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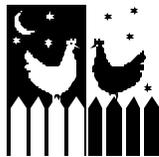
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mostly steady to barely steady. Demand into retail and food service was in a full range, mostly light to moderate, best for ads and promotions. Supplies were at least adequate with heavier weights more available. In the parts structure, trading was light with caution reported. Breast items and wings were more than adequate and often discounted, and dark meat was readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights. The 12-CITY Weighted Average Price for 10/09/01 was 60.69, compared to 60.71 last week, and 57.00 a year ago.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .50 cent to 65.75 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 11th of October, 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	141.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	70.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.00
LEG QUARTERS	35.50
WINGS	103.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Retail demand was light to instances moderate where scattered features were present. Food service was light. Supplies were at least sufficient for trade requirements. In the parts structure, movement was limited with supplies readily available to ample. 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 only fair at best during midweek trading. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds ranged balanced to adequate, however, the heavier weights were fully adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair to no better than moderate. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were available. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings and tenderloins were fully adequate.

MIDWEST Whole fryer market tone was steady to barely steady. Additional product offerings were fully sufficient with buyers noting instances of limited offerings on small sized WOGs. Retail and food service demand was less than seasonal with an occasional moderate to good reported in fast food accounts. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with some receivers lessening current commitments in order to maintain balance. Parts items continue to move slowly as buyers remain reluctant and cautious. Supplies of dark meat items adequate with white meat items slow to clear and fully sufficient for trade needs. The market tone was steady on dark meat items, cautiously steady to weak on all other items.

WESTERN The market tone was barely steady. Offerings were ample overall. Buying interest remained light. Retail demand moderate overall best for parts. Floor stocks generally adequate to cover current needs. Trade sentiment about steady on parts with breasts and wings in the weakest position

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	WEEK ENDING 10/06/01		PERCENT CHANGE
	2001	2000	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	181,567	175,328	+04
CHICKS PLACED	138,734	136,083	+02
19 STATES			
EGGS SET	202,131	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	156,244	-	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 182 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 6, 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 139 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 6, 2001. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through October 6, 2001 were 5.88 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 October 6, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 156 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 6, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 17-Nov-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 145.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 148.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 147.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 159.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.18 CENTS PER POUND.

OCTOBER 10, 2001 ITEM	POUNDS (000)	SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	892	115.00-191.00	130-140	135.06
TENDERLOINS	211	145.00-250.00	145-150	158.41
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	169	39.00-57.00	39-42	41.85
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	581	29.50-34.00	30-31	30.94
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,280	32.00-36.00	33-35	33.78
WINGS (WHOLE)	165	98.00-106.00	98-102	102.27
WINGS (CUT)	1,000	107.00-129.00	109-112	114.54
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR OCTOBER 10, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
45.50 - 51.00	47.85	48.20

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 remained cautious and unaggressive. Offerings of breast items were available and discounting remained prevalent in an attempt to place product. Legs and leg quarters were at least sufficient. Wings and tenderloins were fully adequate. Movement through distributive channels was light to no better than fair as buyers kept floorstocks closely balanced, and retail movement lacked impetus overall. In addition, the foodservice sector was slow and disappointing as hotel, restaurant and institutional business remained subdued. The market tone was barely steady on wings and tenderloins, 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
OCTOBER 10, 2001

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	135.40	470,740
TENDERLOINS	140	145.21	103,340
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	68.78	305,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	63.28	152,000
LEGS	43-44	48.23	205,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	34.27	602,718
DRUMSTICKS	41-42	47.68	162,590
THIGHS	37-38	46.06	138,020
B/S THIGHS	89-90	93.86	59,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	109.76	445,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.12	91,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.87	117,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.81	150,480

