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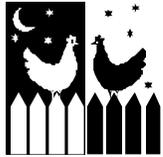
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Trade sentiment was mostly no better than steady with caution reported. Retail and food service demand was slow to fair, instances moderate where features and promotions were effective. Supplies of smaller sized product was in good balance, but heavier weights were adequate to ample and often discounted to help clear. In the parts structure, wings were in the closest position and showed good clearance. The remaining items were at least adequate, longest for boneless skinless breasts and attractively priced to help move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 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 62.00 cents last year on the 20th of September, 2000.

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

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	217.50
BREASTS - B/S	159.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.00
LEG QUARTERS	36.00
WINGS	110.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was unaggressive to fair with mixed opinions and caution for rest of the week and next week. Supplies were usually sufficient with smaller wogs at times less available. In the parts structure, breast items were mixed with tenders close to well cleared and boneless skinless fully adequate to ample. Wings were no more than adequate, and the remaining items were at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about fair during midweek trading as dealers remain cautious and selective. Offerings of the 3.5 pound and larger birds were at least adequate to available, however, the 3 pound and lighter sizes were better balanced. Movement into retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to ample. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were closely cleared.

MIDWEST Trade sentiment on whole fryers was cautiously steady, undertone weak. Offerings of additional product varied, but overall more plentiful than prior trading period. Movement into retail channels was irregular, slow to moderate. Food service demand continued to slump, slow to light, occasionally moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to instances long. Weights were desirable to heavier than desired. Trading on parts items was lacking with wings and tenderloins moving best. Supplies of wings and tenderloins were in close balance, remaining items fully adequate to instances ample. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast items and thighs, steady on all other items.

WESTERN The market tone about steady. Offerings of weights under 3 pounds in fairly good balance and heavier weights ample and difficult to place. Sharp discounts often quoted for large size WOGs with little additional interest noted for other than regular commitments. Retail demand was fairly good overall best to cover feature activities. Floor stocks generally adequate. The market tone was generally steady on parts with weakness noted on some boneless breasts items.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 09/15/01	2001	2000	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	174,213	168,927	+03
CHICKS PLACED	148,804	142,827	+04
EGGS SET	195,210	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	167,407	-	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 174 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 15, 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 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 149 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 15, 2001. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through September 15, 2001 were 5.45 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 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 15, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 15, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 27-Oct-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 151.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 158.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.83 CENTS PER POUND.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2001

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPTEMBER 19, 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.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	959	140.00-215.00	142-155	156.84	BREAST - B/S	989	132.00-215.00	140-145	157.84
TENDERLOINS	278	145.00-245.00	145-150	156.51	TENDERLOINS	283	150.00-245.00	150-155	177.19
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	80.00-87.00	81-83	80.85	BREAST - LINE RUN	105	79.00-86.00	79-80	80.26
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	209	42.00-56.00	42-46	45.19	LEGS	289	42.00-56.00	42-46	45.38
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	427	31.00-33.00	31-32	31.50	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	427	29.50-33.00	31-32	31.17
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,159	33.00-36.00	33-36	34.09	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,159	33.00-36.00	33-35	34.09
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	105.00-112.00	-	110.05	WINGS (WHOLE)	305	105.00-112.00	105-109	110.05
WINGS (CUT)	667	113.00-128.50	117-122	120.91	WINGS (CUT)	502	117.00-126.00	118-122	119.71
DRUMSTICKS	69	56.00-59.00	-	58.61	DRUMSTICKS	69	56.00-59.00	-	58.61
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				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
51.50 - 58.00	51.91	50.25 - 57.50	53.84	53.60

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 as dealers attempted to keep floorstocks closely balanced. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate to ample. Legs and thighs were adequate to fully adequate. Wings remained the best items and were clearing well. Distributive movement was generally no better than fair as retail feature activity was limited and foodservice interest remained subdued. The market tone was fully steady on wings, barely steady to weak on breast items, no better than 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

