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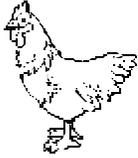
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was about steady in the East, steady in the remaining areas. Retail demand was limited to fair, which was expected for midweek trading. Food service covered the full range with best interest into delis, fast food, and casual dining establishments. Supplies were irregular, but overall at least adequate to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was improved. Breast items were balanced to well cleared and continued to show good movement. Wings were close to tight and also moving well, and dark meat was available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

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 65.50 cents last year on August 15, 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	157.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	63.50
LEG QUARTERS	19.50
WINGS	51.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was slow to fair, food service was moderate at best with fast food strongest. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade requirements. In the parts structure, breast items were balanced to close and continued to move well. Wings were close to short of an active call, and dark meat was at least available. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair at best during midweek trading. Offerings varied, but were at least adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breast were in good balance and boneless-skinless breasts were usually sufficient. Dark meat cuts were available. Wings were in a better balance.

MIDWEST Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were available; trade needs light to moderate. Fill in noted on Wogs in Chicago at 43 cents and St. Louis reported 36 cents. Retail movement was light to fair with the Ohio area noting increased interest. Food service orders irregular, slow to good with best demand into casual dining, fast food and delis. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate, sizes desirable. In the parts complex, interest was moderate to instances good on breast items and front halves, wings clearing and in close balance to short, and leg quarters adequate for buyer interest. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and steady on the balance.

WESTERN The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings were easily adequate to cover immediate needs. Retailer demand was fairly good overall, best to cover features by stores and fast food. Floor stocks were adequate. Trade sentiment was fully steady on breast and about steady on balance of parts.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 08/10/02	2002	2001
EGGS SET	205,992	204,638
CHICKS PLACED	168,202	168,196
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		+01
		0

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 10, 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 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 10, 2002. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through August 10, 2002 were 5.44 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 21-Sep-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.5 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 155.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 161.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 62.08 CENTS PER POUND.

AUGUST 13

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 14

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		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	918	138.00-221.00	146-152	148.21
TENDERLOINS	218	105.00-185.00	110-115	146.93
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	84.00-88.00	84-85	84.33
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	18.00-36.00	18-19	19.26
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	401	12.00-17.00	13	13.41
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,340	14.00-26.00	18-20	18.39
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	45.00-52.00	48-50	50.47
WINGS (CUT)	501	58.00-71.00	59-60	61.66
DRUMSTICKS	68	36.00-42.00	-	36.60
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	914	138.00-221.00	148-152	150.13
TENDERLOINS	174	105.00-185.00	110-115	126.29
BREAST - LINE RUN	116	84.00-89.00	84-85	85.60
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	90	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.15
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	13.00-17.00	14	14.22
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,297	15.00-26.00	18-19	18.58
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	50.00-53.00	-	52.03
WINGS (CUT)	421	57.00-72.00	59-61	61.33
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	62	56.00-65.00	-	58.81

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
 AUGUST 13, 2001 -- FOB DOCK

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
40.25 - 43.00	41.02

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
41.25 - 45.50	42.98	41.31

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 Midweek trucklot buying activity was about fair as dealers remained cautious, but was noted as improved overall. Offerings of bone-in breasts were in very close balance, and boneless-skinless breasts ranged adequate to balanced. Dark meat cuts were available. Wings were clearing very well. Movement through retail and distributive channels was generally fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm on bone-in breasts and wings, and at least steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

AUG 13 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	150.70	532,930
TENDERLOINS	95-100	101.40	149,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	83.74	227,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	83.37	156,880
LEGS	31-32	30.16	177,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.34	621,376
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	30.30	191,820
THIGHS	18-19	29.79	86,050
B/S THIGHS	60-61	56.81	156,590
WINGS (WHOLE)	44-45	50.81	236,700
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.37	33,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	19.74	19,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-35	43.23	20,240

