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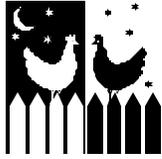
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was slow to light with few features. Food service was no better than moderate, best for fast food. Supplies were at least sufficient with interest limited since regular commitments satisfied needs. In the parts structure, all items were more than adequate or available with leg quarters well cleared. Needs were light resulting in sluggish to fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

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 64.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 60.00 cents last year on the 26th of July, 2000. Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	208.00
BREASTS - B/S	141.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.50
LEG QUARTERS	33.00
WINGS	96.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light and unaggressive to fair with limited trading. Supplies were sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, availability was at least adequate or available for all items with dark meat in the closest balance. Movement was light to moderate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Midweek trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair at best. Offerings varied from location to location, however, all sizes were at least adequate overall. Movement into retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, supplies of breast items were balanced with demand and clearing well. Drums and thighs were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were available.

MIDWEST Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings of Wogs and whole fryers were light to moderate on heavy sizes and limited on smaller weights. Buyer interest was light as regular commitments satisfactory for needs. Movement into retail channels was discouraging, slow to light with features providing best interest. Food service demand was irregular, best into fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with weights mixed. Parts supplies were generally balanced with leg quarters in shortest position. Demand remained sluggish overall. The trade sentiment was steady to firm on leg quarters and about steady on all other items.

WESTERN The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were adequate overall. Buying interest was fair. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best for parts and whole body where features in progress. Floor stocks adequate overall. The market tone was fully steady on leg quarters and generally steady on balance of parts.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 07/21/01	2001	2000	
	PREVIOUS YEAR		
EGGS SET	184,334	178,484	+03
CHICKS PLACED	146,922	140,783	+04
*19 STATES			
EGGS SET	205,024	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	162,351	-	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 184 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 21, 2001. This was up 3 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 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 21, 2001. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through July 21, 2001 were 4.28 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 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 21, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 21, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 01-Sep-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 151.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 154.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 162.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.40 CENTS PER POUND.

JULY 24 **SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** JULY 25
 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		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	958	118.00-200.00	135-145	139.07
TENDERLOINS	1,059	140.00-230.00	140-145	150.61
BREAST - LINE RUN	108	73.00-78.00	-	74.82
FRONT HALVES	112	67.00-75.00	68-69	68.56
LEGS	288	40.00-53.00	41-44	43.97
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	438	27.50-30.00	28-29	28.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,192	29.50-34.00	31-33	31.38
WINGS (WHOLE)	273	85.00-98.00	94-97	95.78
WINGS (CUT)	701	101.00-110.00	104-107	106.06
DRUMSTICKS	103	45.00-53.00	-	50.28
THIGHS	71	43.00-53.00	-	47.28

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	944	118.00-200.00	140-145	142.65
TENDERLOINS	1,013	140.00-230.00	140-145	146.04
BREAST - LINE RUN	111	73.00-78.00	74-76	74.94
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	568	40.00-53.00	41-43	42.31
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	527	27.00-30.00	28-29	28.46
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	910	29.50-34.00	31-32	31.49
WINGS (WHOLE)	273	85.00-98.00	94-96	95.78
WINGS (CUT)	548	104.00-110.00	105-106	105.85
DRUMSTICKS	138	47.00-53.00	-	50.21
THIGHS	70	48.00-53.00	-	49.86

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
 JULY 24, 2001 -- FOB DOCK

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
 JULY 25, 2001 -- FOB DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.25 - 52.50	48.46	47.25 - 52.00	49.61	49.45

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 only fair at best during midweek trading as most dealers continued to limit purchases to most immediate needs. Offerings of bone-in breasts were well balanced and boneless-skinless breasts were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least adequate, and drums and thighs were available. Leg quarters were well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair, however, good seasonal pickup was noted into fast food channels. The market tone remained steady on breast items about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	141.16	413,320
TENDERLOINS	135	138.72	141,486
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	65.81	320,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	62.70	118,800
LEGS	42-43	47.11	237,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	31.44	815,732
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	46.78	208,370
THIGHS	37-38	43.38	217,480
B/S THIGHS	88-89	91.09	93,190
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	93.49	442,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.10	50,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	38.86	69,795
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.68	86,530

