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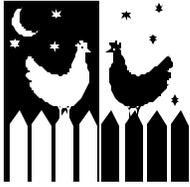
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady at best to weak. Pre-holiday interest was typically light with more traditional Thanksgiving items in high demand. Food service was mixed, best for fast food promotions and into delis. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate or available. Current processing schedules were mixed with some plants reducing schedules to be more in line with limited needs. In the parts structure, trading was seasonally light. Availability was adequate to ample with gizzards in a good position and clearing well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular, 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 .25 cent to 64.25 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 15, 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	188.50
BREASTS - B/S	124.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	63.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	90.00
LEG QUARTERS	31.00
WINGS	89.50

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Retail demand was seasonally light, best for holiday items. Food service was mixed with strongest movement into fast food for promotions. Supplies were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was limited and highly selective with supplies of all items easily attainable. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady at best to instances weak. Offers on whole birds limited, however WOGs fully adequate for the limited buyers needs. Retail demand was light to fair with most activity on Thanksgiving holiday items. Features noted in Chicago on boneless skinless breasts at \$1.49 and \$1.99. Food service movement mostly moderate to instances good into fast food and delis where featured. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with sizes desirable. Trading on parts items was slow with some improvement noted on wings. Supplies fully adequate to ample on breast items, available on leg quarters and adequate on wings. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on leg quarters and breast items, mostly steady on the balance of parts items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light and unaggressive during midweek trading as dealers continued with a cautious and selective posture. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available for immediate needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally sluggish. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Leg quarters were ample and wings were readily available.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was barely steady to weak. Offerings seasonally ample for current needs. Buying activity was fair. Retail demand, although centered on holiday items, was moderate overall; best by fast foods and for parts. Floor stocks were generally adequate as some dealers struggle to keep inventories as close as possible.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 01/27/01	2001	2000	
EGGS SET	180,836	177,546	+02%
CHICKS PLACED	135,162	130,622	+03%
19 STATES			
EGGS SET	201,759	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	152,801	-	-

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 181 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 10, 2001. This was up 2 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 135 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 10, 2001. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through November 10, 2001 were 6.59 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 November 10, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 153 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 10, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 22-Dec-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 142.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 148.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 146.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 150.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.68 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	922	102.00-185.00	110-123	117.75
TENDERLOINS	175	105.00-201.00	105-110	115.69
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	61.00-65.00	62-64	63.64
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	39.00-55.00	39-40	40.45
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	398	24.00-32.00	24-25	24.78
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,250	27.50-34.00	28-29	28.99
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	72.00-93.00	90-92	89.88
WINGS (CUT)	388	90.00-109.00	94-96	94.91
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 SEPTEMBER 05, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.50 - 47.00	42.14	42.53

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 during midweek trading as dealers kept floorstocks balanced with the seasonally limited demand. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate. Leg quarters were readily available. Wings were ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was no better than steady.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES
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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	120.04	319,880
TENDERLOINS	105	104.73	41,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	64.60	248,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	57.65	148,600
LEGS	41-42	46.22	133,925
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.72	315,465
DRUMSTICKS	39-40	39.87	119,130
THIGHS	37-38	44.19	60,180
B/S THIGHS	86-87	86.84	53,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	91.01	307,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.94	55,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.48	16,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	57.12	21,280

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 DELIVERED TO RETAILERS			
	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG	ACTUAL		AVG	RANGE			
	11/14	11/13	11/12	11/09	11/12	11/09	11/07	11/05				
ALA	4,023	3,984	3,391	4,251	5.08	5.00	3,934	5.18	FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	96-104	
ARK	4,932	5,306	5,163	5,419	5.10	4.82	4,873	4.98	ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	94-96	
DELMARVA	1,632	2,037	1,943	2,132	5.00	4.97	2,293	5.02	HENS UNDER 5#		-	
KY-LA-TN	1,945	1,998	1,771	1,998	4.50	4.52	1,930	4.72	HENS OVER 5#		-	
MISS	2,554	2,341	2,838	2,764	5.23	4.97	2,744	5.18	DUCKS		139	
NC	2,561	2,185	2,122	2,503	5.97	5.95	2,564	5.97	RABBITS-WHOLE		-	
TEXAS	2,380	1,883	2,323	2,353	4.93	4.77	2,144	5.06	RABBITS-CUT UP		-	
TOTAL	20,027	19,734	19,551	21,420	5.13	4.99	20,482	5.15	SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY			
MON-WED	59,323 (A)						62,709 (A)		DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS			
(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.												
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Nov 01 and is estimated to be 29,963,000 down 2.51 percent from a week ago and up 4.0 percent from a year ago.												
(Last week 30,735,000; last year 28,820,000)												
									FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	96-104	
									ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	113-123	
									HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	91	
									DUCKS	ICE PACK	98	
											152-166	

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING NOV 14-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/17/01 (1)	11/10/01
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	155,987 (2)	158,366
LT HENS	1,546	1,796
HVY HENS	1,596	1,481
CHECK TOTAL	159,129	161,643

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Nov-01 is 148.1 million head compared to 150.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.3 million head or 8.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 24-Nov-01 the estimated available is 149.1 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 12-Nov-01	122,783	69,139
AM 1-Nov-01	173,143	59,796
CHG	-50,360	9,343
PCT CHG	-29	16

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/12/01	11/5/01	11/13/00	11/12/01	11/5/01	11/13/00
PACIFIC COAST	12,278	16,637	13,349	3,470	3,434	8,408
LOS ANGELES	170	837	259	1,419	1,457	2,507

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 12, 2001

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	VACUUMPACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	RANGE
			56-60
			60-68

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

			FOR 11/13/01			
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.351	.15	.89	HEAVY FOWL ea.	2.004	0.00
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.801	.151	.05	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-1.05	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.003	.25
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.35
PULLETS lb.	-.90	-	-	PULLETS ea.	1.255	0.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.004	.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.801	.25	1.05	ROOSTERS ea.	2.003	.50
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	1.451	.55	1.51	TURKEYS ea.	-5.00	-
DUCKS lb.	.401	.80	1.08	DUCKS ea.	5.509	.50
RABBITS lb.	.501	.85	1.56	RABBITS ea.	2.505	.25
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.258	.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea	3.259	0.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-	SILKIES ea.	-	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA PIGS ea.	3.754	0.00

TOTAL COOPS 166

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending November 9, 2001

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings	
RAYON					
Low	51.68	137.81	78.75	19.69	51.68
High	60.04	147.65	88.59	24.61	51.68
Mostly	57.09	147.65	88.59	24.61	51.68
SAN JUAN					
Low	52.17	127.96	73.83	14.77	54.14
High	59.55	137.81	83.67	24.61	54.14
Mostly	58.08	137.81	78.75	19.69	54.14
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	51.19	137.81	78.75	19.69	51.68
High	59.06	147.65	88.59	24.61	51.68
Mostly	58.08	137.81	78.75	19.69	51.68
BECERRA					
Low	53.15	147.65	78.75	19.69	55.12
High	61.52	157.49	88.59	29.53	55.12
Mostly	58.08	147.65	88.59	29.53	55.12

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued very light and unaggressive, and quite normal for the period preceeding the Thanksgiving holiday. Seller offerings remained readily available. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were often noted as on the light side. Processing schedules were very light as several plants closed or curtailed operations in an effort to keep in balance with seasonally lighter needs. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Gizzards cleared to a seasonally good call. Other cuts were more than sufficient for current inquiry.

*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	45-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.45
NO. OF BOXES	11,377

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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