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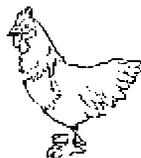
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment overall was no better than steady, but mostly steady. Retail demand was sluggish to fair and not as strong as expected or hoped for first of the month business. Food service was light to moderate, best into fast food and delis. Supplies of all sizes were readily available to easily handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair since most relied on regular commitments to satisfy needs. Breast items were mixed, but sufficient, with sized product closer balanced. Dark meat and wings were adequate to ample with limited interest. 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 remains unchanged at 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 64.75 cents last year on August 08, 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	174.00
BREASTS - B/S	157.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	64.50
LEG QUARTERS	19.50
WINGS	50.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady at best, mostly about steady. Demand was slow to fair into retail, best for features, and food service was light to moderate, best into fast food for promotional activity. Supplies were not as plentiful as before, but still easily obtainable for all sizes. In the parts structure, breast items were in the closest balance and moving. Dark meat was mixed, but available, and wings were at least adequate with limited movement. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate with spot plants reporting higher mortality typically due to heat, but nothing excessive. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive as dealers maintained closely balanced floor stocks during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate, although, bone-in breasts were noted in the better balance. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Wings were ample.

MIDWEST The whole fryer trade sentiment was mostly steady. Offerings were fully available for current trade needs. Movement into retail channels continued below expectations and mostly slow for first of the month. Food service demand was light to fair, occasionally fairly good into some fast food outlets. Floor stocks adequate to long. Weights desirable. Trading on parts was hand to mouth with regular commitments sufficient for trade needs. Supplies of dark meat items fully available, wings mixed and breast items adequate to barely adequate. The market tone was steady on breast items and leg quarters with wings steady to barely steady.

WESTERN The market tone was generally steady. Offerings of sized whole body product confidently held and in fairly good balance with trade needs, however heavy product was ample and often discounted to help stimulate interest in additional product. Demand by retailers fairly good overall, best to cover specials. Floor stocks generally adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 08/03/02	2002	2001
EGGS SET	209,230	206,930
CHICKS PLACED	169,722	167,418
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		+01
		+01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 3, 2002. This was up 1 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 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 3, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through August 3, 2002 were 5.27 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 14-Sep-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 154.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 143.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 61.97 CENTS PER POUND.

AUGUST 06, 2002

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 07, 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				ITEM	POUNDS			
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	888	138.00-219.00	149-152	151.18	BREAST - B/S	1,400	138.00-219.00	144-148	146.99
TENDERLOINS	165	105.00-185.00	110-115	126.30	TENDERLOINS	133	105.00-185.00	110-115	129.77
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	84.00-88.00	84-85	84.31	BREAST - LINE RUN	90	84.00-88.00	84-85	84.78
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	18.00-36.00	18-19	19.28	LEGS	88	18.00-36.00	18-19	19.08
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	761	12.00-17.00	13-15	14.16	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	401	12.00-17.00	13	13.41
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,500	14.00-26.00	18-19	18.53	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,300	14.00-26.00	17-20	18.55
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	43.00-53.00	48-50	50.94	WINGS (WHOLE)	281	43.00-52.00	48-50	50.22
WINGS (CUT)	441	43.00-72.00	56-58	58.02	WINGS (CUT)	411	56.00-72.00	56-58	59.02
DRUMSTICKS	70	36.00-42.00	-	36.65	DRUMSTICKS	67	36.00-42.00	-	41.35
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	33	36.00-44.00	-	37.89
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	45	61.00-66.00	-	63.25

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
36.25 - 41.500	38.62	38.25 - 42.00	39.47	38.90

