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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to firm in the Northeast, steady to instances barely steady in the Midwest, steady elsewhere. Demand was no better than moderate, mostly slow to fair, best for fast food and ads. Supplies were adequate to ample with smaller sizes in the Northeast close balanced. In the parts structure, although not as plentiful, breast items were still at least adequate, with boneless skinless ample and discounted. Wings cleared well with supplies tight to sufficient, and dark meat was adequate and available, fully adequate for leg quarters. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights 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 27th, October, 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

BREASTS - B/S	139.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.50
LEG QUARTERS	29.50
WINGS	72.50

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 10/21/00	2000	1999	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	166,784	164,659	+01
CHICKS PLACED	140,255	138,831	+01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 167 million eggs during the week ending October 21, 2000. This was up 1 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 140 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 21, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through October 21, 2000, were 6.09 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 2-Dec-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 142.5 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 140.5 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 140.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 111.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.82 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN The market tone was steady. Offerings were ample for full trade needs. Buyer's interest was only fair with buying activity limited. Retailer demand moderate. Floor stocks adequate overall.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate with fair trading. Supplies were sufficient to at times close balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings remained tight with active interest, and boneless skinless breasts were more balanced, but still readily available. Movement for fronts and dark meat items was fair to good with supplies no more than adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

MIDWEST Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady to instances barely steady. Offers of whole fryers and WOGS adequate to available for the lackluster buyers interest. Retail demand generally slow, best where feature activity is in progress. Features in Chicago noted on leg quarters at 39 cents, split breasts at 99 cents, drums at 49 cents and whole birds at 59 and 79 cents. Floor stocks adequate to ample with buyers reevaluating volume of incoming shipments. Sizes mostly desirable. Parts trading was light. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts ample and discounted, leg quarters adequate to fully adequate, balance of parts items adequate. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on wings, barely steady on leg quarters and boneless/skinless breasts and steady on balance of parts items.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to fairly good at times. Offerings of 3 pound birds were in the tightest position ranging adequate to closely cleared. 4 pound birds were available and the 2.5 pound sizes were at least adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about moderate. The market tone continued steady to fully steady, instances firm. In the parts market, boneless-skinless breasts remained ample, however, many dealers noted optimism that floor stocks had become much less burdensome. Bone-in breasts were becoming increasingly available at slight discounts. Dark meat items were more than sufficient. Interest in wings remained good keeping product well cleared.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook chicken remained fair to fairly good and centered on the well balanced to short supply of 3.0 and 3.5 pound sizes. Other weights were generally adequate. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied, and were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 52 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, bone-in and boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample. Leg items were adequate and in fairly good balance. Wings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. *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	50-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.46
NO. OF BOXES	14,011
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

OCTOBER 24, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 25, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS		WTD	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	641	125.00-200.00	145-155	145.84
TENDERLOINS	181	220.00-255.00	220-225	225.10
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	75	71.00-78.00	72-75	74.73
LEGS	46	33.00-48.00	35-37	34.96
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	927	24.00-29.50	25-27	27.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,120	26.00-30.00	28-29	27.68
WINGS (WHOLE)	321	71.00-75.00	72-74	71.70
WINGS (CUT)	306	82.00-101.00	85-87	88.66
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 24, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S	
RANGE	AVERAGE
47.50 - 53.75	51.02

ITEM	POUNDS		WTD	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	604	144.00-200.00	145-149	146.08
TENDERLOINS	61	215.00-255.00	215-220	228.60
BREAST - LINE RUN	111	71.00-74.00	-	73.89
FRONT HALVES	105	71.00-78.00	-	73.67
LEGS	46	33.00-48.00	33-35	34.96
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	847	24.00-29.50	25-27	25.76
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,120	26.00-30.00	28-29	27.86
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	71.00-72.00	-	71.23
WINGS (CUT)	466	85.00-101.00	85-88	88.52
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 18, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S		5-DAY	
RANGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
47.50 - 53.75	49.72	49.72	49.72

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 unaggressive and usually noted as typical of midweek trading. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate and remained available at discounted levels, however, many dealers reflected a note of cautious optimism as floor stocks had become better balanced with demand. Bone-in breasts were increasing in availability and were more than sufficient. Wings continued to clear well. Dark meat items were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak on bone-in breasts, no better than steady on boneless-skinless breasts, and 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

OCTOBER 24, 2000

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	120-125	123.31	792,990	
TENDERLOINS	185-190	211.12	217,640	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	71.43	438,640	
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	67.05	227,200	
LEGS	35-36	39.12	320,600	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	28.08	613,738	
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	35.94	214,390	
THIGHS	28-29	33.17	229,390	
B/S THIGHS	76-77	79.02	58,530	
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	80.18	404,200	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	106,760	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.19	93,260	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.34	136,050	

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.