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	140.65	551,986
TENDERLOINS	135	136.10	97,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	66.90	331,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	62.63	197,000
LEGS	42-43	41.77	390,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	31.24	557,302
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	46.63	168,630
THIGHS	37-38	44.14	147,820
B/S THIGHS	88-89	91.31	66,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	94.89	381,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.99	88,180
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.72	121,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.93	132,680

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	
	07/25	07/24	07/23	07/20	07/23	07/20	07/18	07/16
ALA	3,893	4,039	4,037	4,244	5.07	4.73	3,911	5.05
ARK	5,413	5,302	4,859	4,764	4.71	4.58	5,065	4.79
DELMARVA	2,313	2,327	2,407	2,175	5.16	5.13	2,311	5.08
KY-LA-TN	1,974	1,985	1,866	2,025	4.36	4.14	1,989	4.55
MISS	2,592	2,810	2,758	3,028	5.06	4.98	2,817	5.04
NC	2,640	2,538	2,532	2,715	5.99	5.76	2,611	5.97
TEXAS	2,393	2,374	2,330	2,384	4.72	4.56	2,327	4.83
TOTAL	21,218	21,375	20,789	21,335	5.00	4.83	21,031	5.03
MON-WED	63,914(A)						62,346(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Jul 01 and is estimated to be 31,745,000 up 0.59 percent from a week ago and up 0.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,559,000; last year 31,527,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	86-88
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	
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 96-104
	ICE PACK 95-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 91
DUCKS	152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 28-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	07/28/01 (1)	07/21/01
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	160,031 (2)	159,266
LT HENS	1,700	1,736
HVY HENS	1,546	1,576
CHECK TOTAL	163,277	162,578

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Jul-01 is 160.8 million head compared to 161.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.4 million head or 0.4 million less than estimated available. For week of 04-Aug-01 the estimated available is 160.6 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 23-Jul-01	182,349		60,075	
AM 1-Jul-01	166,426		63,549	
CHG	15,923		-3,474	
PCT CHG	10		-5	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/23/01	07/16/01	07/24/00	07/23/01	07/16/01	07/24/00
PACIFIC COAST	29,139	30,277	22,790	3,434	3,806	14,432
LOS ANGELES	16,789	5,233	278	31	2,109	4,801

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 23, 2001

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 07/24/01				FOR 07/24/01		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.85	.58	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	2.25	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	3.25	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.00	3.50	-
BROILERS lb.	.60	.90	.85	BROILERS ea.	1.50	3.50	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	4.50	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.15	1.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	1.75	5.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.75	4.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.35	1.50	1.43	ROOSTERS ea.	.75	6.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	.80	-	GEESE ea.	-	3.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	.65	.70	.68	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	.90	-	DUCKS ea.	3.25	7.50	-
RABBITS lb.	.50	1.35	1.23	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	4.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	1.50	3.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	1.00	3.00	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	4.00	-
SILKIES ea.	-	1.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 136

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending July 20, 2001

	Whole		Legs w/ Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	54.93	138.57	89.08	19.80	2.47	51.96
High	56.42	148.47	98.98	24.74	2.97	51.96
Mostly	55.43	138.57	89.08	19.80	2.47	51.96
SAN JUAN						
Low	58.89	153.42	98.98	29.69	4.95	47.02
High	61.37	158.37	113.83	37.12	5.94	47.02
Mostly	59.39	153.42	103.93	34.64	4.95	47.02
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	54.93	133.62	79.18	14.85	2.47	51.96
High	55.92	148.47	94.03	19.80	2.97	51.96
Mostly	55.43	138.57	89.08	14.85	2.47	51.96
BECERRA						
Low	59.39	153.42	108.88	29.69	4.95	48.99
High	62.36	163.32	118.78	44.54	5.94	48.99
Mostly	61.86	158.37	108.88	37.12	4.95	48.99

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair and normal for mid-week activity. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate, and were usually noted as in the closer better balanced position on the 3 pound and smaller sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 58 to 72 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, all items were adequate for the light and selective buying interest. Wings were available and discounted to stimulate interest.

*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		55-78	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		61.37	
NO. OF BOXES		12,359	

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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