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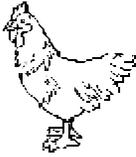
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm in the East, steady elsewhere. Demand into all areas was unaggressive to moderate, trading was mixed, with regular commitments usually sufficient for trade requirements. Supplies in the East were in balance to well cleared, but at least adequate in the remaining areas. In the parts structure, wings and tenders were well cleared to tight and moving, and all other white meat items were more available to at times slow to clear. Dark meat moved into a better position, but was obtainable if needed. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were light to heavy, 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 64.25 based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 66.50 cents last year on September 12, 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	182.50
BREASTS - B/S	159.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	61.00
LEG QUARTERS	19.50
WINGS	55.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly steady. Retail demand was light to fair with limited features. Food service was fair to moderate, instances better where fast food promotions were active. Supplies were sufficient to less available for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings and tenders were close balanced to tight and continued to move. Leg quarters were adequate to well cleared, and the remaining items were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged fair to fairly good during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes remained in good balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about moderate. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, breast items were increasingly available, particularly bone-in breasts. Dark meat cuts were adequate. Wings and tenderloins continued to clear well.

MIDWEST Whole fryer market tone was mostly steady. Offers of Wog and whole birds were fully sufficient. Trade interest was lacking as regular commitments satisfy current needs. Retail and food service demand was somewhat sluggish and typical for September, slow to fair. Occasionally moderate demand into food service. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Weights were within a desirable range. In the parts complex, trading was limited with wings and leg quarters clearing best. Supplies were in balance to tight on wings and tenderloins, remaining items adequate or available. The market tone was steady to firm on wings, tenders and leg quarters, remaining items steady at best.

WESTERN The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were fully adequate to cover current needs. Buying activity was fair with interest centered on regular commitments. Buyers needs for excess product was slow to develop. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best for parts and where features in progress. Floor stocks generally adequate. The market tone was generally steady on parts with dark meat items showing some strength.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 09/07/02	2002	2001	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	204,113	198,093	+03
CHICKS PLACED	167,992	167,090	+01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 7, 2002. This was up 3 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 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 7, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through September 7, 2002 were 6.11 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 19-Oct-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 155.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 158.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 60.43 CENTS PER POUND.

SEPT 10, 2002

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPT 11, 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 (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	911	138.00-223.00	143-148	145.83
TENDERLOINS	140	125.00-190.00	125-130	138.12
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	85.00-89.00	85-87	85.54
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	87	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.20
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	478	14.00-17.00	15	14.99
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,264	16.00-26.00	17-19	19.12
WINGS (WHOLE)	286	52.00-58.00	53-54	54.13
WINGS (CUT)	434	64.00-77.00	65-66	67.67
DRUMSTICKS	68	34.00-47.00	-	35.37
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	914	137.00-223.00	138-145	144.49
TENDERLOINS	161	125.00-190.00	125-130	138.38
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	85.00-89.00	85-87	86.42
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.18
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	438	13.00-17.00	15-16	15.63
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,416	17.00-26.00	19-20	19.27
WINGS (WHOLE)	286	52.00-59.00	54-55	55.65
WINGS (CUT)	424	65.00-78.00	-	68.56
DRUMSTICKS	68	34.00-47.00	-	35.50
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	55	52.00-62.00	-	55.64

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
41.25 - 45.00	42.94	42.25 - 46.00	44.38	43.54

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 generally moderate as demand was noted as sufficient to keep the bulk of floor stocks clearing. Offerings of breast items were increasing in availability, with bone-in breasts in the longer position. Dark meat cuts were sufficient. Wings continued to see improving seasonal interest and tenderloins were closely cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on wings and tenderloins, cautiously steady on boneless-skinless breasts, barely steady to instances weak on bone-in breasts and about 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 SEPTEMBER 10, 2002

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	152.44	422,020
TENDERLOINS	125	123.48	133,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	88.24	133,900
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	83.14	123,400
LEGS	31-32	35.03	133,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.60	696,645
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	32.09	166,700
THIGHS	19-20	29.20	101,440
B/S THIGHS	60-61	60.66	105,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	52-53	57.58	249,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.07	33,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	25.09	23,145
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	57.89	26,770