AUG 14 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	151.97	325,350
TENDERLOINS	95-100	102.51	114,410
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	86.43	158,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	83.78	106,720
LEGS	31-32	29.86	173,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.67	320,082
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	29.16	151,040
THIGHS	18-19	32.36	68,440
B/S THIGHS	60-61	57.08	135,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	46-47	51.43	161,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.95	36,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	20.34	12,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-35	43.55	17,920

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	
	08/14	08/13	08/12	08/09	08/12	08/09	08/07	08/05
ALA	4,095	4,106	4,080	4,006	5.10	4.86	4,044	5.02
ARK	5,450	5,446	5,133	4,914	5.12	4.73	5,311	4.92
DELMARVA	2,354	2,315	2,091	2,586	5.04	4.99	2,336	5.14
KY-LA-TN	2,047	1,981	1,971	2,173	4.61	4.45	2,054	4.52
MISS	2,877	2,904	2,907	2,833	5.30	5.10	2,875	5.27
NC	2,669	2,662	2,589	2,659	5.93	5.86	2,630	5.94
TEXAS	2,470	2,437	2,481	2,663	4.88	4.80	2,439	4.83
TOTAL	21,962	21,851	21,252	21,930	5.16	4.96	21,689	5.08
MON-WED	65,399(A)				64,855(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Aug 02 and is estimated to be 32,858,000 up 0.96 percent from a week ago and up 3.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,547,000; last year 31,611,000)

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	DRY PACK 96-103
	ICE PACK 94-95
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK -
	ICE PACK 94-98
DUCKS	152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 17-AUG-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	08/17/02 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD		08/10/02
BRO-FRY	165,025(2)			162,678
LT HENS	1,922			1,498
HVY HENS	1,576			1,662
TOTAL	168,523			165,838

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Aug-02 is 161.9 million head compared to 161.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.4 million head or 3.5 million more than estimated available. For week of 24-Aug-02 the estimated available is 160.0 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 12-AUG-02	215,851		76,224	
AM 01-AUG-02	215,685		75,870	
CHG	166		354	
PCT CHG	0		0	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/12/02	08/05/02	08/13/01	08/12/02	08/05/02	08/13/01
PACIFIC COAST	28,840	28,777	30,279	5,545	5,602	3,221
LOS ANGELES	669	348	3,639	4,107	3,947	1,877

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 12, 2002

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 8/13/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	.95	.65
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.40	.65	.51
MIXED FOWL lb.	.60	1.10	.82
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.60	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	.65	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.40	1.15	.66
GEESE lb.	-	.60	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.40	-
DUCKS lb.	.80	1.55	.97
RABBITS lb.	.60	1.30	.98
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	5.00	11.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	2.00	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	133		

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending August 9, 2002

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards Hens
RAYON					
Low	60.56	125.77	79.19	27.95	11.65 50.31
High	62.88	130.43	83.85	32.61	16.30 50.31
Mostly	62.42	125.77	79.19	30.28	13.97 50.31
SAN JUAN					
Low	60.09	121.11	83.85	27.95	13.97 53.57
High	64.28	130.43	88.50	32.61	16.30 53.57
Mostly	62.42	125.77	86.18	27.95	15.37 53.57
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	62.88	125.77	79.19	27.95	13.97 53.57
High	65.21	135.09	88.50	32.61	18.63 53.57
Mostly	63.35	128.10	83.85	30.28	16.30 53.57
BECERRA					
Low	61.49	121.11	83.85	27.95	13.04 55.90
High	65.21	130.43	88.50	32.61	16.30 55.90
Mostly	63.35	125.77	83.85	30.28	13.97 55.90

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair and generally noted as "decent". Seller offerings varied by both size and volume and were more readily available on the smaller sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were irregularly light to heavy, most often desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, most items were noted as adequate and in fairly good balance. Wings were irregularly available and bone-in breasts were adequate to well cleared.

*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	45-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.86
NO. OF BOXES	6,401
*8 of 8 plants reporting.	

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