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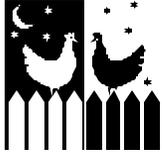
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was about steady in the West, barely steady to weak elsewhere. Retail demand was seasonally slow to fair as interests shifted to more traditional holiday meat items. Food service was slightly better, fair to moderate, good where fast food had successful promotions. Supplies of all sizes were available and attractively priced. In the parts structure, trading was slow to fair with all items at least adequate and discounted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

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 64.50 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 November 08, 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 | 193.00 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 127.00 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 64.50 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 91.00 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 33.00 |
| WINGS | 92.50 |

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand continued to lack much interest as attention began to focus on more traditional holiday items. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to easily handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light. All items were at least adequate or readily available with lower prices present, but being resisted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights covered the full range, but was mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light and unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate and available at discounted levels. Movement through retail and distributive channels continued sluggish. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were readily available. Wings were ample and discounted.

MIDWEST The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was barely steady to weak. Additional product offerings were light to moderate with buyer interest reserved. Retail movement continued slow to very light as most parties focused on turkey and ham orders. Retail feature items, though limited provided best interest. Retail features reported in the Michigan area on split breasts at 99 cents. The St. Louis area noted whole fryers at 59 cents and boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.89 and \$2.59. Food service demand remained mixed, slow to good into fast food outlets and slow into institutional and restaurant accounts. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with a few receivers in the St. Louis area noting cutbacks on regular commitments. Sizes were in a desirable range. Trading on parts items was depressed with offerings at discounted price levels more prevalent on all items. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on all items.

WESTERN The market tone was about steady. Offerings remained in an ample position for current needs. Demand by restaurants moderate to fairly good, best by fast food. Demand by stores moderate overall, best where featured. Floor stocks adequate to instances heavier than desired. Trade sentiment barely steady on parts.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

| 15 STATES | 2001 | | 2000 | PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR |
|----------------------|---------|---------|------|---------------------------------|
| WEEK ENDING 11/03/01 | | | | |
| EGGS SET | 174,273 | 167,730 | | +04 |
| CHICKS PLACED | 140,604 | 136,698 | | +03 |
| 19 STATES | | | | |
| EGGS SET | 194,770 | - | | - |
| CHICKS PLACED | 158,372 | - | | - |

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 174 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 3, 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 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 141 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 3, 2001. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through November 3, 2001 were 6.45 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 November 3, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 158 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 3, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 15-Dec-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 148.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 150.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 148.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 153.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.44 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOVEMBER 07, 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 | | | | ITEM | POUNDS | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------|
| | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
| BREAST - B/S | 1,038 | 105.00-185.00 | 120-130 | 124.10 | BREAST - B/S | 804 | 105.00-185.00 | 120-128 | 121.18 |
| TENDERLOINS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TENDERLOINS | 175 | 110.00-205.00 | 110-115 | 129.10 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 73 | 62.00-66.50 | 63-65 | 64.55 | BREAST - LINE RUN | 107 | 61.00-65.00 | 62-65 | 63.60 |
| FRONT HALVES | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | FRONT HALVES | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | |
| LEGS | 88 | 39.00-55.00 | 39-41 | 40.45 | LEGS | 88 | 39.00-55.00 | 39-41 | 40.45 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 678 | 26.00-32.00 | 26.5-28 | 28.00 | LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 518 | 26.50-32.00 | 27-28 | 27.41 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 800 | 28.50-35.00 | 30-31 | 30.74 | LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 1,290 | 28.50-34.00 | 30-32 | 30.72 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 320 | 80.00-100.00 | 84-86 | 87.02 | WINGS (WHOLE) | 300 | 76.00-94.00 | 89-93 | 88.35 |
| WINGS (CUT) | 539 | 96.00-112.00 | 97-102 | 102.79 | WINGS (CUT) | 472 | 92.00-110.00 | 96-101 | 99.69 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 68 | 49.50-55.00 | - | 50.15 | DRUMSTICKS | 103 | 45.00-55.00 | - | 48.11 |
| THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | |
| B/S THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | B/S THIGHS | 60 | 89.00-91.00 | - | 89.67 |

 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 |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 41.50 - 47.00 | 43.34 | 42.25 - 47.50 | 43.96 | 43.73 |

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 interest was light to no better than fair during midweek trading as dealers continued with a cautious and selective posture. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate. Legs and leg quarters were more than sufficient. Wings were ample and discounted. Movement through retail and distributive channels remained limited as seasonal items became the focal point of consumer buying. The market tone was weak on wings, 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