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 light during midweek trading as dealers continued cautious and selective and kept floor stocks in close balance. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were sufficient and bone-in breasts ranged balanced to adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was about steady.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES **AUGUST 06, 2002**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**	WTD				TRADING*	AVG**	WTD		
BREAST - B/S	145-150	151.28	372,560	BREAST - B/S	145-150	150.50	389,960				
TENDERLOINS	95-100	100.99	70,800	TENDERLOINS	95-100	102.93	111,880				
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	84.99	75,800	BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	83.43	44,840				
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	78.84	116,880	BREAST - LINE RUN	76	80.05	105,840				
LEGS	31-32	36.08	74,000	LEGS	31-32	31.07	79,360				
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.46	124,120	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.54	142,080				
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	29.43	51,920	DRUMSTICKS	29-30	28.86	99,680				
THIGHS	18-19	29.89	19,280	THIGHS	18-19	22.10	72,640				
B/S THIGHS	60-61	60.10	40,400	B/S THIGHS	60-61	61.18	66,940				
WINGS (WHOLE)	44-45	54.69	151,160	WINGS (WHOLE)	44-45	54.52	145,320				
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	15,480	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	17,960				
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	19.29	1,120	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	19.71	3,400				
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-35	42.01	10,040	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-35	40.68	10,880				

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	
	08/07	08/06	08/05	08/02	08/05	08/02	07/31	07/29
ALA	4,073	4,108	4,067	4,039	5.02	4.97	4,072	5.02
ARK	5,360	5,470	5,348	4,834	4.92	4.73	5,226	4.97
DELMARVA	2,392	2,346	2,132	2,448	5.14	5.20	2,353	5.07
KY-LA-TN	2,024	2,011	1,987	2,209	4.52	4.56	1,985	4.58
MISS	2,921	2,901	2,860	2,849	5.27	5.14	2,842	5.34
NC	2,692	2,705	2,627	2,659	5.94	5.87	2,615	5.85
TEXAS	2,444	2,457	2,453	2,435	4.83	4.70	2,428	4.93
TOTAL	21,906	21,998	21,474	21,882	5.08	5.02	21,521	5.10
MON-WED 65,763 (A)	64,185 (A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.
 Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Aug02 and is estimated to be 32,774,000 up 1.49 percent from a week ago and up 5.3 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 32,294,000; last year 31,137,000)

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 10-AUG-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	08/10/02 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD		08/03/02
BRO-FRY	162,678(2)			162,779
LT HENS	1,498			1,780
HVY HENS	1,662			1,615
CHECK TOTAL	165,838			166,174

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Aug-02 is 162.1 million head compared to 159.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.0 million head or 0.9 million more than estimated available. For week of 17-Aug-02 the estimated available is 161.9 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 05-AUG-02	215,882		76,338	
AM 01-JUL-02	208,058		76,269	
CHG	7,824		69	
PCT CHG	4		0	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/05/02	07/29/02	08/06/01	08/05/02	07/29/02	08/06/01
PACIFIC COAST	28,777	26,645	29,838	5,602	5,683	3,643
LOS ANGELES	348	353	16,789	3,947	3,829	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 AUGUST 05, 2002

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 8/06/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.05	.64
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.60	1.10	.82
BANTAMS lb.	-	.85	-
BROILERS lb.	.50	.60	.53
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.50	1.30	.90
GEESE lb.	-	.60	-
TURKEYS lb.	.30	.70	.45
DUCKS lb.	.40	1.60	.80
RABBITS lb.	.60	1.15	.87
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	1.00	1.50	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	151		

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending August 2, 2002

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards
RAYON					
Low	62.33	124.66	87.73	13.85	27.70
High	64.64	138.52	92.34	18.47	32.32
Mostly	64.64	129.28	87.73	15.24	30.01

SAN JUAN

Low	64.18	129.28	78.49	12.93	25.39
High	66.49	138.52	92.34	18.01	30.01
Mostly	64.64	133.90	83.11	16.16	27.70

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	64.64	126.97	83.11	13.85	27.70
High	66.95	136.21	96.96	18.47	32.32
Mostly	65.56	129.28	87.73	16.16	30.01

BECERRA

Low	62.79	129.28	87.73	15.24	30.01
High	66.49	143.13	101.58	18.47	34.63
Mostly	64.64	136.21	87.73	16.16	32.32

DELMARVA

Movement of ready to cook whole birds was mostly fair. Offerings often varied in size and/or volume available, but were generally fully sufficient for immediate needs. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were irregular in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were light to moderately heavy, mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady. In the parts complex, offerings were generally noted as at least adequate and having moved into a bit closer/better balance on several items.

*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	49-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.45
NO. OF BOXES	6,168

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

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