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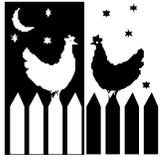
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service was mostly slow to fair, but moderate for ads, fast food, and where seasonal interest was active. Availability was irregular with supplies sufficient to ample with some cutbacks reported on regular commitments. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate. Breast items and wings were at least adequate and sharply discounted to aid in clearance, but dark meat was in good balance and moving well. 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 .50 cent to 64.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 59.75 cents last year on the 19th of July, 2000. Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE

(CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	207.50
BREASTS - B/S	142.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.00
LEG QUARTERS	32.50
WINGS	96.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was slow to fair, instances moderate for retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items and wings were at least adequate and at times discounted to help move. Dark meat was in the best balance and clearing well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly moderate. Offerings of all sizes ranged balanced to adequate with current needs. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate, best for seasonal interest. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts remained ample and available at sharp discounts. Boneless-skinless breasts were fully sufficient. The balance of parts were at least adequate.

MIDWEST The whole fryer trade sentiment remained steady. Offerings of additional product varied, but were sufficient for the limited trade needs. Fill-in trading noted into Chicago on whole birds at 52 cents. Retail and food service demand was slow to fair, mostly light for retail. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with some cutbacks on regular commitments noted. Sizes were in a desirable range to instances light. Trading on parts items was lackluster overall and best for dark meat items. Supplies of boneless/skinless breasts and wings were fully adequate to ample, although discounting less evident from prior week. Dark meat items were adequate with drums and thighs tight to short. The market tone was steady to instances firm on drums and thighs with the balance of items steady at best.

WESTERN The market tone was overall steady. Offerings fully adequate to cover current needs. Retailer demand moderate to good, best to cover features. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was firm on thighs with balance of parts generally steady.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 07/14/01	2001	2000	
	PREVIOUS YEAR		
EGGS SET	182,322	178,837	+02
CHICKS PLACED	145,412	144,530	+01
*19 STATES			
EGGS SET	202,558	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	163,342	-	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 182 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 14, 2001. 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 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 14, 2001. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through July 14, 2001 were 4.13 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

*FOUR ADDITIONAL STATES IN WEEKLY PROGRAM

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 14, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 14, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 25-Aug-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.7 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 160.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 53.39 CENTS PER POUND.

JULY 17, 2001

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JULY 18, 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	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	817	130.00-205.00	145-148	144.92	BREAST - B/S	942	122.00-205.00	140-145	143.32
TENDERLOINS	1,014	140.00-230.00	145	149.04	TENDERLOINS	991	140.00-230.00	140-145	146.80
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	73.00-79.00	73-75	74.95	BREAST - LINE RUN	119	73.00-79.00	74-76	75.22
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	169	40.00-52.00	41-43	42.71	LEGS	289	40.00-52.00	43-45	43.59
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	317	27.50-30.00	28-29	28.30	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	389	26.50-30.00	28-29	28.25
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,149	29.50-33.00	30-32	31.29	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,236	29.50-34.00	30-32	31.48
WINGS (WHOLE)	311	85.00-99.00	95-97	96.92	WINGS (WHOLE)	310	85.00-98.00	95-97	96.15
WINGS (CUT)	648	102.00-110.00	104-106	106.50	WINGS (CUT)	508	102.00-110.00	104-106	105.83
DRUMSTICKS	109	47.00-53.00	-	51.00	DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	71	47.00-52.00	-	49.14	THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				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
47.25 - 52.50	49.65	47.25 - 53.00	50.13	49.67

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 activity was mostly fair to moderate and noted as typical of midweek trading activity. Offerings of bone-in breasts were ample and discounted sharply to stimulate movement. Boneless-skinless breasts were readily available. Wings were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient. Retail and distributive draw was moderate, with better movement centering around feature activity. The market tone continued weak on bone-in breasts, barely steady to weak on boneless skinless breasts, about steady on the remainder 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	JULY 17, 2001			ITEM	JULY 18, 2001		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS		CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	138.17	595,580	BREAST - B/S	130	140.42	436,520
TENDERLOINS	135	138.83	171,632	TENDERLOINS	135	138.64	78,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	73.54	246,440	BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	72.75	203,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	64	62.29	176,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	61	62.18	274,920
LEGS	41-42	46.22	256,160	LEGS	41-42	46.16	280,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	31.13	764,413	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	31.51	532,411
DRUMSTICKS	39-40	45.81	178,590	DRUMSTICKS	39-40	46.35	188,880
THIGHS	37-38	44.03	185,380	THIGHS	37-38	45.09	134,490
B/S THIGHS	88-89	91.38	72,900	B/S THIGHS	88-89	91.07	65,040
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	91.81	405,080	WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	95.76	386,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.07	91,640	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.97	93,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.63	126,640	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.72	122,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	49.57	143,890	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.88	141,200

