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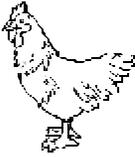
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment ranged steady at best to instances weak. Retail demand was sluggish overall, but noted as moderate in the West where features stimulated interest. Food service draw was irregular in the Midwest, but elsewhere was mostly light to fair. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to available, although, the lighter birds were in the better balance in the West. In the parts structure, breast items had increased in availability, and wings were ample. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. In the Northeast, tenders were in heavy supply. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to heavy.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 63.25 based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 65.75 cents last year on October 10, 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	175.50
BREASTS - B/S	137.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	69.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	61.00
LEG QUARTERS	18.50
WINGS	53.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was light to no better than fair, best for planned feature activity. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for current trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were readily available and slow to clear. Other items ranged adequate to ample for the generally lackluster demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light and unaggressive as dealers continued with closely balanced floor stocks. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate for most immediate needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were readily available. Tenderloins and wings were ample.

MIDWEST Whole fryer market tone was about steady to instances weak. Offers were plentiful and discounted to stimulate lackluster buyer interest. Movement into retail centers was mostly slow, occasionally fair with limited features providing mixed interest. Food service demand was irregular and spotty, light to fairly good, best into area restaurants where major sport activities are occurring. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Weights desirable to heavy. Trading on parts was sluggish and slower than expected. Offerings were fully adequate to ample, discounted and slow to clear, as pipelines remain full. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings, whole and boneless/skinless breasts, and cautiously steady on dark meat.

WESTERN The market tone was generally steady. Offerings in fair balance on light weights and ample on whole body product over 3 pounds. Buying interest was moderate. Retailer demand was fair to moderate on whole body and moderate to good for parts, best where featured. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate in some instances.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 10/05/02	2002	2001	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	192,570	205,355	-06
CHICKS PLACED	156,777	156,354	0

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 6 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 193 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 5, 2002. This was down 6 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 SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 157 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 5, 2002. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through October 5, 2002 were 6.76 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 16-Nov-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 147.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.3 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.8 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 156.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.30 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCT 09, 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	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
BREAST - B/S	925	114.00-189.00	120-125	123.84	BREAST - B/S	925	115.00-189.00	120-125	123.38
TENDERLOINS	89	125.00-183.00	125-130	148.27	TENDERLOINS	136	120.00-183.00	120-122	136.29
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	72.00-78.00	72-75	73.67	BREAST - LINE RUN	105	72.00-78.00	73-75	74.29
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				LEGS	90	19.00-33.00	19-20	20.41
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.94	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.94
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,147	18.00-240.00	19-20	23.13	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,408	17.00-24.00	19-20	19.44
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	54.00-59.00	56-57	57.81	WINGS (WHOLE)	281	54.00-59.00	55-57	57.68
WINGS (CUT)	472	63.00-77.00	63-65	67.22	WINGS (CUT)	419	63.00-74.00	63-65	64.52
DRUMSTICKS	69	33.00-48.50	-	35.02	DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S 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
32.00 - 34.50	32.97	32.00 - 35.00	33.22	33.07

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 remained light as dealers continued to work off of existing floor stocks and limited purchases to attractively priced product. Breast items were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were available. Wings and tenderloins were ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels ranged light to no better than fair. Trade sentiment remained cautious. The market tone was barely steady.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES OCT 08, 2002

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*		AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	125	122.96	385,550	BREAST - B/S	120-125	128.17	318,120		
TENDERLOINS	120	118.05	84,860	TENDERLOINS	115-120	122.04	99,640		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	67.11	184,360	BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	68.72	193,040		
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	64.01	115,840	BREAST - LINE RUN	60	59.16	141,080		
LEGS	31-32	34.14	106,200	LEGS	31-32	32.95	170,080		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.17	435,259	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.09	464,625		
DRUMSTICKS	27-28	28.84	173,780	DRUMSTICKS	26-27	27.55	127,320		
THIGHS	20-21	29.64	83,960	THIGHS	20-21	29.45	68,480		
B/S THIGHS	62-63	62.40	65,940	B/S THIGHS	62-63	61.00	71,600		
WINGS (WHOLE)	51-52	50.55	221,070	WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	57.30	225,760		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.13	30,560	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.78	49,880		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.12	14,285	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.72	11,760		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.19	27,120	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.20	22,160		

