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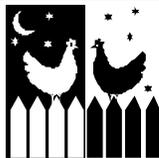
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

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 66.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.50 cents last year on the 6th of September, 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	213.00
BREASTS - B/S	164.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.00
LEG QUARTERS	35.00
WINGS	106.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for retail ads and into fast food. Supplies were in balance with trade needs. In the parts structure, wings continued to show strength with availability limited to short. The remaining items were sufficient to well cleared with export interest aiding movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about fair during midweek trading. Offerings of the 3.5 to 4 pound birds were closely balanced. The 2.5 to 3 pound sizes were sufficient. Movement into retail and distributive channels ranged fair to moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady on the 3 pound and lighter birds, fully steady to instances firm on the 3.5 to 4 pound sizes. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were in good balance and well cleared. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate. Legs and leg quarters were no more than adequate. Wings were short of full needs.

MIDWEST Broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings of additional product were in balance for trade needs. Movement into retail channels was mixed, light to good. Demand into the food service sector was moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks were well cleared to fully adequate. Weights were in a desirable range. In the parts complex, supplies of wings were in close balance to occasionally tight; the remaining items were sufficient. Trading overall was noted as seasonal with regular commitments satisfying most buyer needs. The market tone was steady to firm on wings and steady on remaining items.

WESTERN The market tone was fully steady. Offerings of small sizes in close balance and confidently held with heavy weights ample. Buyers cautious and watched further market developments. Retail demand moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks generally adequate. The market tone was steady to fully steady on parts with wings in the strongest position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

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

SEPT 05	POUNDS	SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS		
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,000	145.00-215.00	147-155	161.36
TENDERLOINS	304	140.00-240.00	145	170.38
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	80.00-85.00	80-82	80.66
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	169	42.00-56.00	42-45	44.17
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	400	29.50-33.00	31-32	31.05
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,288	33.00-35.00	34-35	34.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	302	103.00-107.00	-	103.46
WINGS (CUT)	639	115.00-126.00	115-120	119.04
DRUMSTICKS	67	54.00-56.00	-	54.21
THIGHS	27	47.00-56.00	-	49.33
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 05, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.75 - 57.50	54.03	53.79

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 about fair during midweek trading, but was sufficient to keep the bulk of product moving satisfactorily through the market place. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate, but bone-in breasts were well cleared. Legs and leg quarters were in a closer balanced position today. Wings were short. Retail and distributive movement ranged fair to moderate, best for the scattered feature activity. The market tone was firm on wings, at least steady on bone-in breasts, legs and leg quarters, and 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 **SEP 05, 2001**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	162.71	557,540
TENDERLOINS	135	138.65	163,721
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	80.06	401,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	77.00	193,600
LEGS	42-43	46.75	332,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	33.58	724,144
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	47.17	212,780
THIGHS	37-38	46.23	172,040
B/S THIGHS	89-90	93.56	89,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	97-98	105.22	530,779
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	87,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.19	131,820
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.72	170,450

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)									SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY		
ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG	ACTUAL		AVG		DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
		WTS			WTS						
	09/05	09/04	09/03	08/31	09/03	08/31	08/29	08/27			
ALA	4,081	3,779	(A)	4,464	(A)	4.82	4,001	5.05	FRESH FRYERS		87-89
ARK	5,364	5,241	Holiday	6,390	Holiday	4.61	5,119	4.91	ROASTERS 4# & UP		71-90
DELMARVA	2,402	2,387	(A)	2,791	(A)	4.83	2,359	5.02	HENS UNDER 5#		-
KY-LA-TN	2,051	2,010	(A)	2,011	(A)	4.38	2,018	4.46	HENS OVER 5#		-
MISS	2,844	2,853	(A)	3,226	(A)	4.80	2,881	5.04	DUCKS		139
NC	2,544	2,419	(A)	2,938	(A)	5.65	2,568	6.05	RABBITS-WHOLE		-
TEXAS	2,370	2,388	(A)	3,130	(A)	4.80	2,380	4.86	RABBITS-CUT UP		-
TOTAL	21,656	21,077	3,871	24,950	4.45	4.82	21,326	5.05	SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
MON-WED	45,773(B)						64,308(B)		DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations									FRESH FRYERS		97-105
(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Boiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Sep 01 and is estimated to be 32,400,000 up 1.24 percent from a week ago and up 2.3 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,002,000; last year 31,671,000)									DRY PACK		96-98
									ICE PACK		96-98
									ROASTERS 4# & UP		113-123
									DRY PACK		104-113
									ICE PACK		104-113
									HENS OVER 5#		91
									DRY PACK		91
									ICE PACK		98
									DUCKS		152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Sep-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/08/01(1)	09/01/01
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
BRO-FRY	145,083 (2)	165,042
LT HENS	1,871	1,973
HVY HENS	1,303	1,444
TOTAL	148,257	168,459

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Sep-01 is 154.7 million head compared to 136.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 145.4 million head or 9.3 million less than estimated available. For week of 15-Sep-01 the estimated available is 155.5 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 SEPTEMBER 03, 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 03-Sep-01	224,840	58,239
AM 1-Aug-01	183,272	59,991
CHG	41,568	-1,752
PCT CHG	23	-3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/03/01	08/27/01	09/04/00	09/03/01	08/27/01	09/04/00
PACIFIC						
COAST	30,789	28,078	24,279	3,489	3,052	11,514
LOS ANGELES	3,866	2,008	316	2,174	1,762	4,057

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	LO			HI			AVG		
	LO	HI	AVG	LO	HI	AVG	LO	HI	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.10	.70	.30	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.50	4.50	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.00	7.50	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.15	1.45	.92	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	.70	1.05	.87	GEESE ea.	-	8.00	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.20	.30	.22	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.40	1.45	1.06	DUCKS ea.	2.00	8.50	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.30	1.10	.76	RABBITS ea.	-	2.00	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.75	5.50	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	10.00	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	3.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.00	-						

TOTAL COOPS 123**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending August 31, 2001

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards
RAYON					
Low	52.31	138.19	78.97	19.74	19.74
High	62.19	148.06	88.84	24.68	24.68
Mostly	56.76	138.19	88.84	19.74	24.68
SAN JUAN					
Low	57.74	123.38	78.97	29.61	14.81
High	59.22	138.19	93.77	39.48	17.27
Mostly	57.74	128.32	83.90	32.08	16.29
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	50.83	128.32	74.03	14.81	19.74
High	61.20	138.19	88.84	24.68	24.68
Mostly	56.76	138.19	83.90	24.68	24.68
BECERRA					
Low	51.82	128.32	74.03	29.61	16.29
High	59.22	133.25	83.90	39.48	22.21
Mostly	59.22	130.79	78.97	34.55	17.27

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly moderate. Seller offerings were often noted as tight to well cleared mainly due to plants not processing on the Labor Day Holiday. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied from plant to plant in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 58 to 72 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, both volumes and items offered varied, and product was held with varying degrees of confidence. Wings were in seasonally good demand.

*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	56-76
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	60.19
NO. OF BOXES	14,367

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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