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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was no better than steady to weak. Retail demand was slow to fair with few features, but some optimism was noted for first of the month business. Food service was light to moderate, best for fast food promotions and catering services. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to easily satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were balanced to at times tight and moving well, but wings remained fully adequate to ample and discounted. Dark meat was readily available with mixed interest; however, a strong undertone was reported due to the ongoing export dispute possible being resolved. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, 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 64.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 65.00 cents last year on the 1st of August, 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	174.50
BREASTS - B/S	156.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	66.50
LEG QUARTERS	19.50
WINGS	50.50

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was no better than steady to weak. Demand was slow to fair, best for scattered features and fast food, but limited due to use of regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy needs and frequently discounted. In the parts structure, breast items were balanced to close of an increased call, and wings were ample with little interest. Dark meat was available, but expected to improve due to a possible end to the export crisis. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was very limited during midweek trading as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance. Offerings of the 3 pound birds were readily available at sharp discounts and the 3.5 to 4 pound sizes were fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were sufficient. Bone-in breasts were at least adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate and wings were ample.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Whole fryer trade sentiment was about steady to instances weak. Offerings were available for the limited buyers needs. Movement into retail channels was mostly slow to fair at best. Food service demand was light to moderate, best into fast food channels and special events. Floor stocks adequate. Weights were mostly desirable. Supplies of all parts available to ample for buyer's current interest. The market tone was steady on breast items, about steady on leg quarters and barely steady to weak on wings.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was about steady. Offerings were generally ample to cover current needs. Sharp discounts reported to help stimulate the moderate at best buying interest. Demand by retailer moderate to good, best where features in progress. Floor stocks generally adequate. The market tone was firm on breast with boneless in the strongest position, balance of parts were generally adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 07/27/02	2002	2001
EGGS SET	209,192	204,300
CHICKS PLACED	168,237	164,605
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		+02
		+02

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 27, 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 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 27, 2002. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through July 27, 2002 were 5.10 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 7-Sep-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 154.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 163.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 61.63 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JULY 31, 2002

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			WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	
BREAST - B/S	916	135.00-220.00	148-152	149.93
TENDERLOINS	143	105.00-185.00	105-115	129.43
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	84.00-88.00	84-86	84.43
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	18.00-36.00	18-19	19.26
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	441	12.00-17.00	12-13	13.46
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,300	14.00-26.00	17-19	18.37
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	46.00-54.00	-	52.32
WINGS (CUT)	460	60.00-74.00	60-62	63.18
DRUMSTICKS	63	36.00-42.00	-	36.33
THIGHS	25	36.00-46.00	-	37.43
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	
BREAST - B/S	924	135.00-219.00	148-152	150.63
TENDERLOINS	155	105.00-185.00	110-115	127.67
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	84.00-89.00	84-85	85.68
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	91	18.00-36.00	18-19	19.18
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	401	12.00-17.00	12-13	13.41
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,340	14.00-26.00	17-19	18.42
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	45.00-53.00	49-51	51.32
WINGS (CUT)	361	60.00-63.00	60-61	60.29
DRUMSTICKS	65	36.00-42.00	-	36.58
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
35.75 - 40.00	37.36	37.65 - 41.50	39.02	38.05

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 very limited during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were generally sufficient and bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were readily available and wings remained ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was sluggish. The market tone was steady at best on breast items, weak on wings and 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 JULY 30, 2002

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*			
BREAST - B/S	145-150		149.47	490,300
TENDERLOINS	95-100		100.09	143,940
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77		82.97	148,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	76		77.93	217,560
LEGS	31-32		34.00	123,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18		17.37	491,320
DRUMSTICKS	30-31		27.99	155,440
THIGHS	18-19		28.05	70,090
B/S THIGHS	62-63		62.67	88,270
WINGS (WHOLE)	47-48		47.64	399,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.40	32,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20		14.84	22,075
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-35		37.21	21,100

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*			
BREAST - B/S	145-150		149.14	479,420
TENDERLOINS	95-100		100.03	221,520
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77		83.06	117,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	76		76.62	223,560
LEGS	31-32		33.52	110,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18		17.77	415,320
DRUMSTICKS	30-31		29.45	105,290
THIGHS	18-19		25.70	74,180
B/S THIGHS	62-63		63.21	80,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	46-47		52.30	339,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.91	33,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20		17.17	13,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-35		38.75	23,480

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)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	07/31	07/30	07/29	07/26	07/29	07/26	07/24	07/22
ALA	4,125	4,090	4,081	4,014	5.02	4.96	4,038	5.08
ARK	5,372	5,409	5,194	4,835	4.97	4.62	5,293	4.90
DELMARVA	2,362	2,396	2,230	2,281	5.07	5.11	2,394	5.24
KY-LA-TN	2,007	1,958	2,008	2,105	4.58	4.34	2,021	4.60
MISS	2,893	2,937	2,902	2,853	5.34	5.20	2,916	5.30
NC	2,646	2,582	2,494	2,659	5.85	5.81	2,564	5.88
TEXAS	2,446	2,425	2,438	2,428	4.93	4.72	2,472	4.90
TOTAL	21,851	21,797	21,347	21,323	5.10	4.96	21,698	5.11
MON-WED	65,515(A)			64,882(A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Jul 02 and is estimated to be 32,692,000 up 0.41 percent from a week ago and up 4.7 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,560,000; last year 31,214,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP		80-95
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		-
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	94-95
	DRY PACK	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94-98
	DRY PACK	-
DUCKS		152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 31-JUL-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/03/02 (1)	07/27/02
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	162,779 (2)	163,785
LT HENS	1,780	2,004
HVY HENS	1,615	1,577
CHECK TOTAL	166,174	167,366

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Aug-02 is 162.5 million head compared to 158.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.1 million head or 0.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 10-Aug-02 the estimated available is 162.1 million head.

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

		PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
		LBS	LBS
AM	07/29/02	215,389	75,169
AM	07/01/02	208,058	76,269
CHG		7331	-1100
PCT CHG		4	-1

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/29/02	07/22/02	07/30/01	07/29/02	07/22/02	07/30/01
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	26,645	26,056	29,155	5,683	5,488	3,427
	353	350	16,789	3,829	3,588	31

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 July 29, 2002

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	58-59
		59-69

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 07/31/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.65	1.35	.89
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.35	.75	.55
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.30	.97
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.50	1.10	.95
RABBITS lb.	.30	1.00	.63
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	2.95	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS 85			

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending July 26, 2002

	Whole Chickens	Legs Breasts	Necks, Backs & W/Thighs	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	RAYON				
Low	58.17	139.61	83.76	13.96	18.61
High	67.48	148.91	93.07	23.27	23.27
Mostly	62.82	139.61	83.76	18.61	18.61
SAN JUAN					
Low	62.36	130.30	83.76	23.27	13.96
High	65.15	139.61	93.07	27.92	18.61
Mostly	62.36	134.95	83.76	25.59	16.29
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	58.17	139.61	83.76	13.96	18.61
High	67.48	148.91	93.07	23.27	23.27
Mostly	65.15	139.61	83.76	18.61	18.61
BECERRA					
Low	62.82	134.95	83.76	27.92	13.96
High	65.15	144.26	88.42	32.57	20.94
Mostly	64.22	139.61	88.42	30.25	18.61

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was sluggish. Seller offerings of all sizes were readily available, competitively priced and slow in clearing. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 49 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was weak. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breast were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Other items ranged adequate to readily available.

*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	41-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.95
NO. OF BOXES	7,059

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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