 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		ACTUAL WTS	
	07/18	07/17	07/16	07/13	07/16	07/13	07/11	07/09
ALA	4,065	4,067	3,550	4,524	5.05	4.85	4,010	5.02
ARK	5,301	5,351	5,037	5,499	4.79	4.70	5,185	4.83
DELMARVA	2,297	2,351	2,330	2,472	5.08	4.88	2,131	5.13
KY-LA-TN	1,993	1,999	1,987	2,146	4.55	4.45	1,933	4.52
MISS	2,831	2,781	2,758	2,807	5.04	4.82	2,878	5.00
NC	2,526	2,602	2,592	2,977	5.97	5.78	2,616	5.92
TEXAS	2,392	2,317	2,231	2,624	4.83	4.59	2,389	4.82
TOTAL	21,405	21,468	20,485	23,049	5.03	4.87	21,142	5.02
MON-WED	69,804 (A)				63,240 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Jul 01 and is estimated to be 32,024,000 up 0.94 percent from a week ago and up 3.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,726,000; last year 31,024,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	85-87
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	DRY PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS			94-96
			96-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP			104-113
			113-123
HENS OVER 5#			98
			91
DUCKS			152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 21-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	07/21/01 (1)		07/14/01	
	THOUSAND HEAD			
BRO-FRY	159,266	(2)	164,836	
LT HENS	1,736		1,637	
HVY HENS	1,576		1,568	
CHECK TOTAL	162,578		168,041	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Jul-01 is 159.5 million head compared to 160.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.6 million head or 0.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 28-Jul-01 the estimated available is 160.8 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 16-Jul-01	178,299		59,113	
AM 1-Jul-01	166,426		63,549	
CHG	11,873		-4,436	
PCT CHG	7		-7	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/16/01	07/09/01	07/17/00	07/16/01	07/09/01	07/17/00
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	30,277	28,350	22,412	3,806	4,369	14,271
	5,233	3,758	285	2,109	2,462	4,408

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 JULY 16, 2001

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	RANGE
			52-56 56-65

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 07/17/01			FOR 07/17/01		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	.80	.63	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.00	5.00
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	.95	1.05	.99	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	.70	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.90	2.30
PULLETS lb.	-	.80	-	PULLETS ea.	.50	8.25
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.35	4.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.65	2.05	.85	ROOSTERS ea.	1.50	7.50
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	2.00
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.10	1.60	1.47	DUCKS ea.	2.00	3.25
RABBITS lb.	.80	1.35	1.11	RABBITS ea.	1.00	4.50
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.25	3.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	9.00	10.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	.70	2.25
GUINEA KEETS ea.	.50	4.25	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	4.00
SILKIES ea.	-	3.25	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-			

TOTAL COOPS 114

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending July 13, 2001

	Whole		Legs w/ Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	53.49	136.15	87.53	19.45	2.43	51.06
High	55.92	145.88	97.25	24.31	2.92	51.06
Mostly	54.95	136.15	97.25	19.45	2.43	51.06
SAN JUAN						
Low	57.87	141.02	121.57	34.04	4.86	46.19
High	60.30	155.60	124.00	38.90	7.29	46.19
Mostly	58.35	150.74	121.57	36.47	5.84	46.19
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	53.49	131.29	87.53	14.59	2.43	48.63
High	55.92	145.88	97.25	24.31	2.92	48.63
Mostly	53.49	136.15	87.53	19.45	2.43	48.63
BECERRA						
Low	57.87	145.88	116.70	29.18	4.86	46.68
High	59.32	160.47	126.43	36.47	8.75	46.68
Mostly		150.74	121.57	34.04	7.29	46.68

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate. Offerings were adequate to closely cleared. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy, mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 58 to 72 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breast were readily available and competitively priced to stimulate interest. Boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate to fully adequate. Wings were fully adequate. Drums were clearing 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	56-78
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	61.59
NO. OF BOXES	13,630

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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