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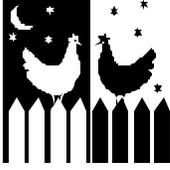
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are mostly trending unchanged, instances higher in the Midwest. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was mixed, mostly light to fair and not as active as usual entering the weekend with industry still solemn from this week's disaster. In the West, heavy weights were ample and often discounted, light weights held confidently. However, in the Northeast, heavy sizes were better balanced and lighter weights were at least adequate. Processing schedules in the North were reduced at several plants with some Saturday operations. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate with some orders cancelled due to airport and business closures. Wings were barely adequate to tight, leg quarters and bone-in breasts were sufficient to well cleared, and boneless skinless breasts were adequate to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights covered the full range.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09/17-09/22/01 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	52.00-56.00	49.00-68.00	54.81	26
Los Angeles	72.00			
New York	57.00-59.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	66.00-67.50	52.50-69.00	66.32	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 66.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
679	62.20-67.50	66.35
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	216.00	1,218
BREASTS - B/S	161.00	3,980
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.50	1,078
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.00	760
LEG QUARTERS	35.00	7,931
WINGS	109.00	2,836

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority for next week's trading into the Chicago area was higher from last Monday's final. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was generally steady. Offerings of additional product moderate to occasionally ample for the light buyer interest. Retail demand was improved from previous day's movement, but mostly short of typical Friday orders. Food service movement irregular, slow to fairly good. Floor stocks were well cleared to fully adequate, weights desirable to heavy. Trading on parts items was light to moderate with wings continuing to move well. Supplies of wings were limited, tenderloins barely adequate and sought after, boneless/skinless breasts fully adequate to instances ample with remaining items available. The market tone was steady to firm on wings, steady to weak on thighs and boneless/skinless breasts and steady on the balance.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady with some caution entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate with mixed opinions and uncertainty for next week due to Tuesday's tragedy. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. Transportation problems were limited due to few deliveries into the Northeast; however, any difficulties earlier this week have mostly been resolved. In the parts structure, wings were close balanced to tight, breast items were mixed with boneless skinless most available, and dark meat at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Reported trading for next week's deliveries on regular commitments at generally unchanged prices and new negotiations unchanged to lower prices. The market tone was overall steady. Offerings of small sizes adequate and confidently held with heavy weights fully adequate and often discounted to help stimulate additional interest. Retail demand light to moderate for whole body, fairly good for parts, best to cover features. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was firm on wings and generally steady on balance of parts. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 67-79, whole cut-up 79, boneless breasts 399, split breasts 99-169, boneless thigh meat 168-199, thighs 89-139, leg quarters 10# bags 490, boneless leg meat 129, drumsticks 79-139; Northern California - whole cut-up 149, roasters 119, drumsticks 149, thighs 99-149, boneless breasts 399; Arizona - whole body 49, roasters 79, boneless breasts 189-449, split breasts 169-249, thighs 69-119, drumsticks 69-119.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate entering the weekend as dealers attempted to resume normal trading following the national tragedy. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter sizes were available, however, the heavier sizes were better balanced. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were closely cleared, but boneless-skinless breasts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were short. Leg quarters were in good balance, the balance of parts were at least adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair, instances fairly good and was generally noted as sufficient in keeping the bulk of offerings in manageable balance. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable. Processing schedules were curtailed at several plants and despite limited operations on Saturday, were moderate in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 60 to 74 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, wings and bone-in breasts were generally noted as no more than adequate. 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	50-77
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	62.90
NO. OF BOXES	14,339
CUMULATIVE	09/10/01-09/14/01 62.70
	09/11/00-09/15/00 57.63
NO. OF BOXES	09/10/01-09/14/01 70,276
	09/11/00-09/15/00 55,935

