone was firm on bone-in breasts with balance of parts about steady.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate. Seller Offerings were adequate to closely cleared on the 3 pound and smaller sizes; adequate to fully adequate on the larger sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights ranged light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Bone-in breast were in close balance to tight and clearing well. Wings were in good demand and clearing satisfactorily. Boneless skinless breast were 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	43-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.42
NO. OF BOXES	13,733

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	634	115.00-194.00	145-155	145.05
TENDERLOINS	66	215.00-255.00	220-225	232.12
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	72.00-74.00	-	72.22
FRONT HALVES	115	68.00-75.00	-	70.74
LEGS	47	33.00-48.00	33-35	35.23
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	467	24.00-28.50	25-26	25.54
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	400	29.00-30.00	29-30	29.20
WINGS (WHOLE)	134	68.00-72.00	-	70.25
WINGS (CUT)	488	80.00-99.00	80-84	82.29
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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

	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	46.00 - 51.75	48.14	48.14

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 mostly light to fair and generally noted as typical for midweek activity. Supplies of bone-in breasts were spotty in availability and were usually trading at premium levels where additional product was sought beyond normal commitments. Boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate. Wings were generally well cleared and the balance of product was at least adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels ranged fair to fairly good, with particular draw noted on bone-in breasts. The market tone continued fully steady to instances firm on bone-in breasts, about 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	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	134.32	697,000
TENDERLOINS	185-190	215.13	162,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	68.57	357,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	65.71	198,920
LEGS	35-36	39.35	242,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27-28	28.48	567,100
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	35.60	202,340
THIGHS	27-28	29.49	232,840
B/S THIGHS	77-78	83.91	44,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	67-68	75.91	428,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.96	106,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.71	91,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	55.45	105,560

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	
	10/11	10/10	10/09	10/06	10/09	10/06	10/04	10/02
ALA	3,916	3,903	3,711	3,995	5.15	4.93	3,859	5.09
ARK	5,242	5,238	4,985	5,269	5.04	5.05	4,871	4.94
DELMARVA	2,377	2,309	2,385	2,294	5.09	5.02	2,373	5.27
KY-LA-TN	1,941	1,888	1,992	1,960	4.46	4.33	1,905	4.37
MISS	2,745	2,736	2,762	2,926	5.17	4.97	2,702	5.16
NC	2,296	2,619	2,329	2,492	5.69	6.01	2,664	5.91
TEXAS	2,196	2,214	1,998	2,252	4.66	4.53	1,992	4.65
TOTAL	20,713	20,907	20,162	21,188	5.06	4.96	20,366	5.08
MON-WED	61,925 (A)						62,136 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Oct 00 is estimated to be 30,989,000 down 0.59 percent from a week ago and up 2.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173 ,000; last year 30,239,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY**

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-84
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**

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS DRY PACK	102-103
ICE PACK	92-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP DRY PACK	106-112
ICE PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5# DRY PACK	94
ICE PACK	94
DUCKS	149-165

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 14-Oct-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/14/00(1)	10/07/00
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	155,651(2)	160,530
LT HENS	1,567	1,710
HVY HENS	1,501	1,548
TOTAL	158,719	163,788

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Oct-00 is 150.8 million head compared to 155.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.0 million head or 5.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 21-Oct-00 the estimated available is 151.5 million head.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT**

(IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/09/00	10/02/00	10/11/99	10/09/00	10/02/00	10/11/99
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	19,562	19,908	36,839	9,675	8,755	15,301
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	211	290	912	3,010	3,563	5,800

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 10/10/00

	LO			HI AVG		
	LO	HI	AVG	LO	HI	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.95	.53	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.40	.70	.49	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.30	.60	.53	BANTAMS ea.	.50	.90
BROILERS lb.	.30	.35	.33	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	4.00	6.75
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.25	1.75
ROOSTERS lb.	.40	1.10	.77	ROOSTERS ea.	-	1.00
GEESE lb.	-	.20	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	6.00	7.00
DUCKS lb.	.50	1.15	.88	DUCKS ea.	.50	2.75
RABBITS lb.	.50	1.25	.87	RABBITS ea.	1.00	3.00
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.25	1.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.00	5.75
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	4.00	7.00
SILKIES ea.	1.50	2.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	1.00	4.25	-			

TOTAL COOPS 139

**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 09, 2000

HENS		RANGE
	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-60
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-65

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending October 06, 2000

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	57.40	124.77	76.78	14.40	14.40	44.15
High	59.32	143.97	86.38	19.20	19.20	44.15
Mostly	59.32	134.37	86.38	14.40	14.40	44.15
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	56.72	110.38	67.19	19.20	19.20	52.79
High	60.47	143.97	91.18	38.39	28.79	52.79
Mostly	58.93	139.17	86.38	28.79	21.60	52.79
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	56.63	134.37	76.78	14.40	14.40	44.63
High	59.60	143.97	86.38	19.20	19.20	44.63
Mostly	59.32	134.37	76.78	14.40	14.40	44.63

**BECERRA**

Low	58.55	115.18	81.58	23.99	19.20	52.79
High	60.47	167.96	91.18	31.19	28.79	52.79
Mostly	59.12	143.97	86.38	26.39	23.99	52.79

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