SEPTEMBER 18, 2001				SEPTEMBER 19, 2001			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155	159.84	566,190	BREAST - B/S	145-150	157.94	457,130
TENDERLOINS	140	140.91	160,757	TENDERLOINS	140	148.76	101,220
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	82.87	318,760	BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	83.53	298,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	77.67	160,200	BREAST - LINE RUN	74	76.75	222,000
LEGS	44-45	48.33	261,680	LEGS	44-45	47.29	230,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	34.16	768,472	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	34.15	597,343
DRUMSTICKS	41-42	48.15	194,540	DRUMSTICKS	41-42	47.55	172,360
THIGHS	37-38	46.27	163,890	THIGHS	37-38	46.49	132,920
B/S THIGHS	89-90	94.91	67,350	B/S THIGHS	89-90	93.17	70,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	102-103	111.22	438,920	WINGS (WHOLE)	102-103	111.10	401,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	96,040	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.94	92,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.72	133,330	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.75	135,290
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.82	174,660	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.86	166,010

 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	
	09/19	09/18	09/17	09/14	09/17	09/14	09/12	09/10
ALA	4,089	4,087	4,101	4,144	5.12	4.85	3,949	5.14
ARK	5,324	5,345	5,224	6,197	5.00	4.88	5,244	4.93
DELMARVA	2,373	2,350	2,329	2,484	5.06	4.92	2,144	4.99
KY-LA-TN	2,071	2,031	1,944	1,953	4.57	4.52	2,000	4.63
MISS	2,902	2,867	2,758	2,757	5.18	4.97	2,850	4.99
NC	2,577	2,585	2,536	3,366	6.05	5.93	2,367	6.07
TEXAS	2,396	2,396	2,420	2,689	4.98	4.73	2,398	4.98
TOTAL	21,732	21,661	21,312	23,590	5.14	4.99	20,952	5.09
MON-WED	64,977	(A)					63,548	(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Sep 01 and is estimated to be 32,514,000 up 3.41 percent from a week ago and up 4.9 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 31,441,000; last year 31,003,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	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	ICE PACK	96-99
	DRY PACK	98-106
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 22-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/22/01 (1)	09/15/01	
THOUSAND HEAD			
BRO-FRY	164,695 (2)	162,998	
LT HENS	2,002	1,869	
HVY HENS	1,426	1,585	
CHECK TOTAL	168,123	166,452	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Sep-01 is 157.2 million head compared to 157.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.0 million head or 7.8 million more than estimated available. For week of 29-Sep-01 the estimated available is 155.7 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 17-Sep-01	206,689	58,526		
AM 1-Sep-01	189,756	45,223		
CHG	16,933	13,303		
PCT CHG	9	29		

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/17/01	09/11/01	09/18/00	09/17/01	09/11/01	09/18/00
PACIFIC COAST	31,369	28,176	18,610	3,216	3,359	11,581
LOS ANGELES	3,680	1,046	235	1,988	2,123	3,903

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 17, 2001

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		52-57
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	58-65

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 09/18/01				FOR 09/18/01		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.25	1.00	.53	HEAVY FOWL ea.	2.50	5.00	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.75	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.35	.80	.62	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.50	2.75	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	1.50	3.75	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	.45	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	1.10	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.00	7.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	3.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.40	.80	.67	ROOSTERS ea.	1.00	4.00	-
GEESE lb.	.75	.80	.77	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	11.00	-
DUCKS lb.	.35	1.20	.88	DUCKS ea.	2.25	7.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.30	1.35	.74	RABBITS ea.	.75	4.25	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	5.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	5.00	6.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	4.50	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.00	-				

TOTAL COOPS 144

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending September 14, 2001

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts	W/Thighs	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	50.77	124.54	76.64	19.16	1.92	50.29
High	60.35	134.12	86.22	23.95	2.39	50.29
Mostly	55.08	134.12	86.22	23.95	1.92	50.29
SAN JUAN						
Low	52.69	124.54	71.85	23.95	4.31	47.90
High	57.48	129.33	81.43	33.53	7.18	47.90
Mostly	57.48	126.93	76.64	26.34	4.79	47.90
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	50.29	124.54	71.85	19.16	1.44	52.69
High	59.87	134.12	86.22	23.95	1.92	52.69
Mostly	55.08	134.12	86.22	19.16	1.92	52.69
BECERRA						
Low	56.52	119.75	67.06	33.53	4.79	45.98
High	58.44	129.33	79.03	35.92	7.18	45.98
Mostly	57.48	124.54	76.64	33.53	5.75	45.98

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair and centered mainly on standing commitments. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to instances heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 60 to 74 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Wings were in good balance. Boneless skinless breasts and thighs were readily available and slow in clearing. Bone-in breasts were fully adequate. Leg quarters 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	57-76
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	63.25
NO. OF BOXES	15,928

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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