OCTOBER 25, 2000

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD		VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**			
BREAST - B/S	120-125	124.82	722,800		722,800
TENDERLOINS	185-190	205.81	167,476		167,476
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	71.60	304,520		304,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	66.34	151,600		151,600
LEGS	35-36	40.37	188,200		188,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	27.31	563,201		563,201
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	36.49	189,740		189,740
THIGHS	28-29	36.13	139,240		139,240
B/S THIGHS	76-77	79.14	62,600		62,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	78.30	371,640		371,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.96	104,600		104,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.07	91,040		91,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.99	106,400		106,400

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	10/25	10/24	10/23	10/20	10/23	10/20	10/18	10/16
ALA	3,642	4,028	3,618	3,705	4.95	4.88	3,838	5.09
ARK	5,092	4,910	4,890	5,050	4.99	4.91	4,908	5.00
DELMARVA	2,346	2,326	2,267	2,124	5.19	5.08	2,361	5.07
KY-LA-TN	1,937	1,950	1,855	2,003	4.53	4.47	1,999	4.37
MISS	2,702	2,778	2,828	3,532	5.17	4.96	2,744	5.18
NC	2,643	2,631	2,136	2,583	6.00	6.01	2,593	5.94
TEXAS	2,276	2,260	2,253	2,727	4.92	4.78	2,187	4.85
TOTAL	20,638	20,883	19,847	21,724	5.09	4.97	20,630	5.10
MON-WED	61,650 (A)						62,203 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Oct 00 is estimated to be 30,877,000 down 0.95 percent from a week ago and up 2.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,089,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	74
DUCKS	129
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

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

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING OCT-28-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/28/00 (1)	10/21/00
	THOUSAND HEAD	

BRO-FRY	160,185 (2)	156,422
LT HENS	1,749	1,337
HVY HENS	1,509	1,834
CHECK TOTAL	163,443	159,593

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Oct-00 is 151.9 million head compared to 153.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.5 million head or 8.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 04-Nov-00 the estimated available is 150.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 23-Oct-00	153,464		70,891	
AM 1-Oct-00	156,571		69,164	
CHG	-3,107		1,727	
PCT CHG	-2		2	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/23/00	10/16/00	10/26/99	10/23/00	10/16/00	10/26/99
PACIFIC						
COAST	18,856	19,350	31,980	9,129	9,578	14,589
LOS ANGELES	239	224	915	2,701	2,818	5,340

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 10/24/00

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.45	1.05	.70	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.50	.80	.68	BANTAMS ea.	.50	2.25
BROILERS lb.	-	.55	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.10	.25
PULLETS lb.	-	1.35	-	PULLETS ea.	5.50	7.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.75	1.55	1.19	ROOSTERS ea.	1.75	4.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	3.50
TURKEYS lb.	-	.65	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.50	1.55	.94	DUCKS ea.	3.50	8.50
RABBITS lb.	.75	1.35	.99	RABBITS ea.	1.00	1.85
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	5.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	1.50	6.50
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	4.50
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.75	1.50	-			

TOTAL COOPS 148

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 23, 2000

	RANGE
HENS 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 20, 2000

	Whole Chickens	Legs Breasts	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON					
Low	47.16	123.59	71.30	14.26	14.26
High	49.34	142.61	85.56	19.01	19.01
Mostly	49.34	133.10	71.30	14.26	19.01
SAN JUAN					
Low	52.67	123.59	76.06	21.39	16.64
High	54.76	137.85	90.32	28.52	23.77
Mostly	54.48	128.35	80.81	26.14	19.01
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	46.77	123.59	66.55	14.26	14.26
High	49.34	142.61	85.56	19.01	19.01
Mostly	49.34	133.10	71.30	14.26	14.26
BECERRA					
Low	52.76	128.35	80.81	21.39	19.01
High	54.76	142.61	87.94	28.52	23.77
Mostly	54.19	133.10	85.56	26.14	21.39

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