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		
				WTS				WTS				RANGE		
		10/10	10/09	10/08	10/05	10/08	10/05	10/03	10/01					
ALA	3,901	4,124	3,919	4,606	5.18	5.05	4,077	5.16			FRESH FRYERS			
ARK	5,233	5,352	5,042	5,278	4.96	4.72	5,161	5.06			ROASTERS 4# & UP			
DELMARVA	2,261	2,326	2,325	2,188	5.02	4.97	2,240	4.97			HENS UNDER 5#			
KY-LA-TN	2,043	2,025	1,991	2,195	4.73	4.52	2,005	4.65			HENS OVER 5#			
MISS	2,827	2,856	2,806	2,829	5.13	5.00	2,852	5.16			DUCKS			
NC	2,619	2,626	2,491	2,866	5.92	5.80	2,492	6.11			RABBITS-WHOLE			
TEXAS	2,377	2,403	2,377	2,367	5.15	4.80	2,414	5.18			RABBITS-CUT UP			
TOTAL	21,261	21,712	20,951	22,329	5.14	4.98	21,241	5.19			SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY			
MON-WED	64,516(A)						63,957(A)				DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS			
(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.										FRESH FRYERS				
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Oct 01 and is										DRY PACK				
estimated to be 31,809,000 down 0.20 percent from a week ago and										ICE PACK				
up 4.2 percent from a year ago.										ROASTERS 4# & UP				
(Last week 31,874,000; last year 30,521,000)										DRY PACK				
										ICE PACK				
										HENS OVER 5#				
										DRY PACK				
										ICE PACK				
										DUCKS				
										152-166				

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING OCT 13-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	10/13/01 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD	10/06/01	
BRO-FRY	162,599 (2)		160,910	
LT HENS	2,088		1,939	
HVY HENS	1,495		1,363	
CHECK TOTAL	166,182		164,212	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Oct-01 is 155.3 million head compared to 152.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.9 million head or 7.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 20-Oct-01 the estimated available is 154.2 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 8-Oct-01	195,854		56,026	
AM 1-Oct-01	198,453		57,300	
CHG	-2,599		-1,274	
PCT CHG	-1		-2	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/08/01	10/01/01	10/09/00	10/08/01	10/01/01	10/09/00
PACIFIC COAST	20,214	18,577	19,562	3,189	3,734	9,675
LOS ANGELES	3,565	1,051	211	1,839	2,001	3,010

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 OCTOBER 8, 2001

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		52-57
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	57-63

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 10/09/01			FOR 10/09/01		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.20	.85	.38	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	.50
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.40	.75	.51	MIXED FOWL ea.	1.00	1.25
BANTAMS lb.	-	.70	-	BANTAMS ea.	.25	1.50
BROILERS lb.	-	.10	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.40
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.00	6.25
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	4.00
ROOSTERS lb.	.30	.90	.58	ROOSTERS ea.	2.50	3.50
GEESE lb.	.10	.20	.15	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.35	.50	.43	TURKEYS ea.	7.00	13.00
DUCKS lb.	.30	1.00	.66	DUCKS ea.	2.00	2.50
RABBITS lb.	.40	.95	.81	RABBITS ea.	1.00	3.75
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	2.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	5.00	12.50
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	3.00	5.75
SILKIES ea.	1.00	2.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.75	-			

TOTAL COOPS 103

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 5, 2001

	Whole Chickens	Legs Breasts	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON					
Low	49.72	123.12	75.77	18.94	44.99
High	57.30	132.59	85.24	23.68	44.99
Mostly	54.93	132.59	85.24	23.68	18.94
SAN JUAN					
Low	55.88	127.85	75.77	26.04	47.35
High	57.77	146.80	85.24	35.52	47.35
Mostly	56.35	137.33	78.13	28.41	18.94
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	49.25	123.12	23.68	14.21	44.99
High	56.82	132.59	85.24	23.68	44.99
Mostly	54.46	123.12	75.77	18.94	18.94
BECERRA					
Low	47.35	132.59	80.50	28.41	47.35
High	58.72	142.06	85.24	35.52	47.35
Mostly	56.82	137.33	82.87	30.78	16.57

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as no better than fair with the bulk of activity centered around standing commitments. Offerings were fully adequate to ample. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights varied and were mostly in a desirable range. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady at best. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate for the typically lackluster mid-week buying interest. Breast cuts, wings and boneless skinless thighs were competitively priced in an effort to stimulate activity.

*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	49-76
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.87
NO. OF BOXES	13,986

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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