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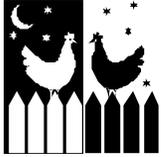
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was slow to moderate, mostly slow to fair, best where featured. Food service was fair to good, best into fast food and where seasonal activities were present. Supplies were mixed, but overall sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, availability was irregular with the East reporting breast items and dark meat better balanced to well cleared and wings sufficient; however, elsewhere wings were close to tight, and all other parts usually sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular, 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 66.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.00 cents last year on the 30th 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	212.50
BREASTS - B/S	163.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50
LEG QUARTERS	35.00
WINGS	103.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate with optimism for next week due to expected holiday and first of the month interest. Supplies were in balance for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were well cleared and moving, and the remaining items were at least adequate or available with mixed movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings were generally sufficient for most immediate needs. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items were well cleared. Dark meat cuts were in a closer balance today. Wings were sufficient.

MIDWEST Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady, occasionally fully steady. Offerings of additional product were adequate for the cautious and non-aggressive buyer interest. Movement into retail channels continued slow to fair at best with limited features providing slight shopper interest. Food service demand was in a full range, with fast food accounts, festivals and fairs stimulating greatest activity. Floor stocks were adequate to in close balance with sizes mixed. Supplies of parts items were adequate except for wings, which remained barely adequate to tight. The trade sentiment was fully steady on wings and steady on the balance of items.

WESTERN The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings generally adequate. Sizes trended heavier. Retail demand moderate to good, best to cover feature activities. Floor stocks were adequate. The market tone was generally steady on parts.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	WEEK ENDING 08/25/01		PERCENT CHANGE
	2001	2000	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	184,457	178,581	+03
CHICKS PLACED	148,381	144,596	+03
EGGS SET	204,923	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	165,717	-	-

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 August 25, 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 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 148 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 25, 2001. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through August 25, 2001 were 5.01 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 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 25, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 25, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 06-Oct-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 151.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 150.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.46 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 29, 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
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	928	146.00-215.00	155-160	160.68
TENDERLOINS	1,007	140.00-240.00	145-150	147.59
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	80.00-86.00	83-85	84.43
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	206	42.00-56.00	44-46	45.22
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	442	29.50-33.00	31-32	31.14
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,324	33.00-36.00	34-35	34.28
WINGS (WHOLE)	435	102.00-109.00	102-103	102.56
WINGS (CUT)	659	111.00-124.00	115-120	117.85
DRUMSTICKS	69	49.00-56.00	-	49.77
THIGHS	67	45.00-56.00	-	48.24
B/S THIGHS	38	92.00-96.00	-	94.11

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	932	146.00-215.00	155-160	158.17
TENDERLOINS	381	140.00-240.00	145-150	166.55
BREAST - LINE RUN	120	79.00-85.00	80-82	81.58
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	250	42.00-56.00	43-45	45.45
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	384	31.00-33.00	31-32	31.33
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,298	33.00-35.00	34-35	34.12
WINGS (WHOLE)	307	102.00-107.00	102-104	103.22
WINGS (CUT)	497	115.00-125.00	115-118	118.32
DRUMSTICKS	69	49.00-56.00	-	49.91
THIGHS	79	46.00-56.00	-	48.47
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
49.25 - 57.50	52.57	51.25 - 57.50	54.04	53.89

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 during midweek trading as dealers kept inventories closely balanced with most immediate needs. Offerings of breast items were in close balance. Dark meat cuts were closely cleared, particularly thighs. Wings were sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was about fair, and was best where feature activity was a factor. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on breast items, fully steady on thighs, 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

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	155	159.04	605,780
TENDERLOINS	135	138.83	168,699
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	80.69	335,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	76.09	99,000
LEGS	42-43	46.96	263,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	32.34	821,336
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	45.47	193,870
THIGHS	37-38	45.44	151,150
B/S THIGHS	89-90	92.03	110,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	102.88	407,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.22	120,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.11	134,825
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.49	177,490

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	155-160	156.26	392,120
TENDERLOINS	135	138.43	32,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	80.46	170,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	77.06	162,000
LEGS	42-43	46.75	146,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	32.59	494,949
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	44.95	82,000
THIGHS	37-38	42.24	43,280
B/S THIGHS	89-90	90.40	29,500
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94	105.92	254,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.16	6,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.52	7,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	52.81	19,360