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

SEP 13

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEP 14

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	886	145.00-215.00	147-155	162.94	889	140.00-215.00	145-155	156.49	4,506	160.71
TENDERLOINS	247	145.00-245.00	145-150	178.20	184	145.00-245.00	145-150	164.95	1,432	167.52
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	80.00-86.00	82-84	82.34	107	80.00-86.00	82-84	82.34	540	82.50
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				350	76.65
LEGS	169	42.00-56.00	42-45	44.82	129	42.00-56.00	42-44	43.60	1,085	45.02
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	467	31.00-36.00	31-32	32.14	427	29.50-33.00	31-32	31.17	2,268	31.68
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,159	33.00-36.00	33-35	34.15	1,399	33.00-36.00	33-35	34.13	6,164	34.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	105.00-112.00	-	110.39	305	105.00-112.00	107-109	110.05	1,511	109.84
WINGS (CUT)	563	113.00-130.50	117-122	119.96	414	117.00-124.00	117-121	119.39	2,544	120.10
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				75	45.00-59.00	-	47.44	361	53.20
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				46	42.00-56.00	-	45.26	279	44.89
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				55	90.00-98.00	-	92.91	210	90.57

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

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TRADING FOR SEP 13, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S**

TRADING FOR SEP 14, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S** **5-DAY**

RANGE **AVERAGE**

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51.50 - 59.00 54.57

50.25 - 57.50 53.84 54.17

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 increased slightly but was no better than moderate as this tragic week draws to a close. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were available, however, bone-in breasts were in close balance. Leg quarters were well cleared. Boneless-skinless thighs had increased in availability. Wings were short. Distributive movement was fair to moderate, although, airport and business closures had resulted in order cancellations. Retail business was seeing some sporadic refill interest, but was generally fair. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on wings and bone-in breasts, no better than steady on boneless-skinless breasts, 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			CURRENT NEG			WEEKLY		
	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	155-160	163.15	494,280	155159.02	649,240	162.57	2,532,670		
TENDERLOINS	140	142.15	114,400	140141.63	142,757	142.28	635,170		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	82.71	268,280	76-7781.80	335,840	81.87	1,604,440		
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	79.75	144,000	7679.75	144,000	79.02	638,800		
LEGS	44-45	48.33	252,800	44-4547.27	333,000	47.92	1,354,235		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	34.22	740,996	34-3534.28	530,537	34.15	3,737,921		
DRUMSTICKS	41-42	47.62	186,550	41-4247.65	201,750	47.55	987,400		
THIGHS	37-38	46.33	147,060	37-3846.69	163,220	46.28	762,630		
B/S THIGHS	89-90	94.35	85,560	89-9095.29	78,680	94.33	401,170		
WINGS (WHOLE)	101-102	110.33	420,840	102-103 111.34	394,240	109.88	2,021,532		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.18	100,420	10-1212.04	105,960	12.10	500,540		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.66	134,240	30-3539.56	143,920	39.58	670,136		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.92	166,600	45-5054.72	191,520	54.83	857,510		

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG 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	
	09/14	09/13	09/12	09/11	09/12	09/11	09/07	09/05
ALA	4,235	4,083	3,949	3,965	5.03	5.05	4,341	5.11
ARK	5,942	5,180	5,244	5,265	4.87	4.97	7,065	4.92
DELMARVA	2,261	2,314	2,144	2,296	4.99	4.98	2,618	4.96
KY-LA-TN	2,188	2,035	2,000	1,999	4.56	4.63	2,220	4.59
MISS	2,885	2,843	2,850	2,838	4.99	5.07	3,994	5.05
NC	3,250	2,589	2,367	2,404	5.75	5.88	2,857	6.08
TEXAS	2,719	2,392	2,398	2,434	4.89	4.87	2,440	4.93
TOTAL	23,480	21,436	20,952	21,201	5.00	5.06	25,535	5.09
MON-FRI	87,536(A)				93,603(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14 and 15-Sep-01 is estimated to be 35,129,000 down 8.32 percent from a week ago and up 4.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 38,318,000; last year 33,585,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 15-Sep-01 is estimated to be 158,239,000 head up 11.5 percent from a week ago, and down 1.6 percent from a year ago

