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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady, mostly about steady. Retail demand was slow to light with limited features. Food service covered the full range, best into restaurants and casual dining facilities. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to ample, longest for heavier weights. In the parts structure, all items were at least adequate for the unaggressive buying interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular.

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 63.00 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 October 17, 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	134.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	67.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	60.50
LEG QUARTERS	18.50
WINGS	51.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand into retail channels was light, food service fair to moderate, best for fast food. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed, mostly fair, with availability of all items at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive as dealers remained cautious and selective due to the lackluster demand. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Tenders and wings were readily available.

MIDWEST Whole fryer market tone was about steady. Offers mixed, but available for the limited buyer interest. Fill in trading noted into the Ohio area on Wogs at 50 cents. Retail demand was light for the most part. Food service movement was in a full range, mostly fair to moderate, best into casual dining and restaurants. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Weights mostly desirable. Trading on parts was limited to immediate needs with most trade interest selective, price sensitive, and taking a wait and see attitude. Supplies of all items were available with boneless/skinless breasts, wings and tenders in the longest position. The market tone was cautiously steady to weak on wings and tenderloins, and about steady on remaining items.

WESTERN The market tone was about steady. Offerings were in fairly good balance on small sized product and ample on heavier weights. Buying interest moderate overall. Demand by stores fair to fairly good, best to cover features, restaurants moderate to fairly good best by fast food. Floor stocks in fairly good balance.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 10/12/02	2002	2001
EGGS SET	192,948	196,919
CHICKS PLACED	154,253	162,521
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		-02
		-05

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 193 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 12, 2002. This was down 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 DOWN 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 154 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 12, 2002. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through October 12, 2002 were 6.92 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 23-Nov-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 143.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 147.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 148.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 154.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.26 CENTS PER POUND.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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. AS OF OCTOBER 16, 2002

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,015	113.00-189.00	118-122	122.74
TENDERLOINS	93	120.00-183.00	-	144.51
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	89	19.00-33.00	19-20	20.42
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	428	15.00-24.00	15-16	17.44
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,457	17.00-24.00	18-19	19.11
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)	319	57.00-72.00	58-59	59.96
DRUMSTICKS	69	33.00-46.50	-	34.76
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	60	50.00-63.00	-	54.33

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR OCTOBER 16, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
32.00 - 37.50	33.72	33.13

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 trading mainly centered around committed product and the lackluster demand warranted a cautious and selective posture. Offerings of breast items were available, with spot discounting noted to stimulate sales. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Wings were readily available and attractively priced. Tenderloins were ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was sluggish. The market tone continued barely steady to weak on wings, and no better than steady to barely 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

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	130.45	328,510
TENDERLOINS	110-115	119.54	120,390
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	65.50	236,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	62.39	175,520
LEGS	31-32	31.71	167,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.09	372,517
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	24.80	119,950
THIGHS	20-21	28.35	71,540
B/S THIGHS	62-63	64.87	75,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	46-47	54.52	151,490
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.04	42,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.06	15,285
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	61.67	35,600

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		ACTUAL		AVG	
	10/16	10/15	10/14	10/11	10/14	10/11	10/09	10/07	10/14	10/11
ALA	4,028	4,093	3,920	4,056	5.19	5.02	4,001	5.20	5.19	5.02
ARK	5,369	5,119	5,321	5,378	5.10	4.82	5,158	5.06	5.10	4.82
DELMARVA	2,387	2,393	2,341	2,375	5.22	5.04	2,397	5.13	5.22	5.04
KY-LA-TN	1,898	2,011	2,050	2,016	4.75	4.57	1,900	4.70	4.75	4.57
MISS	2,915	2,968	2,953	2,763	5.39	5.37	2,915	5.39	5.39	5.37
NC	2,595	2,648	2,414	2,659	6.14	6.17	2,572	6.02	6.14	6.17
TEXAS	2,473	2,472	2,463	2,584	4.93	4.86	2,352	4.93	4.93	4.86
TOTAL	21,665	21,704	21,462	22,019	5.23	5.11	21,295	5.20	5.23	5.11
MON-WED	64,632 (A)						64,651 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Oct 02 and is estimated to be 32,413,000 up 1.43 percent from a week ago and up 4.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,955,000; last year 30,976,000)