 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		AVG	
	10/09	10/08	10/07	10/04	WTS	ACTUAL	WTS	
ALA	4,066	4,132	4,004	4,021	5.20	4.96	4,022	5.20
ARK	5,120	5,219	5,231	5,244	5.06	4.97	5,340	5.10
DELMARVA	2,403	2,389	2,321	2,276	5.13	5.05	2,357	5.10
KY-LA-TN	1,894	2,039	2,007	2,147	4.70	4.51	1,966	4.70
MISS	2,927	2,945	2,947	2,534	5.39	5.27	2,940	5.04
NC	2,570	2,668	2,557	2,659	6.02	5.93	2,467	6.09
TEXAS	2,477	2,445	2,453	2,447	4.93	4.78	2,442	5.16
TOTAL	21,457	21,837	21,520	21,103	5.20	5.05	21,534	5.20
MON-WED	65,037(A)						64,906(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Oct-02 and is estimated to be 32,102,000 down 0.66 percent from a week ago and up 3.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,314,000; last year 31,032,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	90-92
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

	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		92-95
	DRY PACK	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	92-98
	DRY PACK	-
DUCKS		152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-OCT-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	10/12/02 (1)	THOUSAND HEAD		10/05/02
BRO-FRY	163,699(2)			161,681
LT HENS	1,912			2,062
HVY HENS	1,590			1,678
CHECK TOTAL	167,201			165,421

(1)ESTIMATED
 (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Oct-02 is 157.3 million head compared to 158.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.0 million head or 6.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 19-Oct-02 the estimated available is 157.1 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 07-OCT-02	192,997		76,734	
AM 01-SEP-02	216,327		71,124	
CHG	-23,330		5,610	
PCT CHG	-11		8	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/07/02	09/30/02	10/08/01	10/07/02	09/30/02	10/08/01
PACIFIC COAST	17,583	22,847	20,214	6,683	5,973	3,189
LOS ANGELES	1,470	1,390	3,565	4,208	3,903	1,839

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 OCTOBER 07, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 10/08/02

	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	.95	.61	HEAVY FOWL ea.	3.25	3.00
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.25	.45	.38	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	2.50	2.75
BANTAMS lb.	-	.40	-	BANTAMS ea.	.25	4.50
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	.70	-	PULLETS ea.	2.00	6.25
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	1.75
ROOSTERS lb.	.50	1.20	.73	ROOSTERS ea.	-	5.50
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.75	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.70	1.20	.95	DUCKS ea.	3.00	5.75
RABBITS lb.	.530	1.40	.96	RABBITS ea.	-	3.25
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.50	3.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	2.00	3.25
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	2.50
SILKIES ea.	2.00	3.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 145

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 4, 2002

	Whole		Legs Necks, Backs & Wings		Livers/ Gizzards
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs		
Hens					
RAYON					
Low	53.55	124.96	71.40	13.39	17.85
44.63 High	58.02	133.88	80.33	80.33	22.31
22.31	44.63	Mostly	54.89	124.96	71.40
17.85	17.85	44.63			
SAN JUAN					
Low	58.02	124.96	80.33	22.31	13.39
49.09 High	59.80	133.88	93.72	93.72	31.24
15.62	49.09	Mostly	58.02	124.96	84.79
24.54	15.62	49.09			
NEW SAN JUAN					
Low	53.55	124.96	71.40	13.39	17.85
44.63 High	58.02	133.88	80.33	80.33	22.31
22.31	44.63	Mostly	53.55	124.96	71.40
17.85	22.31	44.63			
BECERRA					
Low	58.02	129.42	80.33	26.78	15.62
50.87 High	60.69	142.81	89.25	89.25	31.24
20.08	50.87	Mostly	58.91	133.88	89.25
16.78	15.62	50.87			

DELMARVA
 Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds generally remained no better than fair. Offerings were fully adequate to ample and were more readily available on the over 3.0 pound sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment continued at best steady. In the parts complex, all cuts were at least adequate. Wings and tenders were in heaviest supply and were slow in clearing.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	RANGE	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	44-65	
NO. OF BOXES	48.55	6,870

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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