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	151.96	363,840
TENDERLOINS	125-130	124.00	189,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	80-81	87.12	137,569
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	79.39	144,320
LEGS	31-32	35.46	119,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.11	372,753
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	32.02	139,680
THIGHS	19-20	30.61	57,520
B/S THIGHS	60-61	61.51	78,060
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	57.95	306,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.98	35,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	25.73	20,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	57.85	26,960

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	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/11	09/10	09/09	09/06	09/09
ALA	4,068	4,156	3,976	4,217	5.08
ARK	5,426	5,456	5,370	6,415	5.07
DELMARVA	2,407	2,359	1,942	2,815	5.08
KY-LA-TN	2,059	1,998	2,027	2,372	4.69
MISS	2,896	2,852	2,878	3,113	5.39
NC	2,591	2,643	2,619	2,659	6.05
TEXAS	2,357	2,464	2,454	2,515	4.97
TOTAL	21,804	21,928	21,266	24,666	5.19
MON-WED	65,236 (B)		47,747 (B)		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Sep 02 and is estimated to be 32,621,000 up 0.08 percent from a week ago and up 5.7 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,596,000; last year 30,868,000)

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#	75
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 14-SEP-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	09/14/02 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD		09/07/02
BRO-FRY	158,138(2)			147,074
LT HENS	1,768			1,529
HVY HENS	1,731			1,470
CHECK TOTAL	161,637			150,073

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Sep-02 is 158.6 million head compared to 161.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.5 million head or 0.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 21-Sep-02 the estimated available is 159.0 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 09-SEP-02	216,154		70,200	
AM 08-AUG-02	215,685		75,870	
CHG	469		-5,670	
PCT CHG	0		-7	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/09/02	09/02/02	09/10/01	09/09/02	09/02/02	09/10/01
PACIFIC COAST	31,087	31,418	28,176	5,307	5,322	3,359
LOS ANGELES	1,337	1,318	1,046	3,499	3,364	2,123

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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2002

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 9/10/02			FOR 9/10/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.05	.68	HEAVY FOWL ea.	2.50	3.00
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	.40	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.30	.85	.48	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	.45	-	BANTAMS ea.	.50	3.50
BROILERS lb.	.30	.55	.36	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.15	2.50
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	6.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.50	4.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.45	.95	.73	ROOSTERS ea.	2.00	3.00
GEESE lb.	-	.20	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	1.00	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.30	.85	.56	DUCKS ea.	1.50	12.00
RABBITS lb.	.50	1.05	.72	RABBITS ea.	3.00	5.25
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.50	4.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	3.00	8.50
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	1.25
GUINEA KEETS ea.	1.00	2.50	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	.50	2.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.25	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 201

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending September 11, 2002

	Whole		Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	57.03	127.75	82.13	18.25	18.25	59.31
High	63.88	136.88	91.25	22.81	22.81	59.31
Mostly	59.31	136.88	82.13	18.25	22.81	59.31
SAN JUAN						
Low	62.05	123.19	77.57	22.81	12.78	52.47
High	63.88	130.04	86.69	31.94	15.97	52.47
Mostly	63.42	127.75	82.13	27.38	13.69	52.47
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	56.58	127.75	82.13	13.69	18.25	59.31
High	62.96	136.88	91.25	22.81	22.81	59.31
Mostly	59.31	136.88	82.13	18.25	22.81	59.31

BECERRA

Low	61.60	127.75	82.13	22.81	13.69	54.75
High	64.79	132.32	91.25	31.94	18.25	54.75
Mostly	63.42	127.75	86.69	25.09	15.06	54.75

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to fairly good. Seller offerings were in good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a range of light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 52 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, wings and tenders were in close balance and clearing satisfactorily. Breast items increased in availability and were slow to clear at some points. Other cuts were sufficient for current trade needs.

*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	49-62
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	53.35
NO. OF BOXES	9,502

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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