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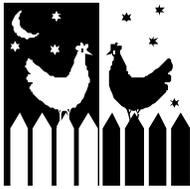
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was about steady to weak in the Northeast, steady to fully steady elsewhere. Demand was moderate at best, mostly slow to fair, with retail ads and fast food having best interest. In parts of the Midwest, interest was affected due to hot temperatures. Supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were close balanced to short of full needs and clearing, wings were available. Dark meat was mixed, no more than adequate for leg quarters, but sufficient for the remaining. In production areas, live supplies were 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 advanced .25 cent to 65.00 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 2nd of August, 2000.

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

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	208.00
BREASTS - B/S	145.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.00
LEG QUARTERS	34.00
WINGS	95.50

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate at best, mostly fair, with some optimism noted for first of the month. Supplies were usually in balance for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to short and moving well, and wings were available. Dark meat was in good balance, closest for leg quarters and also showing good movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was only fair at best during midweek trading. Offerings of the 2.5 pound birds were in the best balance. The heavier sizes were at least adequate to available. Movement into retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was about steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were closely balanced to tight, and boneless-skinless breasts were well cleared. Leg quarters were no more than adequate. Wings were available.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone on whole fryers was steady to fully steady. Offerings of additional product were available for cautious and apathetic buyer interest. Retail demand continued seasonally slow, best interest for features. Continued summer heat wave noted as affecting shopper interest. Food service movement was light to fair. Floor stocks were adequate to plentiful. Sizes were desirable. Market activity on parts items was generally slow to instances moderate. Wings showed increased interest in the Chicago area. Supplies were fully sufficient for current interest. The trade sentiment was unsettled on breast items, fully steady on leg quarters and about steady on wings.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings adequate for current needs. Buyer interest moderate. Retailer demand fairly good overall, best for parts. Floor stocks generally adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breasts with the balance of parts generally steady.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	2001	2000	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
WEEK ENDING 07/28/01			
EGGS SET	180,071	178,863	+01%
CHICKS PLACED	145,684	140,937	+03%
*19 STATES			
EGGS SET	200,418	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	162,898	-	-

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 180 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 28, 2001. 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 146 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 28, 2001. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through July 28, 2001 were 4.42 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 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 28, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 28, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 08-Sep-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 151.3 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 151.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 159.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.34 CENTS PER POUND.

JULY 31, 2001

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 01, 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	943	118.00-200.00	140-145	141.19	BREAST - B/S	926	119.00-200.00	140-145	142.50
TENDERLOINS	1,019	135.00-230.00	138-142	145.38	TENDERLOINS	988	140.00-230.00	140-143	144.28
BREAST - LINE RUN	101	70.00-78.00	72-75	73.27	BREAST - LINE RUN	106	70.00-80.00	72-75	74.25
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	248	40.50-53.00	41-45	43.85	LEGS	320	40.50-53.00	43-45	45.56
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	391	28.50-30.50	29-30	28.81	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	471	28.50-31.00	29.5-30	29.74
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,306	30.50-34.00	32-33	32.26	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,226	31.00-34.00	32-33	32.21
WINGS (WHOLE)	308	85.00-98.00	92-95	94.77	WINGS (WHOLE)	273	85.00-98.00	94-96	95.64
WINGS (CUT)	1,336	103.00-110.00	104-106	108.75	WINGS (CUT)	528	104.00-110.00	105-107	106.26
DRUMSTICKS	91	47.00-53.00	-	51.35	DRUMSTICKS	101	46.00-53.00	-	50.57
THIGHS	56	45.00-53.00	-	49.07	THIGHS	71	47.00-53.00	-	49.20
B/S THIGHS	100	82.00-98.00	-	89.60	B/S THIGHS	70	92.00-98.00	-	94.57

 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
47.75 - 53.75	50.24	48.25 - 53.50	50.87	50.24

