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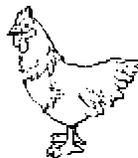
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment across the country was generally steady. Demand for poultry items was moderate as attention turned to the convention in Atlanta. Buyers were selective in obtaining additional product, relying on normal shipments to service a fair retail demand. Fast food sales were mixed, usually no better than moderate, with few national features in place to increase movement. Parts activity was nominal. Offerings from production areas were adequate for needs, with the occasional discount mentioned to clear a problem load. Live supplies were tightening in some areas due to the cold weather a few weeks ago. Weights were usually 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 63.00 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 January 17, 2001.

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	180.00
BREASTS - B/S	130.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	60.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	86.50
LEG QUARTERS	28.50
WINGS	95.00

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**WESTERN** The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were fully adequate to cover the fair buying interest. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good; best to cover feature activities. Floor stocks were adequate. Trade sentiment was generally steady on parts.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly light to no better than fair during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available with slight discounting occasionally noted. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to no better than fair. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were in good balance with most immediate needs. The balance of parts were at least adequate.

**MIDWEST** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings of additional product were mixed for the selective and waning buyer interest. Movement into the retail sector continued to slow and noted as slow to fair at best overall. Food service demand was irregular and mixed, light to fairly good with fast food outlets providing best interest. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with sizes generally desirable. Trading on parts items remained fairly decent on leg quarters and bone-in breasts, wings tapering and limited interest on remaining items. Supplies of wings were more available, whole breast and leg quarters in close balance with remaining items fully sufficient for trade needs. The market tone was steady to fully steady on wings, steady to firm on whole breasts and leg quarters and about steady on the balance.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was mostly moderate at best with mixed trading and reduced inquiries as trade prepared for convention in Atlanta. Supplies were usually in balance for current needs. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to well cleared, wings were more available but still moving, and dark meat items were sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 01/12/02	2002	2001	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	182,712	179,729	+02
CHICKS PLACED	148,557	143,870	+03
19 STATES			
EGGS SET	203,182	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	167,207	-	-

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 183 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 12, 2002. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 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 149 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 12, 2002. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through January 12, 2002 were 297 million, up 4 percent 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 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 12, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 12, 2002.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 23-Feb-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 148.8 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 152.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.21 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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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	843	115.00-175.00	124-129	127.26	BREAST - B/S	802	115.00-175.00	124-129	127.32
TENDERLOINS	135	105.00-190.00	-	130.19	TENDERLOINS	147	105.00-190.00	115	130.17
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	58.00-61.00	59-60	58.37	BREAST - LINE RUN	117	58.00-62.00	59-60	59.28
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	87	36.00-47.00	37-38	36.89	LEGS	87	36.00-47.00	37-38	36.89
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	22.00-26.00	23-24	23.98	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	23.00-26.00	24	24.08
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,180	26.00-29.50	26-28	26.73	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,380	24.00-28.00	26-27	26.46
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	93.00-101.00	-	94.62	WINGS (WHOLE)	296	93.00-101.00	94-96	94.96
WINGS (CUT)	397	105.00-121.00	105-107	111.58	WINGS (CUT)	445	104.00-121.00	106-108	109.32
DRUMSTICKS	66	47.00-49.00	-	48.82	DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	26	47.00-50.00	-	47.69	THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 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
39.50 - 44.00	41.99	40.50 - 44.50	43.33	43.04

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 noted as light to no better than fair and typical of midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts were in good balance with current needs. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts and wings were sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair with best interest centering around the occasional feature. The market tone was 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			WTD	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	AVG**				TRADING*	AVG**	AVG**		
BREAST - B/S	120	125.45	410,010			BREAST - B/S	120	126.54	330,400		
TENDERLOINS	100	99.15	146,470			TENDERLOINS	100	101.38	86,080		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	62.37	208,000			BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	63.35	209,240		
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	59.74	175,480			BREAST - LINE RUN	56	59.14	181,440		
LEGS	39-40	41.78	179,040			LEGS	39-40	43.16	133,840		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	26.77	374,788			LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	26.10	382,378		
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	40.74	114,410			DRUMSTICKS	38-39	41.47	103,380		
THIGHS	28-29	32.43	149,050			THIGHS	28-29	34.98	87,740		
B/S THIGHS	85-86	82.45	47,870			B/S THIGHS	85-86	85.06	71,280		
WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96	104.21	506,940			WINGS (WHOLE)	95-96	104.44	347,000		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.41	27,880			BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.94	40,720		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	37.09	18,830			LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	36.99	10,760		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.29	33,700			GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.19	35,320		