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	
	08/29	08/28	08/27	08/24	08/27	08/24	08/22	08/20
ALA	4,050	4,122	4,074	4,926	5.05	4.80	3,885	5.05
ARK	5,339	5,340	5,294	6,267	4.91	4.56	4,883	4.89
DELMARVA	2,355	2,333	2,319	2,368	5.02	4.85	2,366	5.87
KY-LA-TN	2,049	2,010	1,990	2,374	4.46	4.32	2,003	4.50
MISS	2,847	2,880	2,865	2,951	5.04	4.91	2,875	4.99
NC	2,559	2,586	2,509	3,032	6.05	5.82	2,504	5.87
TEXAS	2,389	2,375	2,379	2,604	4.86	4.69	2,404	4.83
TOTAL	21,588	21,646	21,430	24,522	5.05	4.82	20,920	5.12
MON-WED	64,737 (A)						62,942(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Aug 01 and is estimated to be 32,298,000 up 2.88 percent from a week ago and up 3.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,393,000; last year 31,081,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	87-89
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	96-98
	DRY PACK	97-105
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 SEPT 01-01

CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
	CURRENT WEEK 09/01/01 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/25/01
BRO-FRY	165,042 (2)	163,435
LT HENS	1,973	1,794
HVY HENS	1,444	1,426
CHECK TOTAL	168,459	166,655

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Sep-01 is 154.5 million head compared to 159.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.4 million head or 10.9 million more than estimated available. For week of 08-Sep-01 the estimated available is 154.7 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 27-Aug-01	228,769		57,779	
AM 1-Aug-01	183,272		59,991	
CHG	45,497		-2,212	
PCT CHG	25		-4	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/27/01	08/20/01	08/21/00	08/27/01	08/20/01	08/21/00
PACIFIC COAST	28,078	29,096	24,543	3,052	3,141	12,655
LOS ANGELES	2,008	3,661	293	1,762	1,913	4,480

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 27, 2001

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 08/28/01				FOR 08/28/01		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.10	.95	.47	HEAVY FOWL ea.	.50	4.25	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.40	.90	.62	BANTAMS ea.	.30	3.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.25	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	.80	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	1.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	1.00	-	PULLETS ea.	.25	8.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.50	2.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.30	1.25	.82	ROOSTERS ea.	2.25	5.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	.20	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.30	.60	.38	TURKEYS ea.	3.25	5.75	-
DUCKS lb.	.40	1.20	.91	DUCKS ea.	1.75	3.75	-
RABBITS lb.	.30	1.00	.78	RABBITS ea.	-	1.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.25	3.75	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	1.75	6.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.85	3.25	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	1.00	2.00	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	4.50	7.50	-
SILKIES ea.	.50	1.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.75	-				

TOTAL COOPS 126

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending August 24, 2001

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts	W/Thighs				
RAYON						
Low	53.15	139.08	79.47	19.87	19.87	52.15
High	62.59	149.01	89.41	24.84	24.84	52.15
Mostly	58.12	139.08	89.41	24.84	24.84	52.15

SAN JUAN

Low	59.61	181.30	84.44	29.80	14.90	49.67
High	62.59	188.75	89.41	39.74	22.35	49.67
Mostly	61.59	183.78	86.92	34.77	17.38	49.67

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	53.65	129.15	79.47	19.87	19.87	54.64
High	62.09	139.08	89.41	24.84	24.84	54.64
Mostly	58.61	139.08	89.41	19.87	19.87	54.64

BECERRA

Low	57.12	134.11	84.44	24.84	14.90	49.17
High	61.59	144.05	94.38	37.25	19.87	49.17
Mostly	60.60	139.08	89.41	32.29	17.38	49.17

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly moderate. Seller offerings were in a range of well balanced to fully adequate. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy and trending lighter at several plants. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 57 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, offerings varied by both item and volume. Breast cuts were generally held with confidence. Leg items were irregularly balanced and wings were usually 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	53-76
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.80
NO. OF BOXES	14,503

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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