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 no better than fair during midweek trading as dealers cautiously assessed market developments. Offerings of bone-in breasts remained no more than adequate to tight at times, and boneless skinless breasts were in close balance. Leg quarters were well cleared, however, drums and thighs were at least adequate. Wings were available. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast item, fully steady on leg quarters, 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	JULY 31, 2001			ITEM	AUGUST 01, 2001		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS		CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	141.03	501,240	BREAST - B/S	135-140	144.42	577,160
TENDERLOINS	135	138.57	164,118	TENDERLOINS	135	139.82	78,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	66-67	71.61	281,840	BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	73.77	321,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	66	68.29	153,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	68	71.47	153,000
LEGS	42-43	46.28	246,380	LEGS	42-43	47.33	203,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	31.69	888,382	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	31.67	674,731
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	47.05	198,510	DRUMSTICKS	40-41	46.80	159,560
THIGHS	37-38	42.76	219,480	THIGHS	37-38	43.70	164,260
B/S THIGHS	88-89	90.94	85,150	B/S THIGHS	88-89	90.16	76,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86	90.76	426,380	WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86	94.04	367,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.09	88,520	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.99	84,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.44	122,090	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.08	119,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.72	155,730	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.70	150,400

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	
	08/01	07/31	07/30	07/27	07/30	07/27	07/25	07/23
ALA	4,045	4,080	4,035	4,038	5.02	4.66	3,968	5.07
ARK	5,315	5,315	5,109	4,652	4.79	4.64	4,958	4.71
DELMARVA	2,395	2,346	2,219	2,451	5.24	4.96	2,332	5.16
KY-LA-TN	1,988	1,953	1,941	2,184	4.50	4.24	1,922	4.36
MISS	2,828	2,800	2,753	2,751	5.03	4.91	2,665	5.06
NC	2,656	2,732	2,523	2,936	6.04	5.75	2,604	5.99
TEXAS	2,388	2,377	2,341	2,606	4.76	4.59	2,397	4.72
TOTAL	21,615	21,603	20,921	21,618	5.03	4.82	20,846	5.00
MON-WED	64,774	(A)					62,573	(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Aug 01 and is estimated to be 32,338,000 up 3.38 percent from a week ago and up 6.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,282,000; last year 30,520,000)

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	ICE PACK	95-97
	DRY PACK	96-104
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 AUG 04-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/04/01 (1)	07/28/01

CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
	08/04/01 (1)	07/28/01
BRO-FRY	159,924 (2)	
160,031		
LT HENS	1,617	1,700
HVY HENS	1,561	1,546
CHECK TOTAL	163,102	163,277

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Aug-01 is 160.6 million head compared to 157.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.2 million head or 0.4 million less than estimated available. For week of 11-Aug-01 the estimated available is 159.2 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 30-Jul-01	181,306	59,974
AM 1-Jul-01	166,426	63,549
CHG14,880	-3,575	
PCT CHG	9	-6

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/30/01	07/23/01	07/31/00	07/30/01	07/23/01	07/31/00
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	29,155	29,139	22,974	3,427	3,434	14,068
ANGELES	16,789	16,789	281	31	31	4,657

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 30, 2001

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 07/31/01		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.10	.61	HEAVY FOWL ea.	2.25	6.00
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.70	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	.40	1.00
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.50	3.00
BROILERS lb.	-	.60	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	.40	.50	.45	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.50	1.10
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	.50	.70
BUNNIES lb.	-	.85	-	BUNNIES ea.	3.00	3.25
ROOSTERS lb.	.40	1.55	.71	ROOSTERS ea.	1.00	9.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	5.50
TURKEYS lb.	-	.65	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.85	1.30	1.06	DUCKS ea.	2.50	6.00
RABBITS lb.	.50	1.20	.95	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.75	3.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	3.50	5.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	.50	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea	2.25	2.50	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	2.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-			

TOTAL COOPS 104

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending July 27, 2001

RAYON	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs & Wings	Gizzards	
Low	49.98	128.66	79.18	14.85	2.47
High	51.46	138.56	89.07	24.74	2.97
Mostly	50.97	138.56	89.07	19.79	2.47

SAN JUAN

Low	49.49	123.71	94.02	24.74	3.96
High	52.45	138.56	103.92	32.17	5.94
Mostly	51.46	128.66	94.02	27.22	4.95

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	48.50	128.66	79.18	14.85	1.98
High	50.97	138.56	89.07	24.74	2.47
Mostly	50.47	128.66	79.18	19.79	1.98

BECERRA

Low	50.47	143.51	89.07	24.74	3.96
High	51.96	148.46	103.92	34.64	4.95
Mostly	51.96	145.98	94.02	29.69	4.45

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair and about as expected for mid-week activity. Offerings were fully adequate to ample and in the heavier balance on the larger sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were often heavier than desired. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 57 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items continued to clear well. Leg quarters were well balanced and clearing satisfactorily. Other cuts were adequate.

*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		55-77
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		61.39
NO. OF BOXES		12,313

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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