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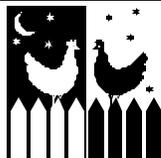
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the West, steady to fully steady elsewhere. Retail demand covered the full range, strongest for features. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food for promotions and for fairs and festivals in the Midwest. Supplies were balanced to closely cleared. In the parts structure, wings were tight to adequate and moving well at or above current levels. Breast items and dark meat was usually no more than adequate and frequently held with confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to instances light.

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 65.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 60.00 cents last year on the 16th 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	211.50
BREASTS - B/S	158.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.00
LEG QUARTERS	34.50
WINGS	97.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was fair to fairly good, best for retail features and fast food promotions. Supplies were sufficient to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was active aided by export interest for dark meat items, features, and further processing needs. Availability was tight for wings with premium prices being paid when located. The remaining items were no more than adequate and often held with confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes ranged adequate to balanced for current needs. Movement into retail and distributive channels was only fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were no more that adequate to balanced. Dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were balanced to tight.

MIDWEST Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Offerings of Wogs and whole birds were balanced for the limited trade needs. Demand into the retail and food service sectors was light to moderate. Fairs and festivals provided best interest. Floor stocks were adequate, occasionally short in Ohio. Sizes were desirable to instances lighter than desired. Offerings of parts items were light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for current trade interest, although wings were tight to short. The trade sentiment was steady to firm on wings, steady to fully steady on breast items and steady on all other items.

WESTERN The market tone was fully steady to firm. Offerings adequate overall for current needs. Retail demand was moderate to very good, best where features in progress. Floor stocks generally adequate. The market tone on parts was fully steady with white meat items in the strongest position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 08/11/01	2001	2000	
	PREVIOUS YEAR		
EGGS SET	181,952	177,674	+02
CHICKS PLACED	148,250	142,260	+04
EGGS SET	202,000	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	165,837	-	-

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 August 11, 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 Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 148 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 11, 2001. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through August 11, 2001 were 4.72 billion, up 1 percent 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 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 11, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 11, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 22-Sep-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 149.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 162.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.16 CENTS PER POUND.

AUGUST 14, 2001

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 15, 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.

AUGUST 14, 2001				AUGUST 15, 2001					
ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	928	142.00-210.00	149-152	149.03	BREAST - B/S	968	147.00-210.00	150-151	150.05
TENDERLOINS	982	145.00-235.00	145-150	148.97	TENDERLOINS	1,028	140.00-235.00	145	149.28
BREAST - LINE RUN	106	76.00-81.00	77-79	77.46	BREAST - LINE RUN	105	76.00-84.00	78-79	79.14
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	246	41.50-55.00	43-45	44.80	LEGS	286	42.00-55.00	45-47	45.52
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	391	31.00-32.50	31-32	31.22	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	431	29.50-32.50	32	31.62
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,420	33.00-35.00	34-35	34.13	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,340	33.00-35.00	34	34.06
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	94.00-96.00	95-96	95.47	WINGS (WHOLE)	296	94.00-101.00	96-98	96.85
WINGS (CUT)	711	104.00-114.00	107-109	107.92	WINGS (CUT)	494	107.00-117.00	108-110	108.95
DRUMSTICKS	104	48.00-55.00	-	49.28	DRUMSTICKS	104	48.00-55.00	48-49	49.18
THIGHS	63	47.00-55.00	-	50.16	THIGHS	63	49.00-55.00	-	50.08
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	55	92.00-98.00	-	94.18

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
50.50 - 56.25	53.11	50.50 - 56.25	53.69	52.70

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 remained no better than fair during midweek trading as dealers remained cautious and selective. Offerings of breast items were no more than adequate to balanced. Dark meat cuts were well cleared. Wings ranged adequate to instances tight. Retail and distributive movement was about fair, and was best into feature activity. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on breast items and wings, 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