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	
	01/16	01/15	01/14	01/11	01/14	01/11	01/09	01/07
ALA	3,708	4,036	3,978	4,049	5.05	4.88	3,995	5.08
ARK	5,357	5,370	5,186	4,841	5.08	4.87	5,299	5.13
DELMARVA	2,345	2,294	2,335	2,556	5.33	5.22	2,314	5.39
KY-LA-TN	2,010	2,007	2,031	1,983	4.61	4.58	2,010	4.63
MISS	2,817	2,783	2,820	2,660	5.25	5.16	2,817	5.14
NC	2,640	2,611	2,621	2,984	6.17	6.09	2,666	6.36
TEXAS	2,410	2,413	2,364	2,564	5.00	4.82	2,393	4.95
TOTAL	21,287	21,514	21,335	21,637	5.20	5.08	21,494	5.23
MON-WED 64,405 (A)					40.70	64,381 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Jan 02 and is estimated to be 31,848,000 down 1.26 percent from a week ago and up 2.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,254,000; last year 31,226,000)

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

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	84-86
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		93-94
	DRY PACK	95-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	91
DUCKS		152-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JAN 19-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/19/02 (1)	01/12/02
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	162,400(2)	158,115
LT HENS	2,138	2,151
HVY HENS	1,470	1,426

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-Jan-02 is 155.0 million head compared to 151.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.7 million head or 7.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 26-Jan-02 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 14-Jan-02	89,986	61,554
AM 1-Jan-02	77,538	71,974
CHG	12448	-10420
PCT CHG	16	-14

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/14/02	01/07/02	01/15/01	01/14/02	01/07/02	01/15/01
<b>PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES</b>	5,349	5,298	4,679	3,463	3,318	5,516
	126	119	100	1,849	1,849	1,771

**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 JANUARY 14, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-69

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

	FOR 1/15/02				FOR 1/15/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.80	1.50	1.23	HEAVY FOWL ea.	4.00	6.50	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	3.00	3.25	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.15	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	1.05	1.50	1.21	BANTAMS ea.	1.00	4.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.50	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	2.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.95	1.55	1.31	ROOSTERS ea.	2.75	8.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.60	1.05	.92	DUCKS ea.	2.00	5.50	-
RABBITS lb.	.80	1.35	1.06	RABBITS ea.	1.50	5.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.35	7.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	2.50	8.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	.50	3.00	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	4.50	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-	SILKIES ea.	-	-	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	.50	-
TOTAL COOPS	115						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending January 11,2002

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	44.21	127.73	78.60	19.65	19.65	46.67
High	58.95	137.55	88.43	24.56	24.56	46.67
Mostly	54.04	127.73	78.60	19.65	19.65	46.67
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	58.46	127.73	78.60	34.39	16.21	52.07
High	62.88	137.55	90.88	36.84	24.56	52.07
Mostly	62.39	132.64	85.97	34.39	19.65	52.07
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	43.23	127.73	73.69	14.74	19.65	46.67
High	58.46	137.55	83.51	24.56	24.56	46.67
Mostly	54.04	127.73	78.60	19.65	19.65	46.67
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	62.88	132.64	83.51	29.48	14.74	54.04
High	63.86	142.47	93.34	34.39	19.65	54.04
Mostly	63.37	137.55	88.43	29.48	14.74	54.04

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued to slow. Seller offerings again varied by both size and volume available, but remained fully sufficient with spot discounting noted on some 3.5 to 4.0 pound sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to heavier than desired. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate 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	54-72
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.06
NO. OF BOXES	9,167

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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