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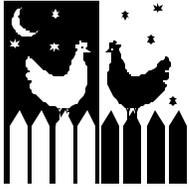
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was firm in the West, steady in the Midwest, and fully steady in the East except for heavier weight product which was barely steady. Demand into all channels was moderate at best, mostly slow to fair. Supplies of smaller sizes were adequate to short, and heavier weights were adequate to ample. In the parts structure, demand had curtailed for wings with supplies more available. Bone-in breasts were tight to balanced, and all other parts were at least sufficient with mixed trading. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .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 58.00 cents last year on the 2nd of February, 2000.

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	141.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	90.00
LEG QUARTERS	23.50
WINGS	93.00

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	WEEK ENDING 01/27/01		PERCENT CHANGE
	2001	2000	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	178,227	179,169	-01%
CHICKS PLACED	143,997	145,644	-01%

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 178 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 27, 2001. This was down 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 144 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 27, 2001. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through January 27, 2001 were 573 million, down 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 10-Mar-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 148.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 148.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 153.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 156.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 54.24 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was firm. Offerings adequate. Retailer demand moderate overall, best to cover features. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady on breasts, barely steady on wings and generally steady on balance of parts.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were close balanced to sufficient and clearing. Wings were more available, but not ample and interest had not declined as much as expected following the Super Bowl; however, caution is still noted. Dark meat was mixed with best movement for thighs and thigh meat. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular ranging light to heavy with plants altering schedules by either adding weekend shifts or reducing kill to correct weights.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings of additional product were irregular for a light buyer interest. Movement into all channels was mostly light, instances fair at best. Retail features were present on several items in all areas. A few operators were optimistic of increased interest by week's end for first of the month business. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with sizes desirable to occasionally heavy. Parts trading was cautious and selective for the generally adequate offerings. Supplies of wings were more available, boneless/skinless breasts and leg quarters fully adequate with the balance of items barely adequate to short of needs. The trade sentiment was mostly steady on all items, instances fully steady on whole breasts and barely steady on wings.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly light as dealers remained cautious and selective. Offerings of the 3 pound and smaller birds were no more than adequate to well balanced, however, the larger sizes were available and usually discounted to stimulate additional interest. The market tone was fully steady on the smaller sizes, barely steady on the larger birds. Movement into retail and distributive channels was slow. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were well balanced to closely cleared, but boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat parts were more than adequate, and wings were increasingly available.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive, typical of mid-week activity. Seller offerings were generally tight on the 2.5 pound sizes; fully adequate to ample on the 3.0 pound and larger. Live supplies were about moderate; weights were desirable to heavier than desired. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady on the 2.5 pound sizes; barely steady on the 3.0 pound and heavier weights. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were tight. Other cuts were generally adequate or available for the light and cautious buyer. *BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRAND AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	45-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.36
NO. OF BOXES	10,788

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JANUARY 31, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY			(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	
BREAST - B/S	567	125.00-215.00	135-140	139.73	BREAST - B/S	876	125.00-215.00	135-140	138.94
TENDERLOINS	208	130.00-200.00	145-150	159.42	TENDERLOINS	175	130.00-200.00	140-145	148.71
BREAST - LINE RUN	102	68.00-72.00	-	70.43	BREAST - LINE RUN	80	66.00-72.00	-	70.64
FRONT HALVES	83	60.00-66.00	-	63.09	FRONT HALVES	110	61.50-67.00	-	63.66
LEGS	128	27.00-40.00	28-30	28.75	LEGS	128	27.00-40.00	27-30	28.75
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	392	16.50-19.50	17-18	17.05	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	680	16.50-20.00	18-19	18.12
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,597	18.50-25.00	20-22	20.77	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,576	18.50-24.00	21-23	21.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	134	87.00-92.00	-	89.59	WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			-
WINGS (CUT)	720	103.00-118.00	103-107	108.28	WINGS (CUT)	325	87.00-118.00	103-106	104.75
DRUMSTICKS	16	28.00-40.00	-	32.43	DRUMSTICKS	41	31.00-40.00	-	32.32
THIGHS	100	35.00-40.00	-	38.00	THIGHS	12	33.00-40.00	-	36.44
B/S THIGHS	69	76.00-87.00	-	80.07	B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			-

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

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.25 - 42.75	40.07	39.00-43.50	40.89	39.41