NOVEMBER 06, 2001

NOVEMBER 07, 2001

| ITEM | CURRENT NEG | | | WTD | VOL/LBS | ITEM | CURRENT NEG | | | WTD | VOL/LBS |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|-----|---------|----------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|-----|---------|
| | TRADING* | AVG** | | | | | TRADING* | AVG** | | | |
| BREAST - B/S | 115-120 | 118.94 | 442,000 | | | BREAST - B/S | 115-120 | 121.25 | 358,600 | | |
| TENDERLOINS | 105 | 107.58 | 83,693 | | | TENDERLOINS | 105 | 105.35 | 35,280 | | |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 56-57 | 64.92 | 256,120 | | | BREAST - WITH RIBS | 56-57 | 64.46 | 334,120 | | |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 56 | 59.93 | 124,640 | | | BREAST - LINE RUN | 56 | 59.20 | 138,960 | | |
| LEGS | 41-42 | 45.85 | 182,680 | | | LEGS | 41-42 | 45.40 | 207,680 | | |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 29-30 | 31.63 | 695,997 | | | LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 29-30 | 31.06 | 386,366 | | |
| DRUMSTICKS | 39-40 | 41.77 | 111,250 | | | DRUMSTICKS | 39-40 | 43.83 | 96,590 | | |
| THIGHS | 37-38 | 42.34 | 79,720 | | | THIGHS | 37-38 | 42.46 | 67,100 | | |
| B/S THIGHS | 86-87 | 86.03 | 51,620 | | | B/S THIGHS | 86-87 | 86.02 | 39,800 | | |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 86-87 | 88.87 | 351,080 | | | WINGS (WHOLE) | 84-85 | 91.07 | 346,320 | | |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12 | 12.13 | 32,120 | | | BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12 | 12.01 | 49,160 | | |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 30-35 | 32.54 | 18,595 | | | LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 30-35 | 33.19 | 11,600 | | |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 45-50 | 54.35 | 23,750 | | | GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 45-50 | 53.83 | 25,440 | | |

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 | |
|--------------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 11/07 | 11/06 | 11/05 | 11/02 | 11/05 | 11/02 | 10/31 | 10/29 |
| ALA | 3,998 | 4,036 | 4,042 | 4,176 | 5.18 | 4.96 | 3,751 | 5.19 |
| ARK | 4,852 | 5,331 | 5,166 | 5,074 | 4.98 | 4.86 | 4,927 | 5.11 |
| DELMARVA | 2,264 | 2,279 | 2,194 | 2,221 | 5.02 | 4.90 | 2,238 | 5.12 |
| KY-LA-TN | 1,919 | 2,038 | 2,003 | 2,171 | 4.72 | 4.53 | 1,999 | 4.69 |
| MISS | 2,860 | 2,813 | 2,809 | 3,065 | 5.18 | 5.02 | 2,897 | 5.47 |
| NC | 2,574 | 2,507 | 2,495 | 2,453 | 5.97 | 6.07 | 2,562 | 6.03 |
| TEXAS | 2,114 | 2,386 | 2,344 | 2,444 | 5.06 | 4.74 | 2,438 | 4.95 |
| TOTAL | 20,581 | 21,390 | 21,053 | 21,604 | 5.15 | 5.00 | 20,812 | 5.23 |
| MON-WED 63,431 (A) | 62,734 (A) | | | | | | | |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Nov 01 and is estimated to be 30,791,000 down 1.41 percent from a week ago and up 0.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,230,000; last year 30,566,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

| | RANGE |
|------------------|-------|
| FRESH FRYERS | 86-88 |
| 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

| | ICE PACK | RANGE |
|------------------|----------|---------|
| FRESH FRYERS | | 94-96 |
| | DRY PACK | 96-104 |
| 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 NOV 10-01

| CLASS | CURRENT WEEK | | PREVIOUS WEEK | |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| | 11/10/01 (1) | THOUSAND HEAD | | 11/03/01 |
| BRO-FRY | 158,366 (2) | | | 161,992 |
| LT HENS | 1,796 | | | 1,926 |
| HVY HENS | 1,481 | | | 1,379 |
| CHECK TOTAL | 161,643 | | | 165,297 |

(1)ESTIMATED
 (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Nov-01 is 151.8 million head compared to 159.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.7 million head or 6.9 million more than estimated available. For week of 17-Nov-01 the estimated available is 148.1 million head.