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

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 19-OCT-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/19/02 (1)	10/12/02
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	160,844(2)	163,699
LT HENS	1,986	1,912
HVY HENS	1,659	1,590
CHECK TOTAL	164,489	167,201

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-Oct-02 is 157.1 million head compared to 158.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.2 million head or 4.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 26-Oct-02 the estimated available is 157.2 million head.

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

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 14-OCT-02	197,036	74,725
AM 01-OCT-02	187,932	74,844
CHG	9,104	-119
PCT CHG	5	0

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/14/02	10/07/02	10/15/01	10/14/02	10/07/02	10/15/01
PACIFIC COAST	23,143	17,583	18,882	4,511	6,683	3,603
LOS ANGELES	1,457	1,470	2,715	4,006	4,208	1,815

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 14, 2002

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

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 10/15/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb..	35.85	.41	HEAVY FOWL ea. 2.004.00
LIGHT FOWL lb. -	.25	-	LIGHT FOWL ea. .601.00
MIXED FOWL lb..	40.70	.50	MIXED FOWL ea. - - -
BANTAMS lb. - -	-	-	BANTAMS ea. .502.00
BROILERS lb. - -	-	-	BROILERS ea. - - -
ROASTERS lb. - -	-	-	ROASTERS ea. - - -
FRYERS lb. - -	-	-	FRYERS ea. - - -
CHICKS lb. - -	-	-	CHICKS ea. .10 .30
PULLETS lb. - -	-	-	PULLETS ea. 2.004.50
BUNNIES lb. - -	-	-	BUNNIES ea. .751.50
ROOSTERS lb..	50 .85	.66	ROOSTERS ea. .752.50
GEESE lb. -	.30	-	GEESE ea. - - -
TURKEYS lb. - -	-	-	TURKEYS ea. 6.007.00
DUCKS lb. .85 .95	.91		DUCKS ea. 2.005.25
RABBITS lb. .401.35	.76		RABBITS ea. 1.503.00
PIGEONS lb. - -	-	-	PIGEONS ea. 1.002.50
GUINEA FOWL lb.-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea. .754.25
DUCKLINGS lb. - -	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea. - .75
GUINEA KEETS ea. -	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.- - -
SILKIES ea. - -	-	-	GOSLINGS ea. - - -
GUINEA PIGS ea.-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea. - - -

TOTAL COOPS 157

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 11, 2002

	Whole		Legs		Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs			
Hens						
RAYON						
Low	53.66	125.21	71.55	17.89	17.89	
44.72	High	58.13	134.15	80.49	22.36	
22.36	44.72	Mostly	53.66	125.21	71.55	
17.89	22.36	44.72				
SAN JUAN						
Low	58.13	120.74	80.49	22.36	11.18	
50.98	High	60.37	174.40	89.44	26.83	
15.65	50.98	Mostly	59.92	120.74	84.96	
22.36	13.42	50.98				
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	53.66	125.21	71.55	13.42	17.89	
44.72	High	58.13	134.15	80.49	22.36	
22.36	44.72	Mostly	53.66	125.21	71.55	
17.89	22.36	44.72				
BECERRA						
Low	59.92	125.21	84.96	26.83	13.42	
53.66	High	61.71	134.15	93.91	31.30	
17.89	53.66	Mostly	60.37	125.21	89.44	
26.83	15.65	53.66				

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained light to fair at best. Seller offerings were adequate to ample and were more readily available on the 3.5 and 4.0 pound sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, all cuts were at least adequate for the disappointingly light to fair and generally unaggressive buying interest.

*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	41-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	48.82
NO. OF BOXES	8,109

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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