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 continued light and unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts were closely balanced, but boneless skinless breasts at least adequate. Wings were adequate to fully adequate and often available at discounted levels. Dark meat parts were more than sufficient, with legs often in the longer position. Movement into retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was fully steady on bone-in breasts, no better than steady on boneless-skinless breasts, barely steady on wings, 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	JANUARY 30, 2001			ITEM	JANUARY 31, 2001		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS		CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	137.69	613,780	BREAST - B/S	135-140	136.43	612,920
TENDERLOINS	130-135	134.75	129,417	TENDERLOINS	130-135	134.52	81,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	73.65	267,160	BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	74.35	256,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	70.09	196,200	BREAST - LINE RUN	68	70.29	152,000
LEGS	33-34	33.61	309,520	LEGS	32-33	35.84	174,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.38	579,894	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.33	509,780
DRUMSTICKS	28-29	33.46	179,520	DRUMSTICKS	28-29	32.14	166,480
THIGHS	29-30	32.94	227,550	THIGHS	29-30	34.52	122,200
B/S THIGHS	83-84	85.48	51,210	B/S THIGHS	83-84	86.82	51,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	89-90	97.67	277,960	WINGS (WHOLE)	89-90	96.61	300,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	75,840	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.97	81,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.82	42,890	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.28	38,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.14	115,150	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.95	104,360

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	
	01/31	01/30	01/29	01/26	01/29	01/26	01/24	01/22
ALA	3,510	3,885	3,866	3,519	5.00	4.92	3,299	5.05
ARK	5,086	5,308	5,185	4,959	5.03	4.83	5,142	4.87
DELMARVA	2,277	2,258	2,294	2,231	5.06	4.96	2,225	5.03
KY-LA-TN	1,824	1,892	1,958	1,877	4.66	4.48	1,982	4.72
MISS	2,740	2,747	2,708	2,897	5.11	4.90	2,775	5.07
NC	2,600	2,543	2,408	2,747	5.78	5.63	2,506	5.87
TEXAS	2,300	2,290	2,284	2,516	5.01	4.82	2,168	4.92
TOTAL	20,337	20,923	20,703	20,746	5.09	4.94	20,097	5.07
MON-WED	62,377 (A)						60,978 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Jan 01 and is estimated to be 30,426,000 down 2.40 percent from a week ago and down 4.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 31,781,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY	
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 93-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 103-106
	ICE PACK 105-112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 112-119
	ICE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 94
DUCKS	152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING FEB-03-01

CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
	CURRENT WEEK 02/03/01 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/27/01
BRO-FRY	154,056 (2)	154,601
LT HENS	1,912	1,955
HVY HENS	2,025	1,371
CHECK TOTAL	157,993	157,927

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Feb-01 is 152.3 million head compared to 162.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.4 million head or 2.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 10-Feb-01 the estimated available is 149.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 29-Jan-01	91,926		71,147	
AM 1-Jan-01	68,786		74,663	
CHG	23,140		-3,516	
PCT CHG	34		-5	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/29/01	01/22/01	01/31/00	01/29/01	01/22/01	01/31/00
PACIFIC						
COAST	4,707	4,554	8,578	5,764	5,628	11,957
LOS ANGELES	121	102	146	2,074	2,104	3,247

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 01/30/01

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	.85	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	3.25
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.05	1.75	1.23	ROOSTERS ea.	2.00	3.25
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.15	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	8.50
DUCKS lb.	.70	.90	.78	DUCKS ea.	-	2.00
RABBITS lb.	.70	.85	.78	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.75	3.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	3.00	5.00
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	5.00	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-			

TOTAL COOPS 35

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 JANUARY 29, 2001

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-62
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 26, 2001

	Whole Chickens	Legs Breasts	Necks,Backs w/Thighs	Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	58.57	117.13	56.22	14.06	4.69	44.51
High	59.97	140.56	79.65	28.11	9.37	44.51
Mostly	59.97	131.19	65.60	23.43	7.03	44.51
SAN JUAN						
Low	59.04	135.88	74.97	23.43	4.69	42.17
High	61.85	154.62	107.76	37.48	8.43	46.85
Mostly	59.97	140.56	98.39	32.80	7.03	44.51
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	59.04	117.13	56.22	14.06	4.69	42.17
High	60.91	131.19	84.34	28.11	9.37	44.51
Mostly	60.91	121.82	65.60	23.43	7.03	44.51
BECERRA						
Low	59.97	135.88	84.34	23.43	5.62	42.17
High	60.91	159.30	112.45	37.48	9.37	46.85
Mostly	60.91	140.56	89.02	32.80	7.03	44.51

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