AUGUST 14, 2001				AUGUST 15, 2001			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	155.02	576,850	BREAST - B/S	145-150	159.18	565,080
TENDERLOINS	135	137.66	127,350	TENDERLOINS	135	139.58	258,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	71-72	78.32	310,200	BREAST - WITH RIBS	72-73	79.05	314,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	71	74.78	162,040	BREAST - LINE RUN	72	76.24	153,000
LEGS	42-43	46.94	215,240	LEGS	42-43	47.12	254,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	32.36	677,019	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	32.39	566,809
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	46.87	196,140	DRUMSTICKS	40-41	47.10	155,000
THIGHS	37-38	44.05	180,990	THIGHS	37-38	45.28	139,280
B/S THIGHS	88-89	92.15	95,300	B/S THIGHS	88-89	93.11	67,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	94.68	378,880	WINGS (WHOLE)	88-89	95.83	384,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	81,720	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.95	83,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.61	122,340	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.71	117,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.84	161,270	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.88	155,600

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	
	08/15	08/14	08/13	08/10	08/13	08/10	08/08	08/06
ALA	4,059	4,054	4,035	4,220	5.00	4.75	4,012	5.01
ARK	5,341	5,370	5,045	5,514	4.81	4.47	5,039	4.81
DELMARVA	2,323	2,324	2,308	2,244	5.07	4.92	2,340	5.19
KY-LA-TN	2,007	2,006	1,926	2,180	4.37	4.37	1,971	4.43
MISS	2,770	2,864	2,820	3,046	5.06	4.97	2,815	5.03
NC	2,646	2,638	2,507	2,463	5.77	5.60	2,547	5.90
TEXAS	2,394	2,387	2,343	2,514	4.71	4.65	2,390	4.68
TOTAL	21,540	21,643	20,984	22,181	4.97	4.77	21,114	5.00
MON-WED	64,702 (A)			63,425(A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Aug 01 and is estimated to be 32,226,000 up 1.71 percent from a week ago and up 1.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,684,000; last year 31,715,000)

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		RANGE
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 18-Aug-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/18/01 (1)	08/11/01
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
BRO-FRY	163,764(2)	160,573
LT HENS	1,854	1,653
HVY HENS	1,478	1,536
TOTAL	167,096	163,762

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Aug-01 is 159.1 million head compared to 160.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.1 million head or 5.0 million more than estimated available. For week of 25-Aug-01 the estimated available is 156.4 million head.

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 AUGUST 13, 2001

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

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

	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 13-Aug-01	197,439	59,719
AM 1-Aug-01	183,272	59,991
CHG	14,167	-272
PCT CHG	8	0

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/13/01	08/06/01	08/14/00	08/13/01	08/06/01	08/14/00
PACIFIC COAST	30,279	29,838	22,932	3,221	3,643	14,048
LOS ANGELES	3,639	16,789	215	1,877	31	4,625

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 08/14/01

	LO HI AVG				LO HI AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.90	.63	HEAVY FOWL ea.	2.50	4.25	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	.90	-	BANTAMS ea.	.75	4.00	-
BROILERS lb.	.35	.50	.43	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	3.00	3.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.70	1.40	1.04	ROOSTERS ea.	2.50	7.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	.53	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	5.00	-
DUCKS lb.	1.25	1.55	1.41	DUCKS ea.	3.25	10.50	-
RABBITS lb.	.70	1.25	.88	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	4.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	4.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	1.00	3.25	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 104**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending August 10, 2001

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/		
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings		Gizzards
RAYON						
Low	52.30	129.50	79.69	14.94	1.99	44.83
High	59.77	139.46	89.65	24.90	2.49	44.83
Mostly	54.79	139.46	89.65	19.92	1.99	44.83
SAN JUAN						
Low	57.78	134.48	79.69	29.88	5.98	47.32
High	60.77	139.46	89.65	37.36	7.47	47.32
Mostly	59.27	134.48	82.18	34.87	5.98	47.32
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	51.30	129.50	79.69	14.94	1.99	42.34
High	58.77	139.46	89.65	19.92	2.49	42.34
Mostly	54.79	129.50	79.69	14.94	1.99	42.34
BECERRA						
Low	57.28	134.48	89.65	29.88	4.98	47.82
High	61.76	144.44	94.63	34.87	5.98	47.82
Mostly	59.27	139.46	89.65	32.38	4.98	47.82

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate and sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings in generally good balance. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, buying interest was light to fair and selective. Offerings were generally noted as well balanced to closely cleared.

*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	53-76
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.08
NO. OF BOXES	11,916

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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