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

| | PROCESSED TURKEY | | PROCESSED POULTRY | |
|-------------|------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| | LBS | | LBS | |
| AM 5-Nov-01 | 166,361 | | 60,410 | |
| AM 1-Oct-01 | 198,453 | | 57,300 | |
| CHG | -32,092 | | 3,110 | |
| PCT CHG | -16 | | 5 | |

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

| | PROCESSED TURKEYS | | | PROCESSED POULTRY | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| | 11/05/01 | 10/29/01 | 11/06/00 | 11/05/01 | 10/29/01 | 11/06/00 |
| PACIFIC | | | | | | |
| COAST | 16,637 | 18,918 | 15,283 | 3,434 | 3,378 | 8,106 |
| LOS ANGELES | 837 | 1,703 | 260 | 1,457 | 1,598 | 2,317 |

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 NOVEMBER 05, 2001

| | RANGE |
|------------------------------|-------|
| HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) | 56-59 |
| VACUUMPACKED (6-9 PER BOX) | 60-69 |

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

| | FOR 11/06/01 | | |
|------------------|--------------|------|------|
| | LOW | HIGH | AVG |
| HEAVY FOWL lb. | .60 | 1.15 | .80 |
| LIGHT FOWL lb. | .10 | .65 | .37 |
| MIXED FOWL lb. | - | 1.15 | - |
| BANTAMS lb. | - | - | - |
| BROILERS lb. | - | - | - |
| ROASTERS lb. | - | - | - |
| FRYERS lb. | - | - | - |
| CHICKS lb. | - | - | - |
| PULLETS lb. | - | - | - |
| BUNNIES lb. | - | - | - |
| ROOSTERS lb. | .30 | 1.25 | *.19 |
| GEESE lb. | .15 | .25 | .19 |
| TURKEYS lb. | - | - | - |
| DUCKS lb. | .20 | 1.00 | .55 |
| RABBITS lb. | .50 | .90 | .74 |
| PIGEONS lb. | - | - | - |
| GUINEA FOWL lb. | - | - | - |
| DUCKLINGS lb. | - | - | - |
| GUINEA KEETS ea. | - | - | - |
| SILKIES lb. | - | - | - |
| GOSLINGS ea. | - | - | - |

*Not available.

TOTAL COOPS 153

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending November 2, 2001

| | Whole Chickens | | Legs | Necks, Backs & Wings | Livers/ Gizzards | Hens |
|---------------------|----------------|----------|-------|----------------------|------------------|-------|
| | Breasts | W/Thighs | | | | |
| RAYON | | | | | | |
| Low | 52.86 | 137.04 | 83.21 | 19.58 | 24.47 | 53.84 |
| High | 61.18 | 146.83 | 92.99 | 24.47 | 29.37 | 53.84 |
| Mostly | 58.73 | 146.83 | 88.10 | 24.47 | 24.47 | 53.84 |
| SAN JUAN | | | | | | |
| Low | 52.86 | 137.04 | 78.31 | 19.58 | 19.58 | 51.39 |
| High | 59.71 | 146.83 | 88.10 | 24.47 | 29.37 | 51.39 |
| Mostly | 58.73 | 137.04 | 88.10 | 24.47 | 24.47 | 51.39 |
| NEW SAN JUAN | | | | | | |
| Low | 53.84 | 137.04 | 83.21 | 19.58 | 24.47 | 53.84 |
| High | 61.18 | 146.83 | 92.99 | 24.47 | 29.37 | 53.84 |
| Mostly | 58.73 | 137.04 | 83.21 | 24.47 | 24.47 | 53.84 |
| BECERRA | | | | | | |
| Low | 53.84 | 141.94 | 83.21 | 19.58 | 19.58 | 54.82 |
| High | 62.65 | 146.83 | 92.99 | 29.37 | 29.37 | 54.82 |
| Mostly | 59.71 | 146.83 | 92.99 | 24.47 | 29.37 | 54.82 |

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was limited, and was generally noted as about normal for the period, as buyers look to build floor stocks of turkeys and other items for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings were adequate to readily available. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment remained barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to ample and often offered at highly competitive prices in an effort to stimulate buyer interest.

*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 | 51-71 | |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE | 55.76 | |
| NO. OF BOXES | 10,137 | |

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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