(Last week 141,857,000 Last year 160,820,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	88-90
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	DRY PACK 98-106
	ICE PACK 96-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 91
DUCKS	152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending September 1, 2001 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	36,307	34,742	39,639
Avg Weight	3.81	4.77	6.03
% of total /1	33%	31%	36%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	22,735	21,875	29,294
Avg Weight	3.79	4.78	6.12
% of total /1	31%	30%	40%
Same week, yr ago /2	39,522	28,265	43,701
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	5.91
% of total /1	35%	25%	39%
To date/2001	1,131,959	964,193	1,520,453
To date/2000	1,173,334	1,167,282	1,432,216

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 08-Sep-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				

HEAD	141,857(A)	1,633	1,320	2,953	443
AVG WT	4.95	3.40	7.89	5.41	6.78
LAST WEEK	161,602	1,924	1,410	3,334	573
SAME WK YR AGO	134,859	1,489	1,296	2,785	495
AVG WT	4.87	3.51	7.97	5.59	6.31
TO-DATE/2001	5,521,016	63,489	49,516	113,005	18,015
TO-DATE/2000	5,564,581	69,539	51,624	121,163	16,005

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 143.6 million head or 11.1 million head less than or 93 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: SEP 11, 2001

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.38	Silkie	2.00 - 2.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.90 - 1.24	Geese	
Pekin Ducks	.30 - .54	9-14 LBS	.20 - .32
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.50 - .62	Pigeons	1.50 - 2.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - 1.10	White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.25ea.
Crossbred Fowl		Rabbits	
5-9 LBS	.70 - 1.12	4-6 LBS	.60 - .98
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
4-6 LBS	.40 - 1.10	7-11 LBS	.60 - .84
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	2.00 - 9.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.40 - 1.00	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 2.50ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 7.00ea.	Goats	50.00 - 75.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 3.50ea.	Kid Goats	25.00 - 50.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.14 - .24	Doves	4.00 - 5.50ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.18 - .32	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.50 - .64
		Total Coops Sold	628

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 10-SEP-2001
DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	137	143

MIDWEST MOSTLY	122-126	123-127
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68-69
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	63-85
	65-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS

Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand fair. Sizes were desirable. Slaughter schedules were normal. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 10-SEP-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	116-124	125

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO

ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

		MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
WEEK ENDING					
AUGUST	4	158.9	160.6	99	5.09
	11	159.5	159.2	100	5.90
	18	161.2	159.1	101	5.10
	25	160.6	156.4	103	4.92
SEPTEMBER	1	163.6	154.5	106	5.01
	8	143.6	154.7	93	4.95
YEAR TO DATE	5	588.3	5,566.1	100	
SEPTEMBER	15		155.5		
	22		157.2		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	08/25/01	08/18/01	% CHG	08/26/00	% CHG
Broilers	158,239	141,857*	+12	160,820*	-02
Cattle	694	619	+12	722	-04*
Hogs	1,941	1,723	+13	1,978	-02*
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher on both light and heavy canners, when compared to a week earlier. Trading was moderate for a mostly fair to fairly good demand. Offerings were clearing and was in close balance to adequate for current trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 24-27 MAJORITY 24-25	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 31.25-38 MAJORITY 31.75-32
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CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 24.75-29.5 MAJORITY 24.75-25	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 32.5-40 MAJORITY 32.75-33
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EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were more than sufficient for trade needs. Demand light and mostly unaggressive. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Canners movement was moderate with offerings generally adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent leghorn hens. Finished sales were moderate at best. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings of spent fowl continue ample with demand just fair. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules irregular. Offerings ranged from light in the Northwest to exceeding available line time in California.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to fair for the more than sufficient offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canner supplies were adequate for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand for fully adequate offerings of spent hens was light to no better than moderate. Finished sales were fair. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

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LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 09/08/01	2001	2000	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	177,163	169,551	+04
CHICKS PLACED	146,572	144,511	+01
<i>EGGS SET</i>	197,209	-	-
<i>CHICKS PLACED</i>	165,520	-	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 177 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 8, 2001. This was up 4 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 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 8, 2001. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through September 8, 2001 were 5.31 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 197 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 8, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 8, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 20-Oct-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 151.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 151.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 150.8 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 152.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.18 